

The Big Fun Method

The Big Fun Method is a technique designed to enhance and improve the skill set of the recreational coach or therapist in their work with special needs children. It provides a deeper understanding of diagnosis, behaviors, and observations, then outlines a step-by-step model for creating and executing a lesson plan. It is appropriate for children of all diagnoses, and will also inform your work with typical children.

The underlying premise of The Big Fun Method is that kids learn best through play. The training combines a basic gymnastic skill set with fundamentals of Occupational Therapy. The hands-on, process-oriented workshop is held in a gymnastics setting and takes the participant from concept to practical application of skills.

Certification by Big Fun is done in a four-day intensive course.
IT IS AN INDIVIDUALLY-CENTERED TRAINING
appropriate for the novice gymnast, the experienced gymnast, the therapist with an interest in movement and sensory integration, and the teacher who has an interest in children with special needs.

The objective of this workshop is to provide the teaching skill set that informs the teacher about the specifics of the special needs child specifically:

Who is this child?

Why does the child respond as s/he does?

What adaptations are necessary, appropriate and why?

The participant will learn how to set appropriate goals for each child and how to develop a realistic plan for accomplishment.



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NEW at BIG FUN!

A one-of-a-kind training program for therapists and athletes alike - learn how to successfully instruct special needs individuals in gymnastics.

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Learn the Big Fun Method

An operating method created in 2000, effective for children (and adults) with all diagnoses. The training provides:

- An introduction to/and practical application of sensory integration and sensory processing and an understanding of their effects upon children.
- A “toolbox” of problem-solving skills particular to the process of working with special needs children in a gymnastics environment.
- The opportunity to openly discuss the process and any stumbling blocks you may encounter.
- Information on motor planning, anatomy, neurology, organizational behavior: problem solving, memory, initiation, sequencing, language, and more.
- Constant supervision from a licensed Occupational Therapist
- Phone consultations with Big Fun staff – free for six months.

Attention Gym Owners:

By developing successful staff to work appropriately with the special needs population, your gym will come to have a reputation for working effectively with special needs children, and thus have the potential of drawing more of this community to your gym. The Special Needs community is a tightly bonded one; in each town or city, communication about effective programs is swift. By creating a program which truly addresses the needs of the special needs child, your gym will become known as a resource.

Participants in the Certification will have the tools to envision and create a full time special needs program that can affect the entire community.

REGISTRATION

Contact:
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for further information, fees,
and to register for training.

Gene Hurwin holds a bachelor of fine arts degree in music and a master's degree in occupational therapy from the University of Southern California in Los Angeles and has more than 30 years of experience in gymnastics instruction. After receiving his Masters in 1999, he began to develop the "BIG FUN method," incorporating occupational therapy principles with his knowledge of gymnastics instruction for the purpose of improving the quality of life for special needs children. He has written articles on sensory integration, the BIG FUN Method, and working with the special-needs child in a typical environment, among others, and lectures nationally for organizations representing therapists, parents, and the gymnastics community. He currently hosts a bimonthly program on Autism One Radio.



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