

Employment

2014-present	Occupational Therapist Kennedy Krieger Center for Autism and Related Disorders	Baltimore, MD
2007-2014	Senior Occupational Therapist, Kennedy Krieger School: Montgomery County Campus.	Rockville, MD
2003-2007	Occupational Therapist Kennedy Krieger Schools - Lower, Middle & High School Programs	Baltimore, MD

Job Responsibilities

- Provide evaluations, with a focus on sensory, motor and processing needs for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder, aged 3-21.
- Plan and implement group and individual therapy sessions for children aged 3-21
- Maintain electronic medical records and billing in compliance with COMAR and Medical Assistance regulations.
- Maintain lifeskills suite and therapy suites
- Maintain crisis management certification
- Supervise staff therapists and fieldwork students

Leadership and Collaboration

- Leader, Transition Team, consisting of multidisciplinary medical and therapeutic providers, with a focus on best practice for children aged 14 and above
- Previously served on school leadership team, consisting of administrators and related service providers, to review school needs and plan future programming
- Created learning module and provided monthly training to all new staff members regarding Sensory Integration and Autism
- Collaborated with community members and school staff to support students at job sites
- Developed life skills groups for teens to provide specialized instruction in the areas of personal care, cooking and chores
- Developed school brochure in collaboration with development office

Education and Certifications

MS OTR/L 2012, Towson University; concentration in Health Care Administration
MS project: *The Perceived Effect of Community Based Programming on the Quality of Life of Adults on the Autism Spectrum: A Mixed Methods Study*
BS OTR/L 2003, Towson University, Summa Cum Laude
Currently licensed in Maryland
Currently registered through NBCOT

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To the Board:

I am applying to serve on the Board of Social Services for the upcoming term. Professionally, I have provided therapeutic services to children and teens for the past 15 years at Kennedy Krieger Institute. In that time, I've worked with a multi-disciplinary team to open and grow a specialized school program. As part of this program I had the pleasure of meeting with managers at job sites and working alongside our students as they learned on-the-job skills in preparation for transition to employment. More recently, I changed paths to a more clinical setting at the internationally renowned Center for Autism and Related Disorders, where, again, I have worked collaboratively with other health care providers to provide best practice evaluations and therapeutic services to prepare children and families for the transition from childhood to the world of adult services.

Through my time working with these children, I have gained a perspective of the psychosocial needs of children with disabilities, and, specifically, how those needs impact their every-day lives and ability to participate in the community and work. These young adults are often in need of supports offered through the department of human services. I feel I have also gained understanding of the internal and external barriers and supports that are most impacting for families. I am hopeful that I can provide insight and a voice to the committee from that perspective. Finally, as a parent of young children who reside in Howard County, I am personally invested in continuing to provide a safe and supportive community for all children and adults.

Sincerely,

Melissa Hennessy Teitelbaum