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Curriculum Vitae

Education

Doctor of Education, Special Education and Bilingual Education
Boston University, Boston, MA, 1988

Master of Science, Occupational Therapy (Pediatrics)
Boston University, Boston, MA, 1975

Bachelor of Science, Occupational Therapy
University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, 1970

Professional Experience

- 1986 to date: Occupational Therapist, ITTS for Children, Atlanta, GA
Founder and Owner of Individual and Team Therapy Services (ITTS) for Children. Provide pediatric occupational therapy services to children with orthopedic limitations, neurological disorders, mental retardation, learning disabilities, behavior disorder, autism spectrum disorders, and developmental disabilities of unknown etiology. Encourage family participation in their child's program. Consultation services provided to others who serve the child. Mentorship to other occupational therapists interested in pediatric services, especially those working with children in the Autism Spectrum Disorder and to programs, institutions, parents and professionals interested in the DIR theory and Floortime approach to intervention.
- 2003 to date: Certified in the use of Tomatis listening method

- Field Work Supervisor for Occupational Therapy Students, NOVA University, FA
Supervise occupational therapy students at the entry-level masters level in their clinical affiliation in pediatrics.
- 2001 to date: Field Work Supervisor for Occupational Therapy Students, Louisiana State University,
Supervise occupational therapy students at the entry-level masters level in their clinical affiliation in pediatrics
- 2000 to date: Field Work Supervisor for Occupational Therapy Students, Washington University,
Supervise occupational therapy students at the entry-level masters level in their clinical affiliation in pediatrics.
- 1997 to date: Field Work Supervisor for Occupational Therapy Students, Shenandoah University, West Virginia
Supervise occupational therapy students at the basic master entry level in their clinical affiliation in pediatrics.
- 1996: Field Wok Supervisor for Occupational Therapy Student, Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, GA
Supervised occupational therapy student at the bachelor's level in her Fieldwork experience in pediatrics.
- 1995 to date: Field Work Supervisor for Occupational Therapy Students, Boston University, Boston, MA
Supervise occupational therapy students at the entry-level masters and at the bachelor level in their clinical affiliation in pediatrics.
- 1995 to date: Clinical Associate of Occupational Therapy, Sargent College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, Department of Occupational Therapy, Boston, MA
- 1986 to 1990: Consultant, Early Intervention Program of the Gwinnett County, Georgia Mental Health/ Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services.
Evaluation and provision of occupational therapy services to children in the 0 to 3 years group as part of a multidisciplinary team approach in compliance with P.L. 99-457.
- 1988 to 1994: Consultant, Early Intervention Program of Clayton County, Georgia
Evaluation and provision of occupational therapy services to children in the 0 to 3 years age group as part of a multidisciplinary team approach. Provision of parent training as needed.
- 1989 - 1990: Faculty, American Occupational Therapy Association
Participated in the development of a three-day workshops aimed at training occupational therapists and other service providers on the implications for

services of Public Law 99-457. Participated in the presentation of four of the workshops, which were presented nationwide. Participated in the evaluation of the program.

- 1983 - 1985: Occupational Therapy Consultant - Head Start, Atlanta, Georgia
Provided consultant services and in-service training for the staff of Head Start programs in the Metropolitan Atlanta Area. Provided occupational therapy services to children enrolled in Head Start programs in the same area.
- 1980 - 1986: Case Manager, Outreach Program, Cerebral Palsy Center, Atlanta, Georgia
Developed and administered services provided to children 0 to 5 years old that could not attend center-based services because of the severity of their disability. This included supervision of the staff who provided direct services and provided some direct services.
- 1978 - 1979: Education Coordinator Escuelita Agüeybaná, Boston, MA
Developed and implemented the initial bilingual curriculum for this bilingual day care center. As a doctoral student, collaborated with Inquilinos Boricuas en Acción (Puertorrican Tenants in Action), a grass root organization, in developing the concept for this day care center.
- 1977 - 1978: Consultant, Title VII, Bilingual Education Act Program, School of Education, Boston University, Boston, MA
Evaluated bilingual early childhood education programs in the Metropolitan Boston Area. Assisted in implementing recommendations to be in compliance with Title VII Bilingual Education Act.
- 1978: Senior Planner, Hispanic Office of Planning and Evaluation, Boston, MA
Assigned to the Solomon Carter Fuller Mental Health Center, my role was to identify the mental health needs of the Spanish speaking population of that catchment area, developed programs that would address them, and followed their implementation.
- 1974 - 1976: Teacher/Home Visitor, Brookline Early Education Project, Brookline, MA
The Brookline Early Education Project was a research project that followed families from the birth of their child until they were in Kindergarten. The goal was to identify the effectiveness of two parent training programs vs. no training in assuring the child's success at school. As part of this research, my role was to visit the families assigned and assist them in selecting activities that would enhance their child's development.
- 1973 - 1974: Research Assistant, Sargent College, Boston University, Boston, MA
Lecturer at course "Occupational Therapy in the Community", and field supervisor of occupational therapy students assigned to Head Start Programs in the Boston Area.

- 1972 - 1973: Senior Occupational Therapist, University Hospital, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico
Responsible for the occupational therapy services offered to the pediatric population of this Hospital. The caseload included both acute and chronic conditions.
- 1971 - 1973: Field Work Supervisor for Occupational Therapy students, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico
Supervised and mentored occupational therapy students during their student fieldwork in pediatrics.
- 1970 - 1972: Senior Occupational Therapist, Carolina Mental Health Center, Carolina, Puerto Rico
Director of a day program for the severely emotionally disturbed children. Roles included: provision of in-service training to staff and teachers at day care centers and schools on the early identification and management of children with behavior disorders, evaluation and direct services to children with behavior disorders, and training to their parents on how to best work with their child.

Present Professional Affiliations

American Occupational Therapy Association
Georgia Occupational Therapy Association
Council for Exceptional Children
Cornelia DeLange Association
Autism Society of America
ICDL

Board, Committees, and Delegations

ICDL, Executive Committee 2011 to date
ICDL, Nationwide and within other countries - Senior Clinician and Faculty – training on the DIR/Floortime approach to intervention – 2003 to date
Autism Initiative of the Babies Can't Wait Program, Georgia, 1997
Governor's Interagency Coordinated Council of the Babies Can't Wait Program, Georgia, 1997 to date – Vice Chair, 2000 to date
Frazer Center (REACH) Atlanta, GA, Board Member 1995 to date, Chairperson Children Committee 2000 to 2013
Americo-Sinoi Conference on Exceptionality, Beijing, China, Delegate 1995
Governor's Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Intervention, Atlanta, GA, Member of the Professional Development Committee, 1990
Parents Educating Parents (PEP), ARC Georgia, Board Member 1988 - 1990
National Coalition of Hispanic Health and Human Services Organizations (COSSMHO), Board Member 1977 - 1979
Hispanic Coalition for Health, Boston, MA, Chairperson 1976 - 1979

Certificates

Board Certified Occupational Therapist
Certified in Tomatis method of intervention
Certified in the SAMONAS method of intervention
Certificate in DIR/Floortime

Publications and Theses

An exploratory study of some factors influencing parents selection of toys for their infants.
Master Thesis, Sargent College of Allied Health Professions, Boston University, 1975.

Parent-Professional Partnerships: Four Case studies of handicapped pre-school children.
Doctoral Dissertation, School of Education, Boston University, 1988.

List of Presentations furnished upon request

References furnished upon request