**R2K: Research 2012 ~ Early Development, Sensory Integration and Movement**

**Featured Speaker Spotlight:**

Ayelet Ben-Sasson, OT, D.Sc.
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**Do Sensory Markers Improve the Accuracy of Early Autism Spectrum Disorder Screening?**

Ayelet Ben-Sasson is an assistant professor in the Department of Occupational Therapy at the University of Haifa, Haifa, Israel. Ayelet received her Master’s degree in Special Education from Hebrew University and her doctorate in Occupational Therapy from Boston University. Her extensive research is focused on autism, sensory modulation disorders, and Infant development. She was the principle investigator for the study, “Early Screening for Autism Spectrum Disorders in Daycare”, funded by the Marie Curie international Reintegration Grant. Dr. Ben-Sasson is involved in an ongoing research project, “Social Development: What Predicts Developmental Risk?” that examines the development of social-communication behaviors in infants and their relation to sensory-motor development and the risk for developmental disabilities.

Dr. Ben-Sasson has presented at numerous conferences around the world and
is internationally recognized for her research. She was the Co-Chair of the Organizing Committee for the Conference *Autism: Innovations from studies of early screening, intervention and development* held at Haifa University, Israel and has been a member of the Evidence-Based Practice Centre of Excellence at University of Haifa for the past 5 years.

**The following readings are recommended to facilitate greater awareness of her work in preparation for her presentation at R2K:**


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