

The New Jersey Association for the Education of Young Children Northwest Affiliate  
Proudly Presents: Colleen Varneckas, MS, OTR

## How to Facilitate Kindergarten Readiness

Learn how to seamlessly incorporate the latest developmental strategies in your classroom. The following topics will be discussed:

- Typical and atypical development and its impact on academic success
- Creating a sensory rich environment within the classroom
- Strategies to help children achieve fine motor and visual motor skills needed for success in coloring, writing, cutting and self-care skills
- Gross motor activities to foster large muscle development
- Developmental expectations in today's kindergarten classroom

### **About the speaker:**

Colleen Varneckas has 11 years experience working in the pediatric occupational therapy field. She has provided early intervention, out patient and school based services to a varied population and is currently working within the Morris School District treating patients from preschool through fifth grade. Her passion for helping children led to the development of her private practice, Cornerstone Therapy LLC. She also provides teachers and parents workshops on how to help children achieve motor, emotional, and social development. Ms. Varneckas holds a BS degree from Stetson University and a Masters of Science degree from Columbia University.

Thursday, March 13, 2014

at

Frelinghuysen Arboretum  
353 East Hanover Avenue  
Morris Township, NJ 07962

### **Evening Schedule:**

6:00-7:00- Registration

6:00-6:45- Dinner

6:45-7:00- Business Meeting and Door Prizes

7:00-9:00- Speaker Presentation

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Please register by **March 3, 2014** and mail your check, payable to NJAEYC-NW along with the registration form to: Jeannette Krause, 176 Rt 46 East, Rockaway, NJ 07866.

**Certificate given for 2 credit hours.**

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