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## PROFILE

A reliable and committed individual with extensive experience in the area of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Very supportive team member.

## CERTIFICATIONS

- Occupational Therapist Registered/Licensed (New Jersey and New York)
- RESNA certified: Assistive Technology Professional
- Licensed Physical Therapist Assistant (New Jersey)
- Certified Ergonomics Assessment Specialist I
- Reiki Practitioner I & II

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Per Diem Occupational Therapist

**Lakeland Health Care Center – Haskell, NJ** (2016 – present) Perform evaluations and provision of occupational therapy services to sub-acute and long term patients.

### Per Diem Physical Therapist Assistant

**Lakeland Health Care Center – Haskell, NJ** 2016 – present) Provision of physical therapy services to sub-acute and long term patients with

### Adjunct Faculty

**Mercy College – Dobbs Ferry, NY** (2004 – present) Teach prerequisite course required for occupational therapy and occupational therapy assistant programs. Facilitator for Problem Based Learning component of the graduate program in occupational therapy.

### Occupational Therapist Fieldwork II Supervisor / Research Mentor

**Mercy College – Dobbs Ferry, NY** (2014 – 2016) Level II Fieldwork Supervisor for graduate students in ARC of Westchester facilities. Capstone research mentor/consultant on project “Technology to Support Independent Living Skills” working with ARC of Westchester individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to increase overall independence. Presentation at the 2015 NYSOTA Conference on the research “Technology to Support Independent Living Skills” with principal Investigator and graduate student investigators.

### Principal Occupational Therapist

**North Jersey Developmental Center – Totowa, NJ** (2006 – 2014 [closure of facility]). Supervision of occupational therapists, occupational therapy assistants and rehabilitation aides. Provision of occupational therapy services to individuals with varying levels of intellectual and developmental disabilities. Director of Assistive Technology and Seating and Mobility Services. Coordinated weekly orthopedic clinic with chief orthopedic resident from St. Joseph’s Regional Medical Center providing services to individuals with developmental disabilities, addressing a variety of orthopedic deficits. Provided new staff orientation training as well as on-going caregiver training to ensure quality of life care.

**Physical Therapist Assistant**

**Wanaque Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation: Pediatric Rehab Unit – Haskell, NJ (1986 – 2014).** Provision of physical therapy services to individual’s birth to 21 years of age with varying degrees of physical and medical disabilities under the direct supervision of a licensed physical therapist. Assisted in seating and mobility clinic. Fabrication of low assistive technology devices.

**Senior Occupational Therapist**

**North Jersey Developmental Center – Totowa, NJ (2004 – 2006).** Provision of occupational therapy services to individuals with varying levels of intellectual and developmental disabilities. Supervision of occupational therapy assistants and rehabilitation aides.

**Staff Occupational Therapist**

**North Jersey Developmental Center – Totowa, NJ (2003 – 2004).** Provision of occupational therapy services to individuals with varying levels of intellectual and developmental disabilities. Supervision of occupational therapy assistants and rehabilitation aides.

**Physical Therapist Assistant**

**North Jersey developmental Center – Totowa, NJ (1979 – 2003).** Provision of physical therapy services to individuals with varying levels of intellectual and developmental disabilities under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist. Assisted in Seating and Mobility Clinic.

**EDUCATION**

**Mercy College, Dobbs Ferry, NY**

Masters of Science: Occupational Therapy, 2003

**Mercy College, Dobbs Ferry, NY**

Bachelors of Science: Health Science 2003

**Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ**

Bachelors of Science: Health Services, 1997

**Essex County College, Newark, NJ**

Associate of Applied Science: Physical Therapy, 1979

**MEMBERSHIPS**

- American Occupational Therapy Association
- Special Olympics New Jersey

**SKILLS**

- Experienced in seating and mobility of individuals with varying degrees of physical disabilities.
- Selected as coach of the 2006 Special Olympics Team New Jersey Gymnastics competing in the 1st ever Special Olympic National Games in Ames, Iowa.
- Selected as Head Coach of Team New Jersey Gymnastics for 2014 USA National Games.
- Special Olympics New Jersey volunteer (1979 – present). Sports: Skiing, snowshoeing, track & field, gymnastics, Motor Activity Training Program and YAP (Young Athletes Program).
- Assisted in the development of the PMNT (Physical & Nutritional Management Team/Program) at North Jersey Developmental Center.
- Planned, coordinated and hosted yearly Special Olympics New Jersey Motor Activity Training Program for severe and profoundly developmentally disabled children and adults.

- Provision of training to staff and family members regarding diagnosis, therapeutic interventions and injury prevention of consumers with developmental disabilities.
- Served on committee on the development of Social Sexual Curriculum for individuals with developmental disabilities.
- Able to establish positive rapport with intellectual and developmentally disabled clients.
- Communicate and collaborate effectively with other healthcare providers to provide for continuity of quality consumer care.
- Plan individually-designed treatment programs to restore, maintain and improve physical functioning, alleviate pain and prevent disability.
- Record detailed prognosis, treatment, responses and progress notes in consumer charts.