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RECENT PRESENTATIONS



2023

Impact of Medication Side Effects on Aggressive Behavior. Fernandez, H. and Lantz, J.F. (2023, October). Poster presented at the New York State Association for Behavior Analysis Annual Conference, Albany, NY.

Utilizing Evidence-Based Models and Interventions to Reduce Stress and Mental Health Problems in Parents of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. A virtual continuing education workshop by Dr. Cheryl Stenzel, Ph.D., offered live for Rutgers University (August, 2023) and the American Psychological Association (November, 2023), where the recording remains available for on-demand continuing education credits.

Can artificial intelligence accurately predict the likelihood of aggression and self-injury? Jenny Foster, MS, BCBA, Connor Anderson, MS. Poster presentation, New York State Association for Behavior Analysis conference 2023.

Compassionate Care Includes Healthcare: Improving Health Outcomes for People with Developmental Disabilities. Johanna Lantz, PhD, BCBA and Jenny Foster, MS, BCBA. Session presentation, New York State Association for Behavior Analysis conference 2023.

Transforming Lives Through Assistive Technology. Virtual conference with eight presentations hosted by Assistive Technology and Integrated Arts departments. (2023, April)

- Maximizing Engagement and Participation Through Assistive Technology
- Assistive Technology and Animal-Assisted Intervention
- The Jam Sessions: Integrating Assistive Technology into Project-Based Music Activities
- Art, Collaboration, and Community
- Empowering Individuals Through Adapted Sports and Recreation: A World Class Collaboration
- Inclusive Outdoor Play Spaces
- Immersive Virtual Reality in Complex Care
- To Infinity and Beyond: The Future of Innovation and Assistive Technology

Working with Children with Medical Complexity. Live online webinar presented to APTA Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy School Special Interest Group. Gradziel, L; Myers, T; Stauffer A; Johnson, R; Szabo J; Dodds C. (2023, March).

Preppin' Pals: Expanding Social Skills Through a Vocational Club in a Residential Program. Poster presented at the Association for Behavior Analysts International 49th Annual Convention, Denver, CO. Hartman, A., & Martins, A. (2023, May).

Behavior and Quality of Life Impacts of Medical and Psychiatric Co-Occurring Conditions in Developmental Disabilities. Symposium presented at the Association for Behavior Analysts International 49th Annual Convention, Denver, CO. Lantz, J.F., Laprime, A., & Morrison-Diallo, J. (2023, May).

Putting the Pieces Together: Understanding and Treating Challenging Behavior from a Multi-Disciplinary Perspective. Presentation at the New York State Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention, Saratoga Springs, NY. Lantz, J.F. (2023, May).

Utilizing a Multi-Component Treatment Package to Decrease Rituals and Increase Participation for an Individual with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, and Catatonia. Poster presented at Association for Behavior Analysts International 49th Annual Convention, Denver, CO. Mellor, A. (2023, May).

An Evaluation on the Effects of Safe-Person Handling Program Implementation at Long-Term Care Facilities for Persons with Complex Intellectual, Developmental, and Medical Conditions. Poster presented at the Association for Safe Patient Handling Professionals Annual Conference, Phoenix, AZ. Ryan, D., & Connolly, AM. (2023, March).

Together We Can: Building Social Competence and Confidence through Participation in Performance Groups. Presentation at the Mid-Atlantic Region Conference of the American Music Therapy Association. Loretto, C. (2023, Spring).

2022

Using Equipment to Support Interventions for Children and Adults with Medical Complexity Across the Lifespan. Training workshop presented at APTA Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy Annual Conference, Portland, OR. Gradziel, L; Myers, T; Stauffer, A. (2022, November).

Strategies to Promote Participation in Exercise Activities for Students with Behavioral Challenges. Session presented at APTA Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy Annual Conference, Portland, OR. Gradziel, L; Anders, M; Ogonowski, K; Velez, J. (2022, November).

Providing Physical Therapy Services for Clients with Complex Medical Needs in School. Live online training presented to Minnesota School-Based OT/PT Institute. Gradziel, L; Myers, T; Stauffer, A. (2022, October).

Speech Therapy and Physical Therapy Collaboration: An Unlikely Duo. Poster presentation at the American Speech and Hearing Association Annual Conference. New Orleans, LA, November 17-20. Cameron, K, Little, P., and Sherman, H. (2022).

Creating Inclusive and Accessible Parks. Speaker at Sullivan Renaissance Roundtable webinar. Connolly, AM (2022, Oct).

Strategies for Implementing Practical Functional Assessment and Skill-Based Treatment with Learners with More Severe Disabilities in a Residential Setting. Symposium presented at the New York State Association for Behavior Analysis Annual Conference, Albany, NY. Lantz, J.F., & Olvera, C., (2022, October).

Better When We're Together: A Discussion About Behavior Analyst Inter-System Collaboration to Help Facilitate Systems Change in New York State. Panel presentation at the New York State Association for Behavior Analysis Annual Conference, Albany, NY. Morrison-Diallo, J., Laprime, A., Lantz, J.F., & DuVall, S. (2022, October).

Complex Case Discharge Delay Series: Documentation Strategies. Webinar presented through the Health Care Association of New York (Virtual). Laprime, A., Lantz, J.F., & Morrison-Diallo, J. (2022, October).

Reducing Rapid Eating in an Adolescent with ASD. Poster presented at New York State Association for Behavior Analysis 33rd Annual Conference in Albany, NY. AhKao, I. & Olvera, C. (2022, October).

Providing Alternate Activities to Replace Automatically Reinforcing Behaviors and Decrease Severe Problem Behavior. Poster presented at New York State Association for Behavior Analysis 33rd Annual Conference; Albany, NY. Scully, J. (2022, October).

Integrating Behavior Analytic Practices with Emerging Technology to Understand and Treat Challenging Behaviors. Symposium presented at Association for Behavior Analysis International 48th Annual Convention, Boston, MA. Lantz, J.F. & Olvera, C. (2022, May).

2021

Farm-based Learning Across All Ability Levels: Movement-based Functional Skills. Live virtual conference session presented at APTA Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy Annual Conference. Gradziel, L; Veety, L. Anders, A. (2021, November).

Raising Expectations and Designing Interventions for Children and Adults with Medical Complexity Across the Lifespan. Live virtual training workshop presented at APTA Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy Annual Conference. Gradziel, L; Myers, T; Stauffer, A; Johnson, R; Szabo, J; Dodds, C. (2021, November).

Alone Together: Community Music Therapy and the COVID-19 Pandemic. Presentation at the Mid-Atlantic Region Conference of the American Music Therapy Association & National Conference of the American Music Therapy Association. Loretto, C. (2021, Spring and Fall).

Reducing Vocal Stereotypy Using Response Interruption and Redirection with Mindfulness. Poster presented at the Association for Behavior Analysis International 47th Annual Convention (Virtual). Olvera, C., Lantz, J. (2021, May).

Treatment of Aggression Related to Staff Preference: Effects on Behavior and Electrodermal Activity. Poster presented at the Association for Behavior Analysis International 47th Annual Convention (Virtual). Olvera, C., Villavicencio, T., Lantz, J. (2021, May).

Replacement Skills Training to Address Inappropriate Climbing in a Student with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Poster presented at the Association for Behavior Analysis International 47th Annual Convention (Virtual). Scully, J. (2021, May).

2020

Managing Stress in Autism Spectrum Disorders: an Integrated Wellness Approach. Jenny Foster, MS, BCBA. Session presentation, Sammit International Autism Conference, India Autism Center, Kolkata 2020.

Exploring Physiological Profiles Associated with Challenging Behavior in Adolescents with ASD. Poster presented at the International Society of Autism Research Conference (Virtual). Lantz, J.F., Villavicencio, T., & Hamlin, T. (2020, June).

Classroom Staff as an Establishing Operation for Aggressive Behavior. Poster presented at the Association for Behavior Analysis International 46th Annual Convention (Virtual). Olvera, C. & Lantz, J.F. (2020, May).

Replacement Skills Training to Address Inappropriate Throwing and Aggression in a Student with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Poster presented at the Association for Behavior Analysis International 46th Annual Convention (Virtual). Scully, J., Marr, R., & Lantz, J.F. (2020, May).

Enhancing Participation for Children and Adults with Medical Complexity Across the Lifespan. Live virtual training intensive workshop presented at APTA Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy Annual Conference. Gradziel, L; Myers, T; Stauffer, A. (2020, November).

The Effects of an Intensive Balance Training Program on Attention and Behavior in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Live virtual conference session presented at APTA Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy Annual Conference. Gradziel, L; Mahon, MD. (2020, November).

2019

"Snack Orders, Supply Orders, Art Orders - Get Your Language Here!" Poster presented at ASHA Convention. Orlando, FL. Orr, S. (2019, November).

Defining a Student with Medical Complexity. Academy of Pediatric PT, School Based SIG, Children with Medical Complexity Subcommittee. Poster presented at APTA Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy Annual Conference, Anaheim, CA. Gradziel, L; Myers, T; Stauffer, A. (2019, November).

Stressed Inside-Out: Managing Caregiver Stress. Presentation at CP of NYS Annual Conference, Saratoga Springs, NY. Lantz, J.F., Rico, K., Erson, R. (2019, October).

Psychophysiological Biomarkers of Stress as Predictors of Behavioral Disturbance in Autism Spectrum Disorder: Toward Precision Medicine. Poster presented at the International Society for Autism Research Annual Meeting. Montreal, Quebec. Ferguson, B.J., Hamlin, T., Lantz, J., Villavicencio, T., Beversdorf, D.Q., Coles, J. (2019, May).

Classroom Staff as an Establishing Operation for Aggressive Behavior.

Poster presented at the Association for Behavior Analysis International 46th Annual Convention (Virtual).

Olvera, C. & Lantz, J.F. (2020, May).

Replacement Skills Training to Address Inappropriate Throwing and Aggression in a Student with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Poster presented at the Association for Behavior Analysis International 46th Annual Convention (Virtual).

Scully, J., Marr, R., & Lantz, J.F. (2020, May).

Enhancing Participation for Children and Adults with Medical Complexity Across the Lifespan. Live virtual training intensive workshop presented at APTA Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy Annual Conference. Gradziel, L; Myers, T; Stauffer, A. (2020, November).

The Effects of an Intensive Balance Training Program on Attention and Behavior in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Live virtual conference session presented at APTA Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy Annual Conference. Gradziel, L; Mahon, MD. (2020, November).

Using Physiological Sensors in the Assessment and Treatment of Challenging Behaviors in Adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Poster presented at the Association of Applied Behavior Analysis International 45th Annual Convention. Chicago, IL.

Lantz, J.F., Villavicencio, T., Hamlin, T., & Bertholf, K. (2019, May).

2018

Being Sensitive, Sensible and Smart: Navigating Cultural Competency and Ethics in Home-based ABA Services. Jenny Foster, BCBA, John Johnson, BCBA, and others. Panel discussion, New York State Association for Behavior Analysis conference 2018.

Walk on: The Road to Purposeful Communication. Poster presentation at the American Speech and Hearing Association Annual Conference. Boston, MA, November 15-17. Cameron, K. and Ackermann, H. (2018).

Intensive Intervention Using IISCA and Physiological Monitoring in a School Setting.

Poster presented at the NYSABA 29th Annual Conference. Albany, NY.

Bertholf, K., Lantz, J.F., & Villavicencio, T. (2018, September).

The Impact of Functional Communication Training on Behavior and Physiological Arousal.

Poster presented at the Association for Behavior Analysis International 12th Annual Autism Conference. Miami, FL.

Lantz, J.F., Villavicencio, T., Hamlin, T., Bertholf, K., & Northrup, C.M. (2018, February).

2017

Uncovering Medical Setting Events for Problem Behavior through Careful Collaboration with Healthcare Professionals: Three Case Reviews. Jenny Foster, BCBA, Anneliese Hartman, BCBA, and John Johnson, BCBA. Poster presentation, New York State Association for Behavior Analysis conference 2017.

Exploring physiological responses to environmental variables. Lantz, J.F., Northrup, C.M. Paper presented to New York State Association for Behavior Analysis Annual Conference. Albany, NY. 2017, October.

Custom Molded Seating – Who, How, and Why. Veety, L., Sipper, B., Rosen, M. 33rd International Seating Symposium. Nashville, TN. 2017, March.

STOMP: Socialization Through Original Music & Movement Programs. Conio Loretto, MS, LCAT, MT-BC, Amanda Belcastro, MT-BC. American Music Therapy Association Mid-Atlantic Region Conference. Rochester, NY. 2017, March.

Ask the Professional: An Open Forum for Music Therapy Students. Conio Loretto, MS, LCAT, MT-BC, Beth Deyermond, MA, MT-BC. American Music Therapy Association Mid-Atlantic Region Conference. Rochester, NY. 2017, March.

From the Mouths of Internship Directors: The Ins and Outs of Student Professionalism. Beth Deyermond, MA, MT-BC, Stacey Hensel, MA, LCAT, MT-BC, NRMT, Kristen O’Grady, MA, LCAT, MT-BC. American Music Therapy Association Mid-Atlantic Region Conference. Rochester, NY. 2017, March.

An Innovative Way to Screen for Nutritional Risk in Children with An Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) – the Sensory, Aberrant Mealtime Behavior Inventory for Eating (SAMIE). Presenter, Food and Nutrition Conference and Expo (FNCE), Chicago, IL.2017.

Enhancing assessment and treatment of challenging behaviors in autism using physiological sensors. Lantz, J.F., Northrup, C.M., Hamlin, T. Paper presented to the Association for Positive Behavior Supports 14th International Conference on PBS. Denver, CO. 2017, March.

2016

Drive and Jive: A Multi-Disciplinary Approach to Developing Pre-Power Mobility Skills. Poster presented at APTA Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy Annual Conference, Keystone, CO. Gradziel, L; Deyermond, E; Damiao, J. (2016, November).

The Voice Behind the Movement. Poster presentation at the American Speech and Hearing Association Annual Conference. Philadelphia, PA, November 17-19. Cameron, K., Orr, S., Winchell, K., & Ferry, S. (2016).

Trending Topics in Music Therapy: Special Education. Conio Loretto, MS, LCAT, MT-BC, Facilitator. American Music Therapy Association National Conference. Sandusky, OH. November 2016.

Food Exploration and Discovery (FED) Program: A Comprehensive Approach to Addressing Complex Feeding Challenges. Kristina Carraccia, MS, CCC-SLP, Jessica Piatak, OTD, OTR/L. Speech-Language Hearing Association of the Hudson Valley (SHAHV) Annual Conference. 2016, October.

Addressing Mealtime Challenges Through the Food Exploration and Discovery Program. Kristina Carraccia, MS, CCC-SLP, Jessica Piatak, OTD, OTR/L. Inspire – Orange County Cerebral Palsy Association. Newburgh, NY. 2016, September.

Food Exploration and Discovery (FED) Program: A Comprehensive Approach to Addressing Complex Feeding Challenges. Jessica Piatak, OTD, OTR/L, Alexandra Besecker, MS, OTR/L, Kristina Carraccia, MS, CCC-SLP, Stephanie Harrigan, MS, CCC-SLP, Heidi Moser, MS, CCC-SLP, Jessica Scanna, MS, CCC-SLP. National Autism Society Conference. 2016, July.

The Health E6: An Interprofessional Model for Holistic Care. Dr. Helena le Roux, Alyce Sherwood, Conio Loretto, Dr. Nicole Kinney & Jennifer Franck. York Wellness and Rehabilitation Institute International Conference, Nazareth College, Rochester, NY, June 2016.

Making Music, Enriching Lives: Music Therapy Services for People with Intellectual Disabilities Across the Lifespan. Conio Loretto, MS, LCAT, MT-BC & Beth Deyermond, MA, MT-BC. Aging/Intellectual Disability Cross-Systems Conference, Hershey, PA, May 2016.

Nourishing on the Spectrum: Nutrition and Feeding for Children with Autism. Keynote Speaker, Greater New York Dietetic Association, New York, NY. 2016.

The Center for Discovery: A Unique Approach to Autism. Kristina Carraccia, MS, CCC-SLP, Jessica Piatak, OTD, OTR/L, Stephanie Harrigan, MS, CCC-SLP. New York University. 2016, April.

A Comprehensive Approach to Addressing Complex Feeding Challenges. Kristina Carraccia, MS, CCC-SLP, Jessica Piatak, OTD, OTR/L, Stephanie Harrigan, MS, CCC-SLP. New York University. 2016, April.

Discovery Café: A Fun Interdisciplinary Approach to Vocational Skill Building. Heidi Moser, MS, CCC-SLP, Rachel Thompson, MS, OTR/L. The American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc. Chicago, IL. 2016, April.

The Effects of Two Occupational Therapy Group-Based Interventions on Social Participation in Adolescents with Autism. Rachel Thompson, MS, OTR/L, Jessica Piatak, OTD, OTR/L. The American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc. Chicago, IL. 2016, April.

Food Exploration and Discovery, A Comprehensive Approach to Addressing Complex Feeding Challenges. Jessica Piatak, OTD, OTR/L, Alexandra Besecker, MS, OTR/L, Kristina Carraccia, MS, CCC-SLP, Stephanie Harrigan, MS, CCC-SLP, Heidi Moser, MS, CCC-SLP. The American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc. Chicago, IL. 2016, April.

Music Therapy Program Development in an Evidence-Based World: The Intensive Treatment Model (5 hour continuing education course). Conio Loretto, MS, LCAT, MT-BC, Beth Deyermond, MA, MT-BC & Amanda Belcastro, MT-BC. Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference of the American Music Therapy Association, Harrisburg, PA, March 2016.

Stop! Collaborate and Listen: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Developing Pre-Power Mobility Skills for Children with Multiple Disabilities. Beth Deyermond, MA, MT-BC, Lisa Gradziel, PT, DPT, PCS, C/NDT & John Damiao, MS, OTR/L, ATP/SMS. Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference of the American Music Therapy Association, Harrisburg, PA, March 2016.

The Show Must Go On: Creating a Dramatic Arts Program for Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Conio Loretto, MS, LCAT, MT-BC, Rachel Thompson, MS, OTR/L & Stephanie Harrigan, MS, CCC-SLP. Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference of the American Music Therapy Association, Harrisburg, PA, March 2016.

Ask the Professional: An Open Forum for Students. Conio Loretto, MS, LCAT, MT-BC (Moderator). Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference of the American Music Therapy Association, Harrisburg, PA, March 2016.

Reduce, Re-Use, and Recycle – Custom Assistive Technology on a Dime- Part 2. Assistive Technology Industry Association Annual Conference. Orlando, FL. 2016, February.

"**The Voice Behind the Movement.**" Poster presentation at ASHA Convention. Philadelphia, PA. Orr, S., Amend, K., Ferry, S., & Cameron, K. (2016, November).

2015

Adapted Cheerleading: Promoting Wellness and Participation by Enhancing Motivation. Lisa Gradziel, PT, DPT, PCS, C/NDT & Jamie Ciabattari, PT, DPT, C/NDT. American Physical Therapy Association Section on Pediatrics Annual Conference. Pittsburgh, PA. November 2015.

Autism: A Whole Body Approach. Hamlin, T., Northrup, C.M., & Lantz, J.F. Presented at CRP Centers of Excellence Summit. Saratoga Springs, NY. 2015, October.

Get up and Get moving: benefits of Exercise for individuals with Autism: Speakers included Nicole Kinney, PT DPT, C/NDT, Johanna Lantz, PhD., and Jenny Foster, M.S.

Transition Team Care for the Medically Complex and Developmentally Disabled Population. Regina Olasin D.O. FAAP, FACP & Nicole G. Kinney, PT, DPT, C/NDT. American Academy of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry: Global Summit on Innovations in Health and IDD. Los Angeles, CA, July 2015.

Treating the Child with Autism- A Collaborative Approach with a Health E6 Philosophy. Alexandra Besecker, MS, OTR/L & Jennifer Frank, MS, RD, CDN & Stephanie Harrington, MS, CCC-SLP, Nicole G. Kinney, PT, DPT, C/NDT & Jessica Piatak, OTD, OTR/L. New York University, April, 2015.

Let's Laugh Together- Using Humor to Create Friendships. Rachel Thompson, MS, OTR/L & Jessica Piatak, OTD, OTR/L. National American Occupational Therapy Association Conference, Nashville, TN, March 2015.

Working toward Success: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Addressing Work Readiness. Alexandra Besecker, MS, OTR/L & Orley A. Templeton, OTD, OTR/L & Rachel Thompson, MS, OTR/L & Jessica Piatak, OTD, OTR/L. National American Occupational Therapy Association Conference, Nashville, TN, March 2015.

Round Table Discussion for the Special Interest Section of the American Occupational Therapy Association on Developmental Disabilities. Rachel Thompson, MS, OTR/L & Jessica Piatak, OTD, OTR/L. National American Occupational Therapy Association Conference, Nashville, TN, March 2015.

Together in Music: Developing Social Skills through Music Therapy in an Intensive Treatment Model. Conio Loretto, MS, LCAT, MT-BC & Beth Deyermond, MT-BC. State University of New York College at Fredonia, Fredonia, NY, March 2015.

From the Inside Out: Exploring the Dynamic Process of Music Therapy Supervision. Conio Loretto, MS, LCAT, MT-BC (& Haden Minifie, MT-BC). Mid-Atlantic Region Conference of the American Music Therapy Association, Ocean City, MD, March 2015.

The Elephant in the Profession: Balancing Career, Family and Professional Retention. Beth Deyermond, MT-BC (& Maria Hricko Fay, MSW/LSW, LCAT, MT-BC; Kristyn Beeman, MT-BC; Kristen O'Grady, MA, MT-BC, LCAT; Carol Shultis, PhD, MT-BC; Michael Viega, PhD, MT-BC; Melanie Walborn, MT-BC). Mid-Atlantic Region Conference of the American Music Therapy Association, Ocean City, MD, March 2015.

Ask the Professional: An Open Form for Students. Conio Loretto, MS, LCAT, MT-BC (moderator). Mid-Atlantic Region Conference of the American Music Therapy Association, Ocean City, MD, March 2015.

Reduce, Re-Use and Recycle – Custom Assistive Technology on a Dime. Lindsey Veety, PT, DPT,ATP; Amy Baxter, PT, DPT, ATP. ATIA 2015 Conference, January 2015, Orlando, FL.

Getting Everyone Working – Adaptations for the Vocational Arena. Lindsey Veety, PT, DPT,ATP; Amy Baxter, PT, DPT, ATP. ATIA 2015 Conference, January 2015, Orlando, FL.

2014

Effect of a Clear Skin Intervention on the Skin Picking Behavior of a Young Woman with Intellectual Disability: A Mid-Treatment Case Review. Jenny Foster, MS. Poster presentation, New York State Association for Behavior Analysis conference 2014.

Evaluation of Intensive Adapted Aerobic Dance Program: A Collaborative Research Project. Ertola, C., Lantz, J.F., Foster, J., Williams, S. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Dance Therapy Association. Chicago, IL. 2014, November.

Breaking the Mold: Music Therapy in an Intensive Treatment Model. Conio Loretto, MS, LCAT, MT-BC & Beth Deyermond, MT-BC. American Music Therapy Association National Conference, Louisville, KY, November 2014.

Panel Chair **“Transitional Team Care for the Medically Complex Developmentally Disabled Population: A panel Discussion,”** Dr. Regina Olasin FAAP, FACP, UCP New York State Annual Meeting, Albany, October 21, 2014

Telemedicine 101: Building a Successful Telemedicine Program Charlotte Ostman, LCSW-R, CP of NY State Annual Conference October 2014, Albany NY.

Making Music, Enriching Lives: Music Therapy Services for People with Intellectual Disabilities Across the Lifespan. Conio Loretto, MS, LCAT, MT-BC & Beth Deyermond, MT-BC. 2014 Aging / Intellectual Disability Cross-Systems Conference, Hershey, PA, September 2014.

Adapted Dance for Students Functioning at GMFCS Level IV & V: A Series of Pilot Projects. Lisa Gradziel, PT, DPT, C/NDT. Neuro-Developmental Treatment Association (NDTA) 2014 Conference, May 2014, Las Vegas, NV.

Simple Solutions: Concrete Ideas for Using Improvisation (5 hour continuing education workshop). Conio Loretto, MS, LCAT, MT-BC & Beth Deyermond, MT-BC. Mid Atlantic Region Conference of the American Music Therapy Association, Buffalo, NY, April 2014.

Breaking the Mold: Music Therapy in an Intensive Treatment Model. Conio Loretto, MS, LCAT, MT-BC, Beth Deyermond, MT-BC, Amanda Belcastro, MT-BC, Rebecca Erson, MT-BC & Timothy Gannon, MS, LCAT, MT-BC. Mid Atlantic Region Conference of the American Music Therapy Association, Buffalo, NY, April 2014.

Ask the Professional: An Open Form for Students. Conio Loretto, MS, LCAT, MT-BC (moderator). Mid-Atlantic Region Conference of the American Music Therapy Association, Buffalo, NY, April 2014.

Together in Music: Developing Social Skills through Music Therapy in an Intensive Treatment Model. Conio Loretto, MS, LCAT, MT-BC & Beth Deyermond, MT-BC. Slippery Rock University, Slippery Rock, PA, March 2014.

Playing with Pentatonic: An Introduction to Clinical Improvisation in Music Therapy. Conio Loretto, MS, LCAT, MT-BC & Beth Deyermond, MT-BC. State University of New York College at Fredonia, Fredonia, NY, March 2014.

2nd International Conference of Experts on Disability and Rehabilitation. Theresa Hamlin, Ed.D., Saudi Arabia. March 4 & 5, 2014

A Research Proposal to Guide Housing Designs for Individuals with Autism. Bill Evans, Autism Speaks Investors Conference. March 2014, San Francisco, CA.

Wheels to Words: The Art of Communication through Power Mobility. John Damiao, MS, OTR/L, ATP/SMS; Coleen Loughney, MS, CCC-SLP. Assistive Technology Industry Association (ATIA) 2014 Conference, January 2014, Orlando, FL.

Therapeutic Power Mobility: Improving Mobility, Function, Cognition and Therapeutic Outcomes. John Damiao, MS, OTR/L, ATP/SMS. ATIA 2014 Conference, January 2014, Orlando, FL.

Adapting the Extracurriculars: I Want to Play Too! Lindsey Veety, PT, DPT, ATP; Amy Baxter, PT, DPT, ATP. ATIA 2014 Conference, January 2014, Orlando, FL.

Top 15 AT Interventions for Vocational Skill Building. Amy Baxter, PT, DPT, ATP; Lindsey Veety, PT, DPT, ATP. ATIA 2014 Conference, January 2014, Orlando, FL.

Developing Individualized Therapy Program to Address Feeding Challenges in Children with Autism. Jessica Piatak, OTD, OTR/L; Kristina Carraccia, MS, CCC-SLP. American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference & Expo, April 2014, Baltimore, MD.

Clinical staff members Orley Templeton, Rachel Thompson, Lisa Wagner, Nicole Kinney, and Dr. Olasin offered a panel presentation on transitional care at the Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York State annual conference in October 2014 in Albany.

Week long training provided by: Johanna Lantz, Ph.D. and Tiffini Amato at a Special education school in St. Petersburg, September 2014

2013

Potgieter A. **Clinician's Corner: Positioning for Function.** NDTA Network. January/February 2013; 20(1):1,23-24.

Damiao J. **Going for the 'Goal' in a Power Wheelchair.** Advance for Occupational Therapy Practitioners online. July 2013.

Piatak J. **Addressing Mealtime Challenges in Children with Autism.** Advance for Occupational Therapy Practitioners. August 2013.

New Lessons and Equipment Modifications for Adapted Physical Education. Alexa Cheh-Mickelson, Laura Dancesia, Michael Rowley. New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NYSAPERD) Annual Conference, November 20-23, 2013

All Classes for All Kids! Amy Baxter, PT, DPT, ATP; Lindsey Veety, PT, DPT, ATP. The New York State Association for Computers and Technologies in Education (NYSCATE) Annual Conference 2013. November 2013, Rochester, NY.

Innovative Programs – Getting Everyone in the Workshop – Adaptations for the Vocational Arena. Lindsey Veety, PT, DPT, ATP; Peter Dollard, MA, ATP. Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York State Annual Conference. October 2013, Saratoga Springs, NY.

Autism Effective methods for Providing Assistance to People with Autism and Spectrum Disorders: Experience in Russia and Abroad. Alyce Sherwood MACCC/SLP, ATP, Nicole Kinney PT, DPT. 2nd International Forum -Every Child Deserves a Family, Moscow, Russia. October 14, 2013

Assistive Technology and Neuro-Developmental Treatment: Improving Function through Enhancing Motivation. John Damiao, MS, OTR/L, ATP; Jamie Clemson, PT, C/NDT; Patricia Longinott, PT, DPT, C/NDT; Lisa Gradziel, PT, DPT, C/NDT. American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine (AACPDM) Annual Meeting, October 2013.

Supporting Students with Autism and Developmental Disabilities in the Classroom: Consultation and Inservice for Teachers and Clinicians. Johanna Lantz, Ph.D.; Tiffini Amato; Rehabilitation and Mercy Specialized School #46 for Children with Learning Disabilities, October 16-20, 2013, St. Petersburg, Russia

American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine (AACPDM) Annual Meeting, October 16-19, 2013

Fitness and physical therapy for people with ASD. Nicole Kinney PT, DPT: 2nd International Forum: "Every Child Deserves a Family" Autism: Effective support programs for persons with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Russian and International Experience. October 14-17, 2013, Moscow, Russia

Addressing Feeding Challenges in Children with Autism Using a Holistic and Collaborative Approach. Jessica Piatak, OTD, OTR/L; Kristina Carraccia, MS, CCC, SLP. American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference & Expo, April 2013, San Diego, CA.

A Whole Foods Diet with Omega 3 and Vitamin D supplementation is associated with Improved Health Outcomes in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Poster Session, Experimental Biology Annual Conference, Boston, MA. 2013.

DIY Solutions- Positioning for Classroom Success. Lindsey Veety, PT, DPT, ATP; Amy Baxter, PT, DPT, ATP. Assistive Technology Industry Association (ATIA), January 2013, Orlando.

2012

Damiao J, Clemson J, Longinott P, Gradziel L. **Assistive Technology: Improving Function Through Enhancing Motivation.** NDTA Network. November/December 2012; 19(6):14-16.a

Thompson R. **The Big Barn Theater Group: An OT-run drama club teaches children with autism socialization skills and self-esteem.** Advance for Occupational Therapy Practitioners. October 2012.

DIY Solutions- Let's Play: Using Assistive Technology to Level the Playing Field. Lindsey Veety, PT, DPT, ATP; Amy Baxter, PT, DPT, ATP. New York State Association for Computers and Technologies in Education (NYSCATE), November 2012, Rochester, NY.

Creating a Stable Base for Success. Lindsey Veety, PT, DPT, zATP; Amy Baxter, PT, DPT, ATP. Closing the Gap Conference, October 2012, Minneapolis.

Integrating Assistive Technologies into the Classroom. Lindsey Veety, PT, DPT, ATP; Amy Baxter, PT, DPT, ATP. NYSCATE Hudson Valley, April 2012.

Benefits of Aquatic Therapy : Introduction to aquatic therapy. Annelise Potgieter, PT, C/NDT, Orley Templeton, MS, OTR/L, C/NDT. Block Institute, Brooklyn, NY

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