

MULTI-SENSORY



The therapeutic purpose of sensory stimulation is to promote calmness and relaxation, by rewiring brain circuits through pleasurable experiences involving the physical senses.

A framework of Gentle Teaching strengthens social-emotional awareness through relationship-building. This underlying foundation for therapeutic interaction, nurtures one's intrinsic motivation.

A Snoezelen MSE program, based on this teaching philosophy, creates and guides interactions that awaken natural curiosity, exploration, discovery and learning, and JOY!

Gentle Teaching at Globe Star

Globe Star is an agency based in northwest Indiana, dedicated to the philosophy of Gentle Teaching in providing direct human services for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, since 1996.

Outcomes of Gentle Teaching improve quality of care and quality of life, through Quality of Life Services and programs that are offered by Globe Star, *mentoring a spirit of gentleness.*

Six locations serve families and communities in and around Chesterton, South Bend, Warsaw, West Lafayette, Indianapolis, and Fort Wayne.



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OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SERVICES OFFERED IN A MULTI-SENSORY ENVIRONMENT



NEW
in South Bend!

Joann Scheetz, Occupational Therapist at Globe Star, South Bend



SERVING FAMILIES IN SOUTH BEND & SURROUNDING AREAS

Joann Scheetz, Occupational Therapist at Globe Star, is available to work with Individuals and their caregivers or families. She is coordinating and providing quality of life services for Individuals, using our multi-sensory environment (Snoezelen Room), located in South Bend.

Joann has had a long career of successfully interacting with Individuals, using intervention approaches that addressed the needs of Individuals planning to return home, or meeting the needs of Individuals adjusting to permanent assisted living or long-term care.

For those planning to return home, Joann provided self-care and retraining in activities of daily living, by providing modalities for pain relief, addressing safety in the home environment, and educating Individuals and their families in how to promote wellness and strength.

For those entering long-term care or an assisted living setting, she assisted Individuals in achieving their highest level of independent function, by addressing

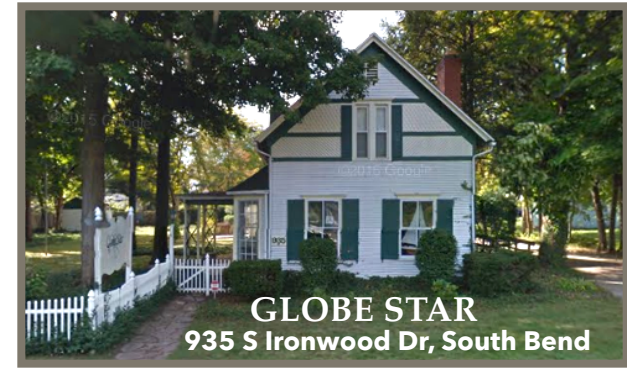
mobility devices, providing splints and orthotics, and working with Alzheimer's patients to maintain cognitive function and a sense of self-worth.

Prior to her years as an OT, Joann worked as a Respiratory Therapist in the acute hospital and LTC settings, providing services to children and adolescents at Riley

"Individuals who would benefit from this multi-sensory approach include children with special needs, adults, and seniors with hyperactivity, depression, chronic pain, dementia, failure to thrive, and other conditions. This treatment, although not new in itself, is an exciting new service model for the South Bend community!" -Joann Scheetz, OTR

Hospital in Indianapolis, and the adult and geriatric population in hospitals in Muncie and Anderson, as well as in her home state of Ohio. She worked successfully in educating patients and families in their respiratory conditions, and in providing them treatments according to their physician's orders.

We are happy to have Joann on board, and welcome her to Globe Star. She is looking forward to working with the Globe Star community, offering her services as an occupational therapist, beginning January, 2017.



What is a Snoezelen Multi-Sensory Environment?

A uniquely designed space for multi-sensory, experiential processes, primarily benefitting people with autism or other developmental disabilities: dementia, intellectual disabilities, hyperactive, hearing impaired, visually impaired, children with perception/sensory disorder and/or disturbed social behavior.

Snoezelen-MSE processes can be therapeutic, educational and/or recreational. The universal applications of these processes deliver a broad spectrum of enrichment possibilities for quality of life.

Globe Star's Quality of Life services and programs offer a variety of multi-sensory modules that provide experiential processes for Individuals.



Resources and design for the space, planning, ordering and complete installation of multi-sensory equipment at South Bend was provided by TFH, an international producer of special needs toys and equipment. Initial consultation was provided by TFH UK division, and developed in collaboration with the TFH USA division (1.800.467.6222).

For more information, contact them directly (<http://www.specialneedstoys.com/usa/>) or visit our website (<http://globe-star.org>).