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EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
Medical College of Virginia

SKILLS

Sensory Integration

Fine Motor Development

Gross Motor Development

Manual Therapy

Handwriting Expert

Integrated Listening System

Therapeutic Listening System

Developmental Skills Testing:
Sensory Feeding Evaluation, M-
Fun, SIPT, BOT-2, MVPT, DTVP-3,
VMI, PDMS, SPM

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Highly effective occupational therapy provider with more than 20 years of experience in schools, clinics, and home based settings. Proven track record of achieving client goals using multi-modal treatment approaches, including sensory integration and manual therapy techniques. Maximized client achievement potential by fostering collaboration between parents, teachers, administrators, and related service providers. Recognized for excellence in patient evaluation and treatment documentation.

EXPERIENCE

PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTITIONER

Washington, DC Metro | 2016 – Present

Provided occupational therapy services for major clinics across the Washington, DC Metro area, including sensory processing evaluation/treatment, cranial sacral therapy, fine motor skill development, and neurodevelopmental treatment.

PRESIDENT

Handwriting Tree, LLC | North Potomac, MD | 2015 – Present

Conceptualized, developed, and marketed an innovative handwriting instruction program. Meets the needs of both normally developing and ASD populations.

- Created an instructional program based on educational/occupational therapy literature and current best practice; addressed the unmet need to teach and remediate handwriting issues for the Autism (ASD) population.
- Conducted a successful pilot study in the Washington, DC public schools; demonstrated positive results in a normally-developing, pre-school population.

CLINICAL SUPERVISOR

District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) | Washington, DC | 2013 – 2014

Provided supervision for over 60 occupational and physical therapy staff across 238 schools.

- Conducted performance evaluation.
- Assessed clinical competence and service implementation per DCPS guidelines.
- Led professional development training, program planning, quality assurance, and policy development.



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CERTIFICATIONS

- Board Certified (NBCOT)
- SIPT Certified
- Auditory Integration Therapy Certified
- Interactive Metronome Certified
- Interactive Listening Systems Certified
- Astronaut Training Certified

LICENSES TO PRACTICE

- Washington State
- Washington, DC
- Maryland
- North Carolina (renewable)

ORGANIZATIONS

- American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)
- AOTA Preferred Course Provider
- Minnesota OT/PT School-Based Institute: Speaker and Course Provider

EXPERIENCE CONTINUED

SENIOR CLINICIAN

District of Columbia Public Schools | Washington, DC | 2012 – 2013

Provided school-based occupational therapy across three elementary schools.

- Provided services for Pre-K to Grade 5 students in fast-paced, high-performing inclusion schools.
- Specialized in early identification of at-risk students using the “Response to Intervention” program, delineating Tier 1-3 interventions.

SENIOR OUTPATIENT CLINICIAN

Pediatric Possibilities | Raleigh, NC | 2008-2009

Provided occupational therapy services to children ages six months to 15 years in an outpatient setting.

- Provided specific expertise with sensory processing disorders.
- Trained with regional Fragile X/Autism expert; resulted in greatly enhanced skills in treatment of severely involved clients.
- Established a clinic-based, cranial-sacral treatment program.
- Planned, developed, and implemented a handwriting camp, providing a new treatment/educational modality for the clinic.
- Led clinic initiatives in the areas of fine motor, cranial-sacral, and sensory processing skills, resulting in greatly improved quality of care.

OUTPATIENT CLINICIAN

Developmental Therapy Associates | Durham, NC | 1994-1997

Provided occupational therapy in an outpatient pediatric sensory integration clinic. Delivered contracted occupational therapy services to Durham, NC Public Schools, Orange County, NC Schools, and Alamance County, NC Schools for pre-k, high school, and middle school students.

EARLY INTERVENTION PROVIDER

Rehab Home Care, Inc. | Raleigh, NC | 1992-1994

Provided home-based occupational therapy in rural North Carolina. Performed developmental evaluations, treatment plans and treatment implementation in a family-centered environment. Developed a strong family-based treatment model.