

## **Patty Obrzut presents Active Learning: Promoting Independence and Learning in Individuals with Multiple Special Needs**

Given the opportunity, any child can learn! [Active learning](#), an innovative approach developed by the late [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.

Join Ms. Patricia Obrzut, M.S., O.T.R./L., as she provides you with this fresh and pioneering approach. Learn how to increase functional independence and developmental skills while reducing stereotypical, self-injurious or aggressive behaviors. This exciting conference will feature lecture, video and demonstration. Individuals with multiple disabilities (cerebral palsy, visual impairment, cognitive impairment, autism, deafness, etc.) are at great risk from developing reliance on others to interact with the world around them. Active Learning recognizes that every child/adult with special needs is unique. The programming and intervention for facilitating learning must reflect this individuality. Active Learning emphasizes creating a developmentally appropriate and enriched environment so that children and adults with multiple special needs become active learners. This conference will help professionals and parents understand the theories of Active Learning, facilitate simple ways to change the environment, and create a daily curriculum that fosters independent and appropriate developmental learning. A light dinner is included.

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 of Active Learning strategies, equipment, techniques, assessment tools and curriculum, implementing programming for special needs children since 1992.

**Location**

*Christine Meikle School  
3525 50 St NW Calgary T3A 2Y5*

**Time/Date**

*Tuesday November 28  
4:30pm – 6:30pm (dinner at 4:30pm, presentation from 5:00pm – 6:30pm)*

**Audience**

*Grades K – 12 Teachers & Administrators who work with individuals with multiple special needs.*

## Registration

**Registration is limited to 25 applications.**

*This event has an attendance deposit of \$11.98 (including Eventbrite fees so \$10.00 +\$1.98). Attendance deposit will be refunded on verification of attendance.*

**Registration opens Sunday 2023 November 12 at 7:00pm.**

**Once tickets sell out, Eventbrite will provide a waitlist option.**

Register at: <https://ActiveLearningForIndividualsWithSpecialNeeds.eventbrite.ca>

