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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistive Technology Specialist

2000-current Bellevue School District, Bellevue, Washington .8 FTE (32 hours per week)

- Provide assistive technology consultation for students ages 3-21
- Comprehensive support for staff, students and families in use of AAC devices and other AT tools
- Extensive assistance to special needs students in inclusive classroom settings, especially students with CP and autism
- Lead student services technology committee meetings where purchasing decisions for AT are determined with top district administrators
- Built AT lending library with over 2,000 items available for loan within our district

Assistive Technology Specialist

2014-current Special Education Technology Center SETC Central Washington University

- Member of collaboration team that provides assistive technology consults to school districts throughout the state
- Provide technology solutions to educators, students and their families
- Webinars on assistive technology topics
- Technical assistance and training on assistive technology hardware and software tools.

Occupational Therapist

1981-1988 Bellevue School District

- One of first therapists in the Northwest to specialize in giving physically disabled students access to technology
- Lectured throughout state through ESD grant "Providing Computer Access to Physically Disabled Students"
- Provided Extended School Year Services (ESY) OT

Occupational Therapist

1981-1984 Childrens Hospital Seattle, Washington (June-August, during school district summer break)

- Staff therapist in Rehab Medicine- caseload included spinal cord injuries, CP, TBI, MD, juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, and neonatal intensive care

EDUCATION

- University of Puget Sound, BS Occupational Therapy 1980
- Graduate level coursework at University of Washington in the Department of Rehab Medicine and Department of Education
- Assistive Technology Applications Certificate, 100 hours of coursework, California State University Northridge June 2007

CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE

- Assistive Technology Applications Certificate, California State University Northridge June 2007
- National Board Certification NBCOT, Occupational Therapist 1980- current
- Washington State License, Occupational Therapist 1980-current

- Neurodevelopmental Therapy Certification, University of Puget Sound 1982
- Sensory Integration Therapy Certification, University of Washington 1983
- ESA Educational Staff Associate Certification for Washington State- 1981-current

SELECTED TRAINING AND PRESENTATIONS

- Presenter at numerous national conferences- Including CSUN: Technology and Persons with Disabilities, ATIA Conference, Council of Learning Disabilities, and Council of Exceptional Children
- Guest Lecturer: Department of Rehab Medicine, School of Occupational Therapy- University of Washington Yearly since 2008
- Instructional Technology Courses: Bellevue School District: Topics include AAC Devices, WYNN Software, Switch Access, Boardmaker Studio, and iPads.
- Faculty: College Board Advanced Placement Institute *Instructional Strategies and Universal Design* 2004-2006
- iPad uses for Occupational Therapy Workshop at WOTA State Conference in Fall 2012

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Supporting elementary students with ASD- Participant in technical assistance team as part of UW Department of Education research project and grant to support autism spectrum students in elementary school programs 2005-2009
- Help facilitate statewide assistive technology specialist meetings with emphasis on AT specialists working in
- K-12 settings 2004-current
- Washington State Assistive Technology Providers Network – Advisory Team Member
- Special Education Leadership Advisory Team- Bellevue School District

REFERENCE

Jerry Connolly, Director of Special Education
 Special Education Technology Center- Central Washington University
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