

Curriculum Vitae

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FORMAL EDUCATION

OTD	Boston University Boston, MA	(9/25/2019)
	Doctoral Project: <i>Influence of Best Practice Training on Increasing OT Telehealth Adoption in School-Based Practice</i>	
M.A.	New York University, NY	(9/23/1996)
	Major: Occupational Therapy	
B.S.	Montclair State University, NJ	(5/27/1992)
	Major: Recreational Therapy	
	Minor: Dance	

CREDENTIALS

Registered Occupational Therapist National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy
Post Professional Certificate in Assistive Technology-Stockton State University-April 2009

LICENSED

Licensed Occupational Therapist, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Licensed Occupational Therapist, State of New Jersey
Licensed Occupational Therapist, State of Florida

POSITIONS HELD

8/2019 Temple University: Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, Occupational Therapy Program.
Assistant Professor
Courses Taught:

- Health and Wellness in the Community
- OT Practice: Assistive Technology
- Research Methodology I
- Theory Perspectives in OT

- 9/2016 University of Sciences of Philadelphia: Samson College of Health Sciences: Philadelphia, PA.
Adjunct Professor
- Responsible for co-teaching OT Clinical Skills: lectures, labs, student assessments.
- 2006- Present Occupational therapy Independent Contractor: Greater Philadelphia Area
Occupational therapy consultant and contractor
- Provides consultation, evaluation and direct services for individuals with learning differences and neurological conditions in the home, community and educational environment via in-person and telehealth service.
 - Facilitates use of and integration of Assistive Technology.
 - Documents interventions and communicates with parents, families and other integral team members.
 - Coordinates contractual agreements, billing and collections.
- 2008- Present Haddonfield School District: Haddonfield, NJ.
Occupational therapy consultant and contractor
- Provides consultation, evaluation and direct services for individuals with learning differences and neurological conditions in the home, community and educational environment.
 - Facilitates use of and integration of Assistive Technology.
 - Provides consultation, collaboration and education with educators.
 - Documents interventions and communicates with parents, families and other integral team members.
- 9/2013- 9/2014 Thomas Jefferson University, Jefferson Elder Care: Philadelphia, PA.
Thomas Jefferson University Skills₂Care Therapist
- Completed training program in and provided in-home services using Skills₂Care program for families of and individuals with dementia assisting families to manage challenging behaviors, make the home a safer environment, reduce caregiver stress, engage individuals in meaningful activities.
- 1/2003- 4/2008 Mossrehab at Woodbury Drucker Brain Injury Center: Woodbury, NJ
Community Re-Entry Team Program Manager
- Supervised, oriented and trained highly skilled clinical staff of 15 therapists, clinical students and support staff in delivering community re-entry services for individuals with traumatic and acquired brain injury, young adult to geriatric age range. Facilitated ongoing educational activities for team. Acted as liaison between MossRehab Woodbury Programs and the MossRehab Research Institute, facilitating ongoing connection to evidence-based practice. Responsible for individual clinician's and comprehensive

team evaluations and treatment plans to facilitate return to meaningful occupations. Provided direct service delivery on an as-needed basis.

- Responsible for leading four tracks of the program including: Discrete Services; Home and Community Role Re-Entry; School Re-Entry/Vocational Directions; and Life-Long Services (assisting clients episodically with successfully traversing changes that occur with Brain Injury and the aging process and environmental changes throughout life) and providing ongoing consultation to Community Residential Services.
- Conducted community outreach and education as well as marketing services. Held leadership role in program development, outcomes and quality evaluation committees.

1/00-1/03 Mossrehab at Woodbury Drucker Brain Injury Center: Woodbury, NJ
NJ Brain Injury Services Manager of Programs

- Partnered with Clinical Director of Ambulatory Programs for start-up, development and ongoing clinical supervision and management of 3 ambulatory programs: Community Re-Entry Program, Clubhouse (Structured Day Program) and the MossRehab Community Residence (Group Community Living Program).
- Facilitated staff development and clinical Supervision including recruiting, hiring, orienting and training, conducting weekly & monthly staff meetings, program evaluation & ongoing supervision of staff of 30 and clinical students.
- Performed admissions management, productivity management and billing. Developed policy and procedures, documentation protocols, and electronic systems to interconnect 3 programs. Established contracts with new funding sources: Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Medicaid Waiver Program, Division of Developmental Disabilities (residential licensure), and third-party payers.
- Co-developed physical design for 2 outpatient clinics and one residential facility and ongoing facilities management. Conducted marketing events to promote programs & brain injury awareness.

12/98-12/99 MossRehab Hospital: Phila, PA
Manager, MossRehab Clubhouse Program and Affirmative Business

- Provided clinical supervision to therapists, support staff and students.
- Lead team in development of modifications and strategy development to facilitate client optimal engagement in meaningful occupations.
- Responsible program marketing, intake of perspective clients, coordinating funding arrangements, overseeing program plan development and implementation, on daily basis.

- Coordinated billing, documentation and all administrative tasks.
- Simultaneously assisted in the development, then continued with ongoing management of an affirmative business that assisted individuals with traumatic and acquired brain injury in the return to competitive employment. The business provided ongoing competitive employment for these individuals.

5/96-12/98

MossRehab Hospital: Phila, PA

Occupational Therapist/Clinical Case Manager

- Responsible as transdisciplinary team member for evaluation and service provision for individuals ranging in age from pediatric to geriatric population with acquired and traumatic brain injury. Intervention included ADL training, wheelchair positioning and training, splinting, treatment of vestibular dysfunction, cognitive retraining & development of compensatory strategies, as well as serving physical, psychosocial needs and community re-entry. Facilitated instruction in use of assistive technology, and adaptive equipment.
- Performed clinical case management including educating families, acting as liaison between MossRehab and funding sources, assisting with litigation resulting from client's injuries, coordinating input from transdisciplinary team to develop and implement appropriate treatment plan, advocating for clients' needs for work re-entry and school re-entry. Served as member of MossRehab Quality Improvement team.
- Community outreach lecturer delivering seminars on the following topics:
Functional implications of traumatic brain injury; OT's role in Community Re-Entry after Brain Injury.

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)
New Jersey Occupational Therapy Association (NJOTA)
American Telemedicine Association (ATA)

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Open Journal of Occupational Therapy, Editorial Review Board member
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Food Allergy Board member

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Food Allergy Board Educational Conference,
Board member

Brain Injury Association NJ, Conference Committee member

Brain Injury Association NJ, Support Group Facilitator Gloucester County

Brain Injury Association NJ, Professional Council

Woodbury, NJ Rotary Club member

Haddonfield Elementary Parent, Teacher Association (PTA,) President

Haddonfield Middle School Parent, Teacher Association (PTA), President

Haddonfield School District Special Education, Advisory Committee, member

Haddonfield School District Student Enrichment Programs Coordinator

HONORS AND AWARDS

MossRehab Hospital/Einstein Medical Center Excellence Awards:

- Grace Under Fire-Recognizes clinicians who handle challenging situations with a graceful and efficient approach regardless of the situation magnitude.
- Business Builder: Recognizes clinicians who stand out for the application of creative thinking techniques to achieve goals; builds relationships with all consumers to ensure quality outcomes and uses tenacity to close the deal to increase volume and revenue.

GRANT

Haddonfield Educational Trust Grant Recipient (2017). “Active Classroom & Alternative Seating” program. Amount: \$2,500.

PUBLICATION

Abbott-Gaffney, C. (2018) *Telehealth in occupational therapy practice: Variations ion Medicaid reimbursement in 7 states*. Center for Telehealth and eLaw: Washington, DC.

PRESENTATIONS

Abbott-Gaffney, C., Amariti, K., Carroll, C. (2013, October). *The Sensory Smart Classroom*. Presented at the NJOTA 2013 Annual Conference: Mt Laurel, NJ.

Abbott-Gaffney, C. (2006, May). *Acquired Brain Injury and Substance Use*. Presented at the Gloucester County Disability & Addiction Symposium: Thorofare, NJ.

Abbott-Gaffney, C., Ferarro, M. (2006, September). *Goal Setting for Advanced Clinicians*. Presented at the MossRehab Drucker Brain Injury Center: Philadelphia, PA.

Abbott-Gaffney, C., Kneipp, S. (2005, May). *Realities of Competitive Employment after Brain Injury*. Presented at the BIANJ Annual Conference: Eatontown, NJ.