

 Nebraska Center for the
Education of Children who are
Blind or Visually Impaired

SPRING FLING CONFERENCE

Friday, March 8, 2024

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

NCECBVI, Nebraska City

We are excited to welcome Patricia Obrzut back for the second half of our two-part conference series this year, *Active Learning: Promoting Independence and Learning in Children with Multiple Special Needs*. The conference will be on **March 8, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**, at NCECBVI. Due to construction in the dorm, there will not be any lodging available at NCECBVI (please see lodging information below for other options).

Given the opportunity, any child can learn! Active Learning, an innovative approach developed by Dr. Lilli Nielsen, has reshaped educational programming. Motivating and empowering those with multiple special needs to be engaged by their environment, instead of being controlled by it.

In Part II of this two-part series, join Ms. Patricia Obrzut, M.S., O.T.R/L., as she dives deeper into the world of Active Learning environments and equipment. Learn to advance a student's participation and progress in such areas as fine motor, gross motor, and cognitive development. Identify how to use the functional scheme assessment and FIELA curriculum to create a child specific daily program while establishing an IEP with meaningful Active Learning short-term and long-term goals. This exciting conference will feature lectures, videos, and demonstration with Active Learning equipment and materials on display.

Registrations for Spring Fling are due by **February 26, 2024**. Registration fee is \$50, which includes a light breakfast and lunch. ACVREP CEU's will be available for O&M Instructors. [Click here to register!](#)

Patricia Obrzut is the Executive Director of Penrickton Center for Blind Children, a private, non-profit organization serving blind, special needs children ages 1-12 years. Located in Taylor, Michigan, Penrickton Center offers residential, daycare, and consultative programs at no charge to families. Ms. Obrzut has a master's degree in occupational therapy and received the permission of Dr. Lilli Nielsen in 2002 to provide Active Learning educational training. She is considered an expert in the use Active Learning strategies, equipment, techniques, assessment tool and curriculum, implementing programming for special needs children since 1992.



Lodging for Spring Fling: Some options for lodging in Nebraska City include, Lied Lodge at Arbor Day Farm (402-873-8733), Holiday Inn Express & Suites Nebraska City (402-417-0820), and Best Western Nebraska City (402-873-7000).

The AER auction will return for the Spring Fling Conference! It's always fun to see the variety of items that people donate for the auction, and we hope you will consider bringing an item(s), basket, or gift card to support the Nebraska Chapter of AER, which in turn supports students and members statewide. Anything appropriate for school is welcome! If you have any questions about the AER Auction, please contact Audrey Graves, agraves@esu4.net.

Questions?
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