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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Clinical Lead March 2022 - Present

AngelSense

Provide clinical consultation as a BCBA on using assistive technology for skill building for independence for individuals with special needs. Developed AngelSense Learning, a virtual parent training program for skill building using assistive technology. Led two research studies involving 20 participants, exploring the reduction of parental support with the use of assistive technology and independence skills.

Founder, CEO November 2021 - Present

Bloom Health LLC, Toledo, OH

Launched private pay organization providing resources, parent training, and education on Behavior Analytic practices. Offer courses, trainings, and free resources to parents of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Serve as founder, trainer, course creator, and parent consultant.

Board Certified Behavior Analyst

November 2018 - July 2021

Promedica Autism Center

Hired as Registered Behavior Technician, implementing treatment plans in direct care of patients. Completed graduate work in Applied Behavioral Analysis and supervision hours under the clinical director. Served as BCBA for 2 years, conducting assessments, creating treatment plans, and training technicians.

Registered Behavior Technician

January 2017 - November 2018

Comprehensive Early Autism Services

Worked one-on-one with clients providing in-home ABA under the supervision of two BCBAs.

Preschool Teacher, Curriculum Mentor and Trainer

August 2014 - November 2016

Sunshine House

Implemented Creative Curriculum in preschool classroom and conducted assessments. Served as Curriculum Mentor and Trainer for Early Learning program, providing training and resources for developmentally appropriate practices.

Kindergarten Teacher

April 2010 - July 2012

Humphreys American School

Implemented curriculum and adapted practices to meet needs of diverse classroom of children of military families based in South Korea. Served as chair of the math curriculum committee.

Kindergarten Teacher

September 2009 - April 2010

E Bo Young English Academy, Osan, South Korea

Facilitated development of kindergarten program, including designing and implementing Early Childhood curriculum and classroom design.

EDUCATION

Masters, Applied Behavioral Analysis

University of Cincinnati, Ohio

May 2018 - May 2019

Masters, Curriculum and Instruction

Michigan State University, Michigan January 2011 - May 2015

Bachelor of Arts, Early Childhood Development and Education, Language Arts

Eastern Michigan University, Michigan

September 2004 - May 2009

CORE COMPETENCIES

Autism Services & Expert Witness Testimony	Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)	Clinical Assessment & Treatment Planning
Assistive Technology	Parent Training & Consultation	Early Childhood Development

AWARDS

Excellence in Teaching - Humphreys American School, Camp Humphreys, South Korea

Excellence in Student Teaching - Eastern Michigan University

RESEARCH AREAS

Food Acceptance Therapy

Promedica Autism Center

Conducted research on Food Acceptance Protocols and implemented a behaviorally-based protocol with patients.

Using Stimulus-Stimulus Pairing to Increase Communication

Promedica Autism Center

Conducted research on stimulus-stimulus pairing to increase vocalizations with nonverbal patients.

Conditional Discrimination for Self-Stimulatory Behavior

Promedica Autism Center

Conducted research on conditional discrimination for self-stimulatory behavior and implemented protocols with a patient who demonstrated severe self-stimulatory behavior.

PROJECTS & TRAINING PROGRAMS

Training: Creating a Task Analysis

Promedica Autism Center

Created training as supervisor for BCBA candidates.

Training: Antecedent Interventions

Promedica Autism Center

Created training as BCBA candidate for behavior technicians.

Training: Journey to Independence

Bloom Health

Created course on autism diagnosis process and ABA basics for parents of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Training: Full Guide to Behavior

Bloom Health

Created course for parents to understand and implement behavior analytic principles.

eBook: "Top Ten Characteristics of Autism Spectrum Disorder"

Bloom Health

Created short guide to the most common characteristics of Autism Spectrum Disorder.

WORK SAMPLES

AngelSense Learning Course (Creator, Instructor)

https://www.angelsense.com/lp/angelsense-learning/

AngelSense Webinars (Lead Clinician, Instructor)

https://www.angelsense.com/angelsense-learning/