

Keynote Presentation

The Amazing Developing Brain

Brain development in the early years must be understood in order to provide beneficial support to young children as they learn. Dr. Wolfe will enlighten listeners with her thoughts on brain development, dispelling common misconceptions and providing practical advice on how educators can make the most of the marvelous opportunity to educate young children.

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Dr. Patricia Wolfe is a former Kindergarten through 12th grade teacher, county office administrator, and adjunct university professor. Over the past 25 years, as an educational consultant, she has conducted workshops for thousands of administrators, teachers, boards of education and parents in schools and districts throughout the United States and in over 50 countries internationally. Her major area of expertise is the application of brain research to educational practice. Her entertaining and interactive presentation style makes learning about the brain enjoyable as well as practical. She is an award-winning author and has appeared on numerous videotape series, satellite broadcasts, radio shows, and television programs. Dr. Wolfe is a native of Missouri. She completed her undergraduate work in Oklahoma and her postgraduate studies in California. She presently resides in Napa, California.

Dr. Wolfe's work is well documented in books, journals and articles. Her most recent publication being ***Brain Matters: Translating the Research to Classroom Practice: Second Edition***, published by the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) in 2010. This book is written primarily for educators to assist them in understanding brain functioning and to provide examples of how to match teaching practices to how the brain learns best. Part One is a mini textbook on brain anatomy and physiology, Part Two describes how the brain encodes, manipulates, and stores information and Part Three gives examples of various brain-compatible strategies. Her most recent articles can be found on her website,

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