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Professional Summary

As an Occupational Therapist and Assistive Technology Specialist, my focus is providing students and their teams with training and tools to enable each student to graduate with the ability to read, write and communicate in order to successfully engage in life-long meaningful occupations, relationships and leisure activities.

Professional Presentations

- **37th Annual Closing the Gap Conference 2019 Minneapolis, MN-Presentation Title:** Everyone Deserves Independent Mobility: Getting Started with Power Mobility; **Presentation Title:** We all Have a Story to Tell: Using Literacy, Core Vocabulary and AAC in Teaching Personal Narratives
- **Washington Occupational Therapy Association annual conference 2018-Presentation Title:** Literacy for All: Helping Students with Complex Bodies Become Readers and Writers; **Presentation Title:** Let's Talk About it: OT's role in AAC
- **Special Education Technology Center Webinars 2016-2019-Topics:** Power Mobility, Getting Bookshare Up and Running in Your District, Alternative Pencil, ReCap of Closing the Gap, Teaching Literacy for Paraeducators

Experience

Assistive Technology Specialist/Occupational Therapist

11/2003 to Current

North Kitsap School District – Poulsbo, WA

- Responsible for the development of the Assistive Technology Program for NKSD including written procedures, referral process, team consultation and training, inventory management, data collection and family training.
- Organized, managed and implemented a district-wide program to determine eligibility and access to Bookshare for students with print disabilities.
- Developed a power mobility program to allow students access to independent mobility.
- Created district wide multi-disciplinary AAC and AT committee to enable collaborative decision making and development of district-wide core word board.
- Managed fleet of 120 iPads.
- Implemented Pragmatic Organized Dynamic Display (PODD) as a district-wide AAC tool.

- Coordinated Linda Burkhart, PODD Trainer, to come to region two times. As a result, 30 NKSD staff were trained in aided language input.
- Organized and implemented AT/AAC family training and support group events.
- Procured \$35,000 in grant money to build AT/AAC inventory.
- Served on the following committees: Autism Task Force, Technology Committee, Education Committee, OT Procedure Committee, OESD Transition Council and Preschool Inclusion Task Force.
- Attended regional, state and national professional development trainings in the areas of AT team development, UDL, alternative access, literacy, power mobility, AAC, organizational skills, Microsoft accessibility tools, Apple accessibility tools, Google accessibility supports, and adapted STEAM and coding tools.
- Staff trainings for SPED, general education and para educators on UDL, AT, AAC, alternative access, literacy supports and inclusion.
- Collaborated with vendors to get permanent loaner power mobility, alternative access and AAC equipment for evaluation and trial with students.

Owner

12/2018 to Current

Heidi Brislin Occupational Therapy Consulting, PLLC – Kingston, WA

- Provide evaluations and treatment for individuals with complex mobility and communication needs. These include alternative access, power mobility, manual mobility, augmentative alternative communication (AAC) tools, literacy supports, and integrating access method for operating home controls.
- Provide webinars and live training for the Special Education Technology Center.
- Responsible for the planning and organization of the regional and state Assistive Technology Special Interest Group meetings for the Olympic Education Service District.

Staff Occupational Therapist

04/2003 to 11/2003

Northwoods Lodge – Silverdale, WA

- Responsible for the evaluation and treatment of outpatients with neurological, medical/surgical conditions and hand injuries.

Staff Occupational Therapist

01/1999 to 04/2003

Harrison Hospital/Green Mountain Rehabilitation – Silverdale, WA

- Responsible for the evaluation and treatment of outpatients with neurological, orthopedic, and hand injuries.
- Responsible for the development of the visual/perceptual treatment protocols and staff training.
- Developed consistent outpatient occupational therapy documentation tools.
- Assisted in program development and marketing of neurological programs.

Occupational Therapy and Therapeutic Recreation Supervisor

01/1995 to 01/1999

Swedish Medical Center/Ballard – Seattle, WA

- Responsible for the overall operations and CQI of the Occupational Therapy and Therapeutic Recreation Departments.

- Supervised 16 Occupational Therapists and 2 Recreational Therapists in the areas of acute care, physical rehabilitation, transitional care, hand therapy, and outpatient rehabilitation.
- Lead program development teams in the areas of hand therapy, cognitive, incontinence, and low vision rehabilitation.
- Coordinated revision of documentation to meet regulatory requirements of Medicare, CARF, JCAHO, and HIFCA.

Hand Therapist

01/1994 to 01/1995

Northwest Evaluations for the Injured – Seattle, WA

- Evaluated and designed treatment programs progressing from acute treatment, performance based-functional capacity evaluations to work conditioning and work hardening programs, and work site assessments for client's with UE cumulative trauma disorders and post-surgical repairs.

Occupational Therapy Clinical Specialist/Co-acting Clinical Supervisor

08/1991 to 08/1994

Brigham and Women's Hospital – Boston, MA

- Responsible for patient care, discharge planning, coordinating OT services, program development and supervision of staff Occupational Therapists on the burn, UE orthopedics, trauma and surgical units.
- In-service training in the areas of splinting, positioning, cardiac treatment, ICU's, burn treatments, transfers, body mechanics, work-place modifications, UE assessments, and energy conservation.

Staff Occupational Therapist

01/1990 to 01/1991

Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital – Boston, MA

- Evaluation, treatment, and discharge planning for adult rehabilitation patients on the complex medical and cardiopulmonary units with diagnoses including LE amputation, CVA, SCI, burns, and cardiac and pulmonary diseases. Including bedside swallowing evaluations and modified barium swallow studies in conjunction with SLP.

Education

Master of Science: Rehabilitation Medicine

Aug 2001

University of Washington Seattle - Seattle, Washington

Bachelor of Science: Occupational Therapy

May 1989

Boston University - Boston, Massachusetts

Professional Memberships and Certifications

- Washington State Occupational Therapy License
- National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy
- American Occupational Therapy Association
- Washington Occupational Therapy Association