

Art Therapy and Floortime for ASD Launches New Website

Intentional, Creative, and Engaged LLC, providing art therapy and floortime services in NYC, announces the launch of its newly designed website, <u>danawhiddonlcat.com</u>. The interactive new site has an abundance of resources for parents and professionals interested in learning more about ASD, creative arts therapy, or DIR/Floortime.

New York, NY (<u>PRWEB</u>) May 31, 2011 -- Intentional, Creative, and Engaged LLC's new website provides indepth information about art therapy, the DIR/Floortime model, and the benefits of these approaches for treating autism spectrum disorders. Other features include: a <u>guestbook</u> that encourages a dialogue amongst visitors and a <u>contact form</u> that allows interested parties to send an inquiry without navigating away from the site. Danawhiddonlcat.com will be the social networking hub of Intentional, Creative, and Engaged LLC, and includes links to our Facebook and Twitter pages, as well as, a regularly updated blog.

Dana Whiddon, founder of Intentional, Creative, and Engaged LLC, describes her enthusiasm about the new site, "I am delighted with the new look and features of danawhiddonlcat.com. I am particularly pleased with the Ideas page, which offers suggestions for ways of engaging children through the creative process. Participation in the graphic arts is vital in that it provides an additional avenue for communication and supports social, emotional, and developmental growth. I want to encourage parents to share in these experiences with their children." Click on this linkto view a photo montage of ideas to try at home. Details for creating these images are provided on the Ideas page at danawhiddonlcat.com.

Intentional, Creative, and Engaged LLC is dedicated to raising awareness about the benefits of art therapy for working with individuals with developmental disabilities. The primary focus of the new site is to provide information and resources that address the social and emotional challenges faced by those on the autism spectrum. The creative arts provide an excellent form of treatment in that they can be highly motivating and there is no "right" or "wrong" answer when engaging in this modality.

About Intentional, Creative, and Engaged LLC:

ICE LLC was founded by Dana Whiddon, MA, ATR-BC, LCAT. Dana is a New York state Licensed Creative Arts Therapist. Five years ago, she accepted the challenge to create an art therapy program at a private therapeutic day school in Manhattan that serves children and adolescents with developmental disabilities. The program flourished, growing to include three full-time art therapists serving over one hundred students. In this role, Dana worked closely with multi-disciplinary teams to coordinate individualized treatment programs. Dana receives ongoing supervision in the DIR model and has received extensive DIR/Floortime training by leading clinicians in the field. Dana has presented nationally on the benefits of combining DIR/Floortime with art therapy principles to foster growth up the developmental ladder. In addition, she is a candidate at the Institute for Expressive Analysis.

For more information about Intentional, Creative, and Engaged LLC please visit: <u>http://danawhiddonlcat.com</u>

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