

Curriculum Vitae

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Personal Data

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Education

MPA/Health Care Administration, Cleveland State University, Cleveland OH, 1993
OTR/L Cleveland State University, Cleveland OH, 1993
BS, Sports Medicine-Athletic Training/Wellness, University of Iowa, Iowa City IA, 1985

Professional Experiences

The Center For Child Health and Development, LLC™. Functional Neurodevelopmental Consultant, Infant/Child Developmental, Behavioral & Rehabilitation Therapist/Occupational Therapist. Consultant/Private Practice- Home Care Services (International and within the United States) Self-employed. Consult Office: Newburyport, MA- July 2008- present

The Center For Child Health and Development, LLC™. Functional Neurodevelopmental Consultant, Infant/Child Developmental, Behavioral & Rehabilitation Therapist/Occupational Therapist. Private Practice. Office (1x/week): Cambridge, MA- September 2012- present

Functional Neurodevelopmental Consultant, Infant/Child Developmental, Behavioral & Rehabilitation Therapist/Occupational Therapist. Consultant/Private Practice- Home Care Services (International and within the United States) Self-employed. Wendy Schmidt, OTR/L, MPA - LLC™. Consult Office: West Somerville, MA- June 2005- July 2008

Occupational Therapist/Consultant, Perkins School for the Blind- Middle School, Watertown, MA. July 12- 31, 2010

Developmental Consultant. Friends Childcare. Brookline, MA and Roslindale, MA. 2007-2008

Pediatric Occupational Therapist, Child Neurodevelopment Specialist. Consultant/Private Practice. Associated with: Neuropsychological & Family Therapy Associates. Alexandria, VA 2003-2005

Pediatric Occupational Therapist. Private Practice-Clinic: Wendy Schmidt, OTR/L, MPA - LLC™: International Child Health Research and Child Development Clinic/self-employed. Cleveland OH 1997-2003; Alexandria, VA 2003-2005

International Liaison for the Ohio Occupational Therapy Association, Inc. (OOTA) 1999-2007

Pediatric Occupational Therapist, University Home Care Services Inc., Affiliated with University Hospitals of Cleveland, Cleveland OH, 1995-1998

Research Assistant to Karen Olness, M.D. General Academic Pediatrics, Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital, Cleveland OH, 1993-2000

Coordinator, International Child Health Programs, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland OH, 1994-1996

Course Coordinator, Introduction to International Health, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland OH, 1993-1996
Occupational Therapist (Adult and Pediatric), University Home Care Services, Inc., Cleveland OH, 1993-1994

Professional Licensure

Massachusetts Board of Allied Health Professionals Licensed Occupational Therapist (License # AH 6997 OT). 1999- present
Ohio OT/PT and Athletic Trainers Board Licensed Occupational Therapist (License # OT-3047). 1993- present
National Board Certified Occupational Therapist – OTR/L (Certification # 990333). 1993-present
Virginia Board of Medicine Licensed Occupational Therapist (License # 0119-003726). 2003-2010
North Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy (License # 5857). 2005- 2007
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of State Bureau of Professional and Occupational Therapy Affairs (License # OC009863). 2005- 2007
Florida Department of Health Division of Medical Quality Assurance Licensed Occupational Therapist (License # OT 11969; Control # 19258). 2005- 2007

Professional Affiliations

New England Society for Treatment of Trauma and Disassociation (NESTTD), 2021 –present
Massachusetts Association for Occupational Therapy (MAOT), 2021-present
Society for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics (SDBP), Affiliate Member, 2017-present
American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Section of International Child Health (SOICH), Affiliate Member, 2003-present
American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Council on Foster Care, Adoption, & Kinship Care (COFCAKC) Affiliate Member, 2003-2018
American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Section of Development & Behavioral Pediatrics (SDBP), Affiliate Member, 2003-2016
NASRO (National Association of Socially Responsible Organizations, Member 2005-2006; 2010-present.
Families for Russian and Ukrainian Adoption (FRUA), Member, 2005- present
Adoption Community of New England (ACONE). Formerly, Open Door Society (ODS) Adoption Community of New England, Inc., Member, 2006- 2012.
World Federation of Occupational Therapy Association (WFOT), Member, 1991- 2009
American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), Member. 1988- 2009
Global Health Council, Member, 2005-2008
International Liaison for the Ohio Occupational Therapy Association (OOTA) & American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), OOTA Board Member, 1999-2007
Ohio Occupational Therapy Association (OOTA). Member, 1988- 2007
Interdisciplinary Council on Developmental and Learning Disorders, Member 1997-1998

Professional Related Experiences

2021

New to Special Education? Basics to Know Immediately.” Peter Wright, Esq. Education for Parents of Indian Children with Special Needs. Albuquerque, NM. Workshop Attendee. March 9, 2021 (1 hr.)

The Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Parental Stress, Family Wellbeing, and Parenting Behaviors related to Neglect and Disciplinary Practices. Christian Connell, Ph.D.

Judge Baker Children's Center Child Mental Health Forum. Boston, MA. Webinar Attendee. March 3, 2021 (1.25 hrs.)

Behavior as Communication. Amit Alon MS, CCC-SLP. SEPAC- Needham, Ma. Webinar Attendee. February 26, 2021 (1.75 hrs.)

Overcoming COVID-19's Impact on Your Student with Special Needs. Pete Wright, Esq. Varsity Tutors. Webinar Attendee. February 24, 2021 (1 hr.)

Be the Difference! H. Oberacker, Art Therapist, MA, LMHC and T. Bromley Goodwin, Executive Functioning & Life Coach. Fusion Academy. Webinar Attendee. February 24, 2021 (1 hr.)

Different Kinds of Minds. Temple Grandin, Ph.D. Varsity Tutors. Webinar Attendee. February 17, 2021 (1 hr.)

2020

School Daze: Helping Parents Navigate Educational Services. The Society for Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics. Annual Conference/ Virtual-COVID-19. Attendee. October 8- 9, 2020 (7 hrs.)

Planning to Be Proactive: What can parents do to support their middle & high school students this upcoming fall. Fusion Academy. Attendee. August 20, 2020 (1 hr.)

Getting on the Right PATH: Promoting Attachment and Trauma Healing. Attachment & Trauma Network, Inc. Attendee. July 28, 2020 (2 hrs.)

Special Education During the COVID-19 Quarantine. Roseann Capanna-Hodge, Ed.D, LPC, BCN; Pete Wright, Esq; Piper Paul, Esq.; Wayne Steedman, Esq.; Jack Robinson, Esq. Wrightslaw Special Education Law and Advocacy Webinar. Attendee. May 19, 2020 (2 hrs.)

Tackling Telehealth: How PTs, OTs, and SLPs Can Treat Virtually—and Get Paid. H. Jannenga, PT, DPT, ATC; R. Gawenda, PT; S. Hebert, PT, DPT; C. Bohnett. WebPT Webinar. Attendee. May 14, 2020 (1.5 hrs.)

Creative Telehealth Interventions for School-Based Pediatric Settings. Jodie Steiner, COTA/L. Northwest District of Ohio Occupational Therapy Association Zoom. Attendee. May 6, 2020 (1 hr.)

Navigating COVID-19: Telehealth, Loans, and Regulatory Updates. Heidi Jannenga, PT, DPT, ATC; John Wallace, PT, MS; Veda Collmer, JD, OTR. WebPT Webinar. Attendee. April 16, 2020 (1.5 hrs.)

Shortening the Distance: A Panel Discussion on Telehealth and Occupational Therapy with Children, Youth, and Adults. Jana Cason, DHSc, OTR/L, FAOTA, Tammy Richmond, MS, OTR/L, FAOTA, Melanie Criss, OTD, OTR/L, Karen Duddy, OTD, MHA, OTR/L, Chuck Willmarth, CAE, Sharmila Sandhu, JD. COVID-19 & AOTA Webinar. Attendee. April 9, 2020 (1.5 hrs.).

Providing Pediatric Outpatient OT using Telehealth Technologies: Case Study of a Hospital-Based Institution. Kelly Tanner, PhD, OTR/L, BCP; Grace Sagester, OTD, OTR/L; Sara O'Rourke, MOT, OTR/L, BCP. COVID-19 & AOTA Webinar. Attendee. February 18, 2020 (1.5 hrs.).

The Effects of Early Profound Deprivation on Brain-Behavior Development. Charles Nelson, Ph.D. Judge Baker Children's Center Child Mental Health Forum. Boston, MA. Attendee. February 5, 2020.

2019

Gender Identity Development in Children and Adolescents. Elizabeth Freidin Baumann, Ph.D. and Cynthia Telingator, MD. Judge Baker Children's Center Child Mental Health Forum. Boston, MA. Attendee. February 6, 2019.

2018

Practice Strategies to Improve speed of Processing, Executive Function and Nonverbal Learning Disabilities (NLD). Sarah Ward, MS, CCC-SLP. Transdisciplinary Workshops, Inc., Portland, ME. Attendee. December 14, 2018.

Addressing Adolescent Mental Health Beyond the Clinic: Lessons from the Global South. Vikram Patel, MBBS, PhD. Judge Baker Children's Center Child Mental Health Forum. Boston, MA. Attendee. November 7, 2018.

Youth At Risk. Salem State University. Salem, MA. Conference Attendee. June 8, 2018.

2017

The Science and Practice of Social and Emotional Learning in Preschools and Schools. Stephanie M. Jones, PhD. Judge Baker Children's Center Child Mental Health Forum. Boston, MA. Attendee. November 1, 2017.

The Society for Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics. Annual Conference, Cleveland, OH. Attendee. October 14-16, 2017.

2016

Ecology of Children's Environmental Health Disparities. Leslie Rubin, MD. Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Units (PEHSU). Webinar. November 11, 2016.

Poor Regulation in Children: From Genes to Brain to Treatment. Robert R. Althoff, MD, PhD. Judge Baker Children's Center Child Mental Health Forum. Boston, MA. Attendee. November 2, 2016.

Child Care and Health in America: Today's Challenges for Tomorrow's Children. Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health Forum. Cambridge, MA. Webcast. October 18, 2016.

The Role of Occupational Therapy in Supporting Children Who Have Experienced Trauma. The Federation for Children with Special Needs. Boston, MA. Webinar. June 21, 2016.

Self-Regulation in Children: From Research to Practice to Prevention. Jane Bernstein, PhD., Jennifer Queally, Ph.D., Enrico Mezzacappa, MD. Judge Baker Children's Center Child Mental Health Forum. Boston, MA. Attendee. May 4, 2016.

Humanitarian Response Intensive Course (HRIC)- Simulation Exercise. Harvard Humanitarian Initiative- Humanitarian Academy at Harvard. Harvard University, Cambridge MA. Participant. April 30, 2016.

Building Resiliency in an Age of Terrorism: Public Health Perspectives. Panel. Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health Forum. Cambridge, MA. Webcast. April 25, 2016.

Partnership to Promote Workforce Readiness for Evidence-Based Practice: Providers Influencing Graduate Curricula. Elisabeth Cannata, PhD. Judge Baker Children's Center Child Mental Health Forum. Boston, MA. Attendee. April 6, 2016

The Zika Crisis: Latest Findings. Forum. Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health Forum. Cambridge, MA. Webcast. March 4, 2016.

Organizational Readiness: A Critical Step in Implementing Programs, Policies, or Practices. Abraham Wandersman, PhD. Judge Baker Children's Center Child Mental Health Forum. Boston, MA. Attendee. March 2, 2016

Fostering Secure Attachments with Your Children During Divorce. Kids First Center. Portland, ME. Workshop attendee. February 22, 2016.

Divorce Open House. Centinel Financial Group, LLC. Needham Heights, MA. Attendee. January 6, 2016.

2015

Collaborative Divorce in Maine. Kids First Center. Portland, ME. Attendee. November 11, 2015.

Mental Health, Violence, and Resilience Among Young Somali Refugees: When Community Engagement is not a Method but an Answer. Heidi Ellis, PhD. Judge Baker Children's Center Child Mental Health Forum. Boston, MA. Attendee. November 4, 2015.

29th Annual ARC Summer Intensives- Adoption on the Edge: Talk about Adoption- All Adoption Consulting and Training (AACT). Provincetown, MA. Conference attendee. June 23, 2015.

Childhood Exposure to Violence & Trauma: How it Impacts Children and How it Impacts Us. The Maine Children's Initiative; Maine Behavioral Healthcare; The National Child Traumatic Stress Network. Bethel, Maine. Conference attendee. May 20, 2015.

Visions of Community 2015. Federation for Children with Special Needs. Seaport World Trade Center, Boston, MA. Conference attendee. March 7, 2015.

2014

Refugee and Immigrant Health: From Global Policies to Local Practices. Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Infectious Disease, and Division of Global Populations and Infectious Disease Prevention. Massachusetts Medical Society, Waltham, MA. Conference attendee. October 22, 2014.

Mental Health and the Developing Brain in the Second Decade of Life: Research Challenges and Opportunities. Harvard Medical School. Boston, MA. Conference attendee. October 7, 2014.

2013

Reducing Stress Through Mindfulness. The Cambridge Center for Adult Education, Cambridge, MA. Participant. September 25- November 13, 2013 (8 consecutive Wednesdays).

2012

Massachusetts Approach to Partnerships in Parenting MAPP training. The Home for Little Wanderers. Dorchester, MA. Training participant. October 13th, 20th, 27th, November 3rd, 2012 (24 total hours).

2011

International Adoption- Addis Abba, Ethiopia. Consultant. May 27- June 11, 2011.

The 38th New England Adoption Conference- Tales of the Journey: Past, Present & Future. Adoption Community of New England, Inc. Milford, MA. Conference attendee. April 2, 2011.

2010

- IEP Policy, Procedure, and Protection. Education Consulting, Advocacy & Legal Services, LLC™. Newburyport Adult & Community Education. Newburyport, MA. Participant. October 18-November 22, 2010 (8 consecutive Mondays).
- Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders and the Foster Care System. American Academy of Pediatrics, Webinar participant. November 18, 2010.
- Challenge Unlimited, Ironstone Therapy at Ironstone Farm. Andover, MA. Volunteer. October, 2010- present.
- FRUA 7th Annual Conference. Focus on Education & Development: Where We've Come From...What Lies Ahead. FRUA 7th Annual Conference. Co-sponsored by FRUA and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), Philadelphia, PA. Conference attendee. October 15-16, 2010.
- The 37th New England Adoption Conference- Identity in Adoption: Glimpses Beneath the Masks. Adoption Community of New England, Inc. Milford, MA. Conference attendee. April 17, 2010.
- Positive Strategies...Positive Adoptive Families Outcomes. Chagrin Counseling Associates in conjunction with The Center for Child Health & Development. Cleveland, OH. Event co- coordinator. January 23, 2010.

2009

- Maureen Riley-Behringer, LISW, MSSA, Ph.D. Promoting Emotional/Behavioral Growth in Your Child & Family Following Adoption: Understanding Your 'Child's Language' & Building a 'Family Language'. The Center for Child Health & Development, LLC™. Peabody, MA. Lecture attendee; Event coordinator. November 17, 2009.
- Autism Consortium 2009 Symposium. Boston, MA. Conference attendee. October 28, 2009.
- Center for Family Connections and W.K. Kellogg Foundation. International Adoption Focus Group. Boston, MA. Participant, May 7, 2009.
- Panel: Individuals for whom adoption and/or foster care are part of their lives. The Office of Foster Care and Adoption Education and Policy. University of Massachusetts Medical Center, Worcester, MA. Lecture attendee, April 29, 2009.
- Neil Surana, M.D. Drops of Life. Massachusetts Medical Society Global Medicine Committee. Massachusetts Medical Society, Waltham Woods Corporate Center. Waltham, MA. Meeting participant. April 28, 2009.
- American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Section of International Child Health- Massachusetts Chapter. MCAAP International Committee Meetings. Massachusetts Medical Society, Waltham Woods Corporate Center. Waltham, MA. Meeting participant. April 28, 2009.
- Focus on Education & Development: Positive Strategies, Positive Outcomes. FRUA 6th Annual Conference. Ft. Worth TX. Conference attendee. April 17-18, 2009.
- Richard A. Moriarty, M.D. International Health. Adoption and Foster Care: Considerations for Medical Practice. The Office of Foster Care and Adoption Education and Policy. University of Massachusetts Medical Center, Worcester, MA. Lecture attendee, April 1, 2009.
- The 36th New England Adoption Conference- Understanding Adoption: Enhancing the Well-Being of Families. Adoption Community of New England, Inc. Milford, MA. Conference attendee. March 28, 2009.

2008

- American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) 200 National Conference & Exhibition. Boston, MA. Conference attendee. October 11-14, 2008.
- Developmental Milestones & Risk Factors: Children born in other countries. Adoption Community of New England, Inc. Seminar attendee. May 3, 2008.

- Complex Neurodevelopmental Profiles: What about Attachment, ADHD, Bipolar Disorder etc.? Adoption Community of New England, Inc. 35th Annual Conference. Westborough, MA. Conference attendee. April 5, 2008.
- Basic Needs: International Model for Human Health and Development. Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services & DMA Health Strategies. Boston, MA. Conference attendee. February 22, 2008.
- International Humanitarian Emergencies: A Panel Discussion. Massachusetts General Hospital Center for Global Health. Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA. Conference attendee. January 10, 2008.

2007

- 2nd Annual Autism Consortium Retreat. Cambridge, MA. Conference attendee. December 3, 2007.
- American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Section of International Child Health- Massachusetts Chapter. MCAAP International Committee Meetings. Massachusetts Medical Society, Waltham Woods Corporate Center. Waltham, MA. Meeting participant. Nov. 15, 2007.
- Child Development & Behavior Forum with Considerations for Children Exposed to Institutionalization Including Foster Care and Adoption Settings. Grace Haven Ministries. Fayetteville, AR. Physical-Behavior-Development consult services. Nov. 11, 2007.
- New England Adoption Conference- The Family after their Diagnosis; Sensory Processing Disorders and Internationally Adopted Children. 34th Annual New England Adoption Conference. Adoption Community of New England, Inc. Milford, MA. Conference attendee. April 28, 2007.
- Adoption Connections Training Institute: One World Neighborhood 3rd International Conference on Post Adoption Services. Cambridge, MA. Conference attendee. Feb. 19-21. 2007.

2006

- Adoption, Development and Behavior: Perspectives from Neuroscience and Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics. The Developmental Center at Children's Hospital Boston. Boston, MA. Seminar attendee. November 30, 2006.
- Disaster Management: Focus on Children & Families. Pediatric Grand Rounds. Baystate Medical Center. Springfield, MA. Course attendee. June 13, 2006.
- American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Section of International Child Health- Massachusetts Chapter. MCAAP International Committee Meetings. Massachusetts Medical Society, Waltham Woods Corporate Center. Waltham, MA. Meeting participant. Feb. 8, 2006, June 5, 2006.
- Excellence, Innovation and Influence: Pathways to Results. Global Health Council's 33rd Annual Conference. Washington, D.C. Conference attendee. May 30-June 2, 2006.
- Ami Klin, Ph.D. Looking at and thinking about people in individuals with autism through the lifespan. Brain Development & Disorders Project: Colloquium Series. MIT, Boston, MA. Course attendee. April 19, 2006.
- Introduction to Global Health. Fletcher School, Tufts University, Boston, MA. Course attendee. January – May, 2006.
- Adjustment of Internationally Adopted Children. Open Door Society (ODS) Adoption Community of New England, Inc. Holliston, MA. Conference attendee. February 4, 2006.

2005

- Emergency Preparedness: A Two Track Conference. Mailman School of Public Health Columbia University/ The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and

- Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC), Washington, D.C. Conference attendee. December 13-15, 2005.
- Identifying Neurocognitive Subtypes in Autism. Autism and Developmental Disorders Colloquium Series. Boston, MA. Conference attendee. November 17, 2005.
- Autism Spectrum Disorders: From Childhood to Adulthood. Boston, MA. Conference attendee. November 4- 5, 2005.
- American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) 2005 National Conference & Exhibition. Washington DC. Conference attendee. October 8-11, 2005.
- Focus on Education & Development: The Future for International Adoptees. FRUA 3rd Annual Conference. Newton, MA. Conference attendee. Sept. 30- Oct.1, 2005.
- Health Systems: Putting the Pieces Together. Global Health Council's 32nd Annual Conference. Washington, D.C. Conference attendee. May 31-June 3, 2005.
- Sharon Glennen, Ph.D. Speech and Language Issues in the Adopted Child. American Academy of Pediatrics Section of Adoption. Conference attendee. International Child Health, Washington, D.C. Conference attendee. May 15, 2005.
- Patrick Mason, M.D. Growth and puberty Issues in the Adopted Child. American Academy of Pediatrics Section of Adoption. Conference attendee. International Child Health, Washington, D.C. Conference attendee. May 15, 2005.
- Executive Committee Meeting, American Academy of Pediatrics Section of International Child Health, Washington, D.C. Conference attendee. May 13, 2005.
- Joint Council on International Children's Services, Washington, D.C. Conference attendee. April, 2005.
- Jay R. Lucker, Ed.D., CCC-A/SLP, FAAA. Working with Children with Auditory Processing Disorders. Newton, MA. Conference attendee. March 23, 2005.

2004

- Ronald Federici, Psy.D. Center for Adoption Studies. Chicago, Ill. Conference presenter. May 6-7, 2004.
- Bruce D. Perry. The Impact of Stress and Trauma on the Developing Brain. Cleveland, Ohio. Conference attendee. June 9, 2004.
- Neuropsychological Assessment of School-Age Children at Risk for Cognitive Deficits. 14th Annual Nelson Buttlers' West Coast Neuropsychology Conference. Del Mar, CA. Conference attendee. March 25-28, 2004.

2003

- Neuropsychological & Family Therapy Associates, Alexandria, VA. Consult occupational therapy services to internationally and domestically adopted/special needs/post-institutionalized infants and children under the clinical direction of Ronald Federici, Psy.D., Alexandria, VA.. June-November 2003.
- American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) 2003 National Conference & Exhibition. New Orleans, Louisiana. Conference attendee. November 1-5, 2003.
- Ronald Federici, Psy.D. Assessing the Effects of Deprivation: Evaluation & Treatment Protocols for the Developmentally Impaired Child. Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital. Cleveland, Ohio. Wendy Schmidt, OTR/L, MPA, LLC™-Conference organizer and sponsor. March 2003.
- Ronald Federici, Psy.D. Nurturing Development After Early Deprivation: The Adoptive Parent and Educators' Role. Cleveland State University. Cleveland, Ohio, Wendy Schmidt, OTR/L, MPA, LLC™-Conference organizer and sponsor. March 2003.
- Ronald Federici, Psy.D. Post Institutional-International Adoption Parent Focus Group-Forum. Cleveland, Ohio. Wendy Schmidt, OTR/L, MPA, LLC™-Forum organizer and sponsor. March 2003.
- Toward a Better Understanding of the Spectrum of Autism and Practical Intervention Strategies (Series). Autism Society of Greater Cleveland, Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital. Cleveland, Ohio. Conference attendee, Jan. – May 2003.

International Adoption. Northern Ohio Pediatric Society Meeting. Cleveland, Ohio. Attendee, 2003.

Colic. Northern Ohio Pediatric Society Meeting. Cleveland, Ohio. Attendee. May 2003.

Jaak Panksepp, Ph.D. Archeology of Mind: The ancestral sources of human feelings. The Cleveland Mind/Brain Group. Case Western Reserve University/University Hospital, Cleveland Psychoanalytic Center, Cleveland, Ohio. Attendee. April 2003.

2002

Toward a Better Understanding of the Spectrum of Autism and Practical Intervention Strategies (Series). Autism Society of Greater Cleveland, Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital. Cleveland, Ohio. Conference attendee, Sept – Dec. 2002.

Management of Disasters Due to Nature, War or Terror. Mines and Unexploded Ordnance: The Risk to Children. Case Western Reserve University/University Hospital. Cleveland, Ohio. Attendee. June 2002.

2001

S.I. Greenspan, M.D. The Fifth Annual International Conference on Autism & Disorders of Relating and Communicating. The Interdisciplinary Council on Developmental & Learning Disorders. Tyson's Corner, VA. Conference attendee, 2001.

2000

Euromed, Rehabilitation Center Ltd., Mielno, Poland. Consultant to child (dx CP, PVL) attending 28 day intensive rehabilitation program at Euromed facility, Poland. Assisted in identifying plan of care for child, met with Polish physiotherapists to discuss rehabilitation services at Euromed and throughout Poland. Met with Euromed director, identified potential collaboration projects between Euromed and rehabilitation facilities in the U.S. September 15-22, 2000.

Consultant (Referral source: Ronald Federici, Psy.D., Psychiatric and Neuropsychological Associates, P.C. and Chesapeake Psychological Services, Alexandria, Va.) Occupational therapy assessment/evaluation in country (Wroclaw, Poland) of child being adopted by American family. Met with director of Children's Home, identified/transcribed medical records and birth, growth/developmental histories through Polish interpreter. Assessed child in the following settings (1) Children's Home (Orphanage), (2) interacting with adopting parent, (3) Polish classroom-Grade 1. Discussed plan of care with adopting parent, director of Children's Home, and first grade teacher to be implementation in Poland and during transition into the U.S. September 22- 26, 2000.

Member of medical team headed by Ronald Federici, Psy.D. Medical and functional evaluations/assessments of infants, children, adolescents institutionalized within 4 different facilities in Romania. Identified infants/children/adolescents demonstrating rehabilitation potential, met with institution directors/staff and made recommendations related to care and rehabilitation of institutionalized persons. September 26-October, 2000.

Noah's Kids (Cleveland, OH)/International Children's Alliance (Washington, D.C.) International Adoption Agency organized program to Orphanage #2, Ekaterinburg, Russia. Volunteered occupational therapy related services to families adopting from Orphanage #2, met with staff to discuss institution related issues, Russian health care system and services. March 10-17, 2000.

Intervention Strategies in Sensory Integration, Atlanta, GA. Participant, July 21-23, 2000.

1999

Joint Council on International Children's Services, Washington, D.C. Presenter & participant, April, 1999.
International Adoption Clinic, New England Medical Center, Boston, MA. Evaluation & occupational therapy consult services of post institutionalized infants and children. August 16-18, 1999.

1998

University Home Care Services, Inc., Warrensville Hts., OH. Pediatric evaluation & treatment of infants & children discharged from Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital to Home Care Services: Developmental delay secondary to FTT, premature birth, CP, HIV/AIDS, RSV, inner city/at risk infants, community service coordination with County(s) Board of Mental Retardation & Developmental Disabilities. 1995-1998.
Option Institute: The Son-Rise Program: Start-Up, Option Institute, Sheffield, MA. Participant, Dec 6-11, 1998.
AOTA International Steering Committee Annual Meeting, AOTA, Bethesda, MD. Attendee, Nov.13 -15, 1998.
The Society for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics: 16th annual scientific meeting and workshops, Cleveland, OH. Conference attendee, 1998
The Deprived Child: Understanding the past, forging the future. PNPIC & International Adoption Clinic, NEMC, Boston, MA. Conference attendee, 1998.
World Federation of Occupational Therapists Conference, Montreal, Canada. Conference attendee, 1998.

1997

Ohio Symposium on Intervention for Persons with Mild to Severe Dysfunction: Creating sensory diets (B. Hanschu, OTR). Columbus, OH. Conference attendee, 1997.
P. Wilbarger, M Ed, OTR, FAOTA. Sensory Defensiveness and Related Social/Emotional and Neurological Problems. Philadelphia, PA. Conference attendee, 1997.
The Post-Institutionalized Child: Unlocking the mysteries of development. PNPIC & International Adoption Clinic, NEMC, Boston, MA. Conference attendee, 1997.
North American Council on Adoption Children Annual Conference, Toronto, Canada. Conference attendee, 1997.
Developmental Psychiatry and Psychology: A primer for clinicians working with children, adolescents and families. Harvard Medical School, Cambridge, MA. Conference attendee, 1997.
S.I. Greenspan, M.D. The Infancy and Early Childhood Training Course: Assessment, diagnosis and intervention for developmental and emotional disorders. Arlington, VA. Conference attendee, 1997.
A Review of the Post-Institutionalized Child: Past, present and future. PNPIC, Itasca, IL. Conference attendee, 1997.

1996

AOTA Annual Conference and Exposition (International Programs), Chicago, IL. Conference attendee, 1996.
Management of Complex Humanitarian Emergencies: Focus on children and families. Cleveland, OH. Conference attendee, 1996.
North Shore University Hospital @ Glen Cove, New York, Comprehensive Management of the Adult Lower Extremity Amputee: A multi-disciplinary approach. Conference attendee, 1996.

1986-1995

- T. Berry Brazelton. "Touching on Touchpoints: Building communities around families." Conference attendee, 1995.
- Jackson Brook Institute, Portland, ME. Developmental evaluation & treatment of children with behavioral & psychological disorders: affective disorder, anxiety disorder, LD., PDD, ODD, ODHD, PTSD, schizophrenia. 1993
- Wade Park Veteran's Administration Hospital, Cleveland, OH. Evaluation & treatment of veterans in an acute care setting with orthopedic, neurological & cognitive conditions: arthritis, CVA, neuromuscular diseases, closed head injuries, total hip & knee replacements, Parkinson's, MS, amputations. 1992.
- United Cerebral Palsy Association of Cleveland, OH. Pediatric evaluation & treatment: LD, Down's, CP. 1991.
- Hanna Pavilion, University Hospitals of Cleveland, OH. Evaluation & treatment of adolescent & adult psychiatric disorders: bipolar & adjustment disorders, schizophrenia, depression. 1990.
- Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Department of Sports Medicine, Cleveland, OH. Research & athletic training/sports related injury treatment. 1986-1990.
- University of Iowa Athletic Trainer, Iowa City, IA. Student athletic trainer to U of IA sports teams; rehabilitation of sports related injuries. 1981-1985.

International & Local Volunteer Activities

- Volunteer, Occupational Therapist, Surfing with Smiles, Hampton, NH. Aug. 2017.
- Consultant, Department of Pediatrics, Black Lion Hospital, Addis Abba, Ethiopia. May 27-June 11, 2011.
- Volunteer, Intervol & University Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio. 1993-2003.
- Volunteer, Pediatric Occupational Therapist, Russia. March 2000.
- Volunteer, Pediatric Occupational Therapist, Thailand. Oct. & Nov. 1996; Feb. 1998.
- Volunteer Occupational Therapist, Vientiane, Laos. Feb. 1998.
- Speaker, Department of Occupational Therapy, Chiang Mai University, Chiang Mai, Thailand. Oct. 1996; Feb. 1998.
- Speaker, Department of Pediatrics, University of Vientiane, Vientiane, Laos. Feb. 1998.

Research & Teaching Related Experiences

2019

- Presenter- Developmental – Learning – Regulation – Diversity: Considerations for Trauma – Adoption – Child Development. Tenacre Country Day School. Wellesley, MA. December 9, 2019.

2018

- Presenter- Case Study: Application & Treatment Utilizing The Center for Child Health & Development Model. The Rice Center at the Center for Early Childhood at The Home for Little Wanderers. Brookline, MA. March 5, 2018.
- Presenter- Positive Strategies & Positive Outcomes: Home & School Collaboration for Children with Developmental Trauma & Adoption Histories. Tenacre Country Day School. Wellesley, MA. January 29, 2018.

2017

- Co-Presenter- Working in the "Gray Zone" of Developmental Trauma Schools, Families and, Other Health Care Providers. The Society for Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics. Annual Conference, Cleveland, OH. October 15, 2017.

Presenter- Trauma, Foster/Adopt, Collaboration and Working with Parent & Community Professionals... for a positive child development (family and community) outcome. Foster/Adoptive Support Group. Beverly, MA. October 3, 2017.

2016

Presenter- Helping Children with Behaviors, Learn Coping Skills. Home For Good- Grace Chapel Adoption Support Group. Lexington, MA. November 30, 2016.

Presenter- Martha's Vineyard Community Services- Adoption Parent Support Group. Martha's Vineyard, MA. June 8, 2016.

2015

Presenter- Beyond Love: Promoting Positive Child Development & Adoptive Family Outcomes. Martha's Vineyard Community Services- All Families Touched By Adoption Parent Support Group. Martha's Vineyard, MA. September 16, 2015.

Presenter- Building Scaffolding for Challenged Families: Child development, trauma, and the impact on the growing child. 29th Annual ARC Summer Intensives- Adoption on the Edge: Talk about Adoption- All Adoption Consulting and Training (AACT). Provincetown, MA. June 23, 2015.

Presenter- Childhood Adversity: Consideration and Opportunities for Positive Outcomes. The 36th Annual Conference- Massachusetts Early Intervention Consortium. Marlborough, MA. May 7, 2015

Presenter- The Center for Child Health & Development, LLC. Greater Newburyport Health & Wellness Day. Newburyport, MA. April 11, 2015

2014

Co-Leader- Adopt Parent Support Group in conjunction with CCHD, Greater Newbury Adoption Group and Plum Island Coffee Roasters. Plum Island Coffee Roasters, Newburyport, MA. Monthly (2nd Tuesday from 7-8.30 PM, 2014)

2013

Presenter- Roadmap for Success. Considerations for a Global Approach for Children & Their Families Touched by Adoption. Wide Horizons for Children, Inc., Waltham, MA. May 16, 2013

Leader- Adoption Parent Support Group in conjunction with CCHD. Cambridge, MA. Monthly (4th Wednesday from 7-8.30 PM, 2013)

Co-Leader- Adopt Parent Support Group in conjunction with CCHD, Greater Newbury Adoption Group and Plum Island Coffee Roasters. Plum Island Coffee Roasters, Newburyport, MA. Monthly (2nd Tuesday from 7-8.30 PM, 2013)

2012

Presenter- Understanding Your Child's Development and Behaviors. North Shore Montessori. Rowley, MA. July 4, 2012.

Presenter- Understanding Your Child's Development and Behaviors. Newburyport Adult & Community Education. Newburyport, MA. May 19, 2012 (Event cancelled by Newburyport Adult & Community Education).

Presenter- Adopted/Foster Children: Considerations for a Global Approach for Children & Their Families Touched by Adoption. The 33rd Annual Conference- Massachusetts Early Intervention Consortium. Marlborough, MA. May 9, 2012.

- Co- Presenter- One Child at a Time; No Child Left Behind. Considerations for a Global Approach for Children and Their Families Touched by Adoption. Joint Council on International Children's Services (JCICS). New York, NY. April 17, 2012.
- Co- Presenter- Waiting for Wonderful: Promoting a Positive Transition from Referral to Home (Part 1); Working on Wonderful: Promoting a Positive Transition from Home to School (Part 2). Adoption Community of New England, Inc. (ACONE) Milford, MA. April 14, 2012 (Event cancelled by ACONe).
- Presenter- Understanding Children's Development from a Global Perspective: Positive Strategies ~ Positive Adoptive Family Outcomes. Newburyport Adult & Community Education. Newburyport, MA. February 11, 2012 (Event cancelled by Newburyport Adult & Community Education).

2011

- Presenter- Understanding Children's Development from a Global Perspective. Adoption Community of New England, Inc. (ACONE). Assumption College, Worcester, MA. November 12, 2011.
- Presenter- Understanding Child Development, Behavior and Learning With Consideration for Adoption, Parenting and Community Involvement. Adoption Community of New England, Inc. (ACONE), formerly Open Door Society (ODS)- Newburyport, MA Chapter. Newburyport, MA. November 10, 2011.
- Presenter- Understanding Children's Development from a Global Perspective: Positive Strategies ~ Positive Adoptive Family Outcomes. Newburyport Adult & Community Education. Newburyport, MA. October 1, 2011 (Event cancelled by Newburyport Adult & Community Education).
- Co- Presenter- Adoption Connections Training Institute (ARC/ACTION) 2011: Meeting of Minds 4th International Conference on Post Adoption Services. Provincetown, MA. July 11, 2011.
- Presenter- Understanding Children's Development from a Global Perspective: Positive Strategies ~ Positive Adoptive Family Outcomes. Newburyport Adult & Community Education. Newburyport, MA. May 14, 2011 (Event cancelled by Newburyport Adult & Community Education).
- Presenter- The Post Institutionalized Child: Considerations for a Global Perspective. The 32nd Annual Conference- Massachusetts Early Intervention Consortium. Marlborough, MA. May 5, 2011.
- Presenter- Understanding Children's Development from a Global Perspective. The 38th Annual New England Adoption Conference. Adoption Community of New England, Inc. Bellingham, MA. April 2, 2011.
- Co- Presenter- Parenting Outside the Box. The 38th Annual New England Adoption Conference. Adoption Community of New England, Inc. Bellingham, MA. April 2, 2011.
- Presenter- Sequencing Care and Development: Positive Strategies – Positive Adoptive Family Outcomes. Annual Professional Day. Adoption Community of New England, Inc. Milford, MA. April 1, 2011.
- Presenter- Understanding Children's Development from a Global Perspective: Positive Strategies ~ Positive Adoptive Family Outcomes. Newburyport Adult & Community Education. Newburyport, MA. March 5, 2011.

2010

- Presenter- Understanding Children's Development: Considerations for a Global Perspective. FRUA 7th Annual Conference. Co-sponsored by FRUA and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), Philadelphia, PA. October 16, 2010
- Selected Presenter- Understanding Development: Considerations for a Global Perspective. 16th Annual Professional Day. Adoption Community of New England, Inc. Marlborough, MA. June 18, 2010 (Event cancelled by ACONe).

- Presenter- Understanding Development: Considerations for a Global Perspective. The 37th New England Adoption Conference. Adoption Community of New England, Inc. Westborough, MA. April 17, 2010.
- Presenter- Behavior: Positive Strategies...Positive Adoptive Families Outcomes. FRUA- NJ (Central SO). Hamilton, NJ. April 11, 2010.
- Presenter and Co- Presenter. Positive Strategies...Positive Adoptive Families Outcomes. Chagrin Counseling Associates in conjunction with The Center for Child Health & Development. Cleveland, OH. January 23, 2010.
- Presenter- International Adoption/Adoption & Foster Care: Overview. Barrie Galvin and Associates, Ltd. Cleveland, OH. January 22, 2010.

2009

- Presenter- Sequencing Care and Development. Positive Strategies...Positive Adoptive Families Outcomes. FRUA- NJ (Central SO). Moorestown, NJ. October 24, 2009.
- Presenter- Understanding the Development of Your Adopted Child. The Center for Child Health & Development. Peabody, MA, Sept. 22, 2009.
- Presenter- Understanding Children's Development: Considerations for a Global Perspective. FRUA 6th Annual Conference. Ft. Worth TX. April 18, 2009.
- Presenter- Sequencing Care and Development. FRUA 6th Annual Conference. Ft. Worth TX. April 18, 2009.
- Presenter- Understanding Development: Considerations for a Global Perspective. The 36th New England Adoption Conference Adoption Community of New England, Inc. Westborough, MA. March 28, 2009.
- Co- Presenter- Adoption Connections Training Institute: One World Neighborhood 3rd International Conference on Post Adoption Services. Cambridge, MA. Feb. 23-25, 2009.

2008

- Presenter- Biting: Milestone vs. Behavior. Friends Childcare. Boston, MA May 20, 2008.
- Presenter- Understanding Development: Considerations for a Global Perspective. Adoption Community of New England, Inc. Westborough, MA. April 5, 2008.
- Co-Presenter- One For All and All For One: When Doctor, Therapist, Educator and Parent Unite. Adoption Community of New England, Inc. Westborough, MA. April 5, 2008.
- Co- Presenter- Autism, Asperger's Syndrome and Other Developmental Delays. Julius Hornstein Annual Clinical Social Work Association of Savannah Conference. Savannah, GA. March 27 – 28, 2008.
- Co- Presenter- Reflections on Promoting Infant Development: Balancing Scientific Research with Practical Advice. Friends Childcare. February 25, 2008

2007

- Presenter- Keynote and Conference Presenter. Light the Way: Adoption Conference. Grace Haven Ministries. Fayetteville, AR. Nov. 10, 2007.
- Presenter. Understanding Children's Development: Considerations for a Global Perspective. 34th Annual New England Adoption Conference. Adoption Community of New England, Inc. Milford, MA. Conference presenter. April 28, 2007.
- Presenter- Keynote. Adoption Connections Training Institute: One World Neighborhood 3rd International Conference on Post Adoption Services. Cambridge, MA. Feb. 19-21. 2007.

2006

Presenter. Understanding Children's Development: Considerations for a Global Perspective. 33rd Annual New England Adoption Conference. Adoption Community of New England, Inc. Bellingham, MA. Conference presenter. April 8, 2006.

2005

Presenter- Keynote. Emergency Preparedness: A Two Track Conference. Mailman School of Public Health/Columbia University/ The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC), Washington, D.C. December 13-15, 2005.

Group Facilitator. Emergency Preparedness: A Two Track Conference. Mailman School of Public Health/Columbia University/ The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC), Washington, D.C. December 13-15, 2005. Designated leader to develop guidelines for addressing needs of children in disaster planning, specifically children diagnosed with neurocognitive impairment.

Presenter. Intensive Parent/Professional Training Program designed for infants, children and youths diagnosed with severe neurocognitive impairment, learning disability, PTSD and/or general psychosocial-emotional disability. Home Based Services: Wendy Schmidt, OTR/L, MPA, LLC™/self-employed. Alexandria VA. Service areas: Cleveland, OH. June, 2003-2005. Clinic Based Services: Associated with: Neuropsychological & Family Therapy Associates, Alexandria VA. June, 2003-2005.

1990 - 2003

Presenter. Pre-Adoption 101 Seminar Series. Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital-Adoption Health Services. University Health Center, Landerbrook, Cleveland, Ohio. February 2, 2002, February 8, 2003, May 3, 2003.

Presenter. In Service. Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital-Adoption Health Services. University Health Center, Dept. Behavioral Pediatrics, RBC/UH, CWRU. Cleveland, Ohio. June, 2002.

Presenter. EPIC-Eastside Parent Support Group of Internationally Adopted Children. Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital-Adoption Health Services & Cleveland Adoption Network. Cleveland, Ohio. November 28, 2001.

Presenter. 2001 Adoption Awareness Month Guest Panel. Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital-Adoption Health Services. University Health Center, Landerbrook, Cleveland, Ohio. November 17, 2001.

Presenter with Ronald Federici, Psy.D. Conference 2000: Adoptive Families Today, Chicago Area Families for Adoption, Stars of David/Chicago. (Comprehensive Neuropsychological Evaluation & Innovated Treatment of the Post Institutionalized Child) November 5, 2000.

Presenter, Ohio Occupational Therapy Association, Inc. (Culture and Occupation: Lessons from Study Abroad) The 2000 Annual Conference, Toledo, Ohio, October 21, 2000.

Presenter, Pre-parenting series for people interested in/planning an international adoption. University Hospitals Health System/RB&C, Cleveland, OH, 1999, 2000.

Presenter, Joint Council on International Children's Services, Washington, D.C., 1999.

Presenter, CSU Department of Health Sciences/Master's Program, Cleveland, OH, 1999.

Recipient, Josephine Hilgard Award. The American Journal of Clinical Hypnosis (B. Felt, M.D., W. Schmidt, OTR/L, MPA, K. Olness, M.D., et al. Wart Regression in Children: Comparison of Relaxation-Imagery to Topical Treatment and Equal time Interventions. American Journal of Clinical Hypnosis. 1998.

Coordinator, CATCH grant: Community Awareness Program Implementation for International Child Health Adoptions, American Academy of Pediatrics, 1999.

Research Assistant to Karen Olness, M.D. (P.I.) Cleveland, OH:

The Significance of Urinary Mast Cell Products in Children with Cycle Vomiting Syndrome or Recurrent Abdominal Pain, 1997-1999.

- Relaxation training and breast milk secretion IgA, 1996-1997.
Vitamin A supplementation for HIV -infected children in Uganda, Africa (Johns Hopkins University collaborators), NIH/NICHHD, 1994-1997.
Mast cell function in juvenile migraine, W.T. Grant Foundation, 1993-1997.
Wart consortium study, Fetzer Foundation and others, 1993-1996.
Presenter, Pediatric Home Health Care in the United States, CWRU School of Nursing and Yonsei University (Seoul, Korea) School of Nursing, Cleveland, OH. 1997, 1998.
Presenter, Developmental Delay and the Post-Institutionalized Child, FCC, Willoughby, OH, 1998.
Presenter, Normal Development: Adolescent Role Assessment, CSU Department of Occupational Therapy, Cleveland, OH. 1990-1993.
Research Assistant to Bette Bonder, OTR/L, Ph.D., (Chair of Health Sciences, CSU): Various grants, projects, editing of books related to occupational therapy and health care in the United States. 1990-1993.
Coordinator, Introduction to International Health, a seminar course offered to medical students & health care professionals planning overseas experiences. CWRU, Cleveland, OH. 1993-1996.

Abstracts

- J. Rozniecki, Ph.D., N. Lee, W. Schmidt OTR/L, MPA, T.C. Theoharides, Ph.D., K. Olness, M.D. Histamine (HA) and Methylhistamine (mHA) as Markers of Mast Cell Activation in Children with Migraine. American Pediatric Society/The Society for Pediatric Research. Abstract accepted, 1994.
- M. O'Connor, M.D., W. Schmidt, OTR/L, MPA, Cindie Carroll-Pankhurst, Ph.D., K. Olness, M.D. Relaxation training and breast milk secretion IgA. Psychoneuroimmunology Research Society, Bolder, CO, 1997 and Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine, Boston, MA. Abstract accepted and presented, 1997.

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- B. Felt, M.D., W. Schmidt, OTR/L, MPA, K. Olness, M.D., et al. Wart Regression in Children: Comparison of Relaxation-Imagery to Topical Treatment and Equal time Interventions. American Journal of Clinical Hypnosis. 1998.
- M. O'Connor, M.D., W. Schmidt, OTR/L, MPA, Cindie Carroll-Pankhurst, Ph.D., K. Olness, M.D. Relaxation training and breast milk secretion IGA. Archives of Pediatric & Adolescent Medicine. 1998.
- J. Rozniecki, Ph.D., W. Schmidt OTR/L, MPA, H. Hall, Ph.D., T.C. Theoharides, Ph.D., K. Olness, M.D. Mast Cell Activation in Child Migraine Patients Before and After Training in Self-Regulation. Headache: The journal of head and face pain. Vol. 39 (no. 9), February, 1999.
- W. Schmidt, OTR/L, MPA. Learning Challenges for International Adoptees. What Parents, Educators Need to Know About Factors Shaping Children. The Family Focus. Families for Russian & Ukrainian Adoption. Vol. XVI-11, Fall, 2010.