



## The Future of Development and Learning

### WHO ARE WE?

The International Council on Development and Learning (ICDL) is an international not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting each person's development to its fullest potential. ICDL is proud to be the official home of DIR® and DIRFloortime®. We provide training courses for parents, professionals, self-advocates, and active college students through the DIRFloortime® Training Program. Our Training Program is the original and official DIRFloortime® Certificate Program with trainings available online and in-person around the world. To date, we have had participants from over 150 different countries and this number continues to grow each year.

## DIR® NEWS!

**THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION  
WITHDRAWS SUPPORT FOR ABA  
& OPENS THE DOOR FOR MORE DIR®**

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### ICDL'S BOARD PRESIDENT

**Emile Gouws, Ph.D., Autistic Self-Advocate**

*"I was introduced to DIRFloortime® back in my childhood when my OT employed the approach in our sessions. By nurturing an interpersonal bond with me through play, Floortime fostered my trust and enabled me to communicate in my unique way. I wholeheartedly recommend the use of DIRFloortime to parents, educators, practitioners, and therapists alike."*



### WHAT IS DIR®?

DIR® is the Developmental, Individual-differences, and Relationship-based model. DIR provides a foundational framework for understanding human development and how each person individually perceives and interacts with the world differently.

### WHAT IS DIRFLOORTIME®?

DIRFloortime is the application of the DIR framework into practice. Some think of DIR as the philosophy and DIRFloortime as the way to put this philosophy into action to promote human development.

### DIR® & NEURODIVERSITY

The "I" of DIR stands for "Individual-differences". The center of DIR is about understanding how the unique individual differences of each and every person interacts with their development. When you connect the two, you gain a unique understanding of the neurodiverse development of each individual. As Jeff Guenzel, ICDL's CEO recently wrote, *"DIR® is an evidence-based and effective approach to promote human development. It is respectful, joyful, and allows each person to grow and develop in the context of their own authentic self."*



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