

COLORADO VISION TRAINING CONFERENCE (CVTC)

September 16-18 2022

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SPEAKER: Jessica Zwilling, COVT



Jessica Zwilling began working in the office of Dr. Edward Goldstein (Long Island, NY) as a teen. She completed her COVT certification in 1999 while studying music in college. In 2001, Jessica moved to Southern California to complete her undergraduate studies in Music History and Theory at Cal State Fullerton.

During that time, she had the privilege to work with Drs. Don Getz and Gary Etting and later with Drs. Phil Klingsheim and Dennis Spiro along with their veteran therapists. After graduation, Jessica moved back to Long Island where she pursued her career as a Vision Therapist. From 2004-2020, she worked at a private practice with Drs. Michele Bessler, Esther Han, Jennifer Ceonzo, and Shoshana Craig, primarily seeing VT patients and training the new therapy assistants. In the Spring of 2020, Jessica helped Dr. Bessler launch a successful remote vision therapy program for current and new VT patients, which kept her working from home until summer of 2021.

To date, Jessica has 27 years of experience working with patients from infancy through adulthood. She has an extensive background in treating a wide variety of visual disorders with a special interest in strabismus, amblyopia, and neuro-optometric rehab training for the very young. Jessica has also served for many years as a COVD mentor for therapists pursuing certification, as a committee member for therapist continuing education, has organized small, local therapist study groups, presented for a virtual COVT study group, contributed to a Vision Therapy blog, helped write questions for the COVT certification exam, and is the proud recipient of the Lora McGraw award for 2021.

While working as a COVT and Mom of four, Jessica has managed to keep music in her life by teaching private lessons, participating in various choral and band ensembles, and directing her adult church choir every Sunday morning. Always looking for growth and expansion of knowledge in the field of behavioral optometry, Jessica has most recently been accepted as an O.D. candidate, class of 2025, at SUNY College of Optometry.

CONFERENCE TOPIC

Let's Talk Toddlers: A Vision Therapist's Guide

In this seminar, we will discuss child development, behaviors, and milestones to build a foundation for the management of your youngest patients in the VT room. The course will explore tried and true as well as unique techniques for training oculo-motor deficits, gross motor, bilaterality, binocular and accommodative dysfunctions, strabismus, amblyopia, and perceptual delays with the infant, toddler, and pre-school population. No patient is too young! Come prepared to learn, share, brainstorm, play, and create. Leave with tools and ideas that can be implemented immediately into your VT room after a fun, interactive weekend.

Seminar Topics Included (but not limited to):

1. · Visual Milestones
2. · Age-Appropriate Guidance and Goals
3. · Patient Compliance
4. · Parent Education and Compliance
5. · Alternative VT Format and Scheduling
6. · Incorporating VT into the Family's Daily Routine
7. · When, Where, Why, and How to Use an Eye Patch
8. · Music and Movement
9. · Equipment Modifications
10. · Special Cases

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CONFERENCE DETAILS

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Registration Link

[https://
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Conference Details:

Tentative Schedule

Friday, Sept. 16th

5:00-6:00pm - Dinner and Check In

6:00-8:00pm - Lecture

8:00-9:00pm - Reception

Saturday, September 17th

7:00-8:00 am - Breakfast

8:00 am-12:00 pm - Lecture

12:00-1:00 pm - Lunch

1:00 pm-5:00 pm - Lecture

5:30-6:30 pm - Dinner

Sunday September 18th

7:00-8:00 am - Breakfast

8:00-10:00 am - Lecture

10:00 am - Check Out

Seminar Location

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Recommended Airport

Denver, CO (DEN)

Lodging

1. Patty Hyde Barclay (rustic accommodations). This is the same location as the education. These are booked through the conference registration site and limited rooms available.
2. Additional YMCA lodging is available. Please make these reservations directly through the YCMA by calling 888-613-9622. This is an individual reservation not associated with the conference. Register for conference attendance and food only.
3. Lodging in the town of Estes Park.
<https://www.visitestepark.com/lodging/>

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