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# RECENT PRESENTATIONS



## **2026**

### **Stress management using the SynergE6 Model: A Session for parents, caregivers, and professionals. [Conference Presentation].**

Stenzel, C. L. (April, 2026). The Profound Autism Summit, Boston, MA.

## **2025**

### **Predicting High-Risk Behaviors in Individuals with Profound Autism Using Sleep and Other Environmental Factors.** Kiarashi, Y, Lantz, J., (April, 2025). Invited presentation at the Profound Autism Alliance Summit, Boston, MA.

## **2024**

### **Description, Prediction, and Control: Enhancing Scientific Understanding of Behavior by Integrating Novel Data and Sensor Technologies.**

Foster, J., Lantz, J.F., Villavicencio, Anderson, C. (May, 2024). Presentation at the Association for Behavior Analysts International 50th Annual Convention, Philadelphia, PA.

### **Bridging the Gap: Behavior Analysts' Consideration of Medical Needs in Client Care.**

Lantz, J.F. (Chair) and Kettering, T.L. (2024, May). Symposium presented at the Association for Behavior Analysts International 50th Annual Convention, Philadelphia, PA.

### **Leveraging the Behavior Analytic Skill Set to Better Understand Medical Influences on Behavior.**

Lantz, J.F., Foster, J., Villavicencio, and Anderson, C. (2024, May). Presentation at the Association for Behavior Analysts International 50th Annual Convention, Philadelphia, PA.

### **Harnessing AI to Predict Problem Behavior in Autism Spectrum Disorder.**

Anderson, C, Lantz, J.F., Foster, J., Villavicencio, (October, 2024). Symposium presented at the 13th World Gene Convention (WGC 2024), Dublin, Ireland.

## **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 49<sup>th</sup> 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 49<sup>th</sup> 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 49<sup>th</sup> 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 48<sup>th</sup> 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, Sammilit 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

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