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Employment History Summary

December 2003 – Present 2012

Director/ Senior Occupational Therapist – Sensory Connections Occupational Therapy Services, and the Learning Tree Therapy Centre, Perth, Australia

Self-employed in paediatric occupational therapy practice. Working with children with autism, complex regulatory and sensory processing challenges, neurological and genetic disorders, and global developmental delays. Has experience with working with children in foster care. Provision of assessment services and direct intervention through individual, dyadic and group services. Works collaboratively with speech and language therapy, psychology and early education colleagues within the Learning Tree Team and in the broader community using relationship and developmentally based therapy approaches. Runs parent and professional trainings. Developed and ongoing facilitation of a parent support group and peer mentoring program within our practice. Provision of individual and team mentoring and tutoring programs for other professionals.

2000 –2003

Paediatric Occupational Therapist - Private Practice, Maryland, U.S.A.

Self-employed providing therapy services to Pre School aged children.

2001 –2003

Paediatric Occupational Therapist – Rosemount Centre, Washington DC, U.S.A.

Provision of direct therapy and consultation for a non profit Head Start childcare and preschool centre. Provision of assessment and therapy services to children with a variety of diagnosis including Down Syndrome, Autism, Dyspraxia, Cerebral Palsy. Providing education to staff and parents.

2001 Paediatric Occupational Therapist – Lynn Israel & Assoc, Washington DC, USA.

Provision of Group Occupational Therapist services to children with sensory integration dysfunction, developmental delays, and autism.

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Current Date: November 2012

January 1997 – July 1999

Senior Occupational Therapist / Case Manager, CRS Australia, Queanbeyan, NSW
Provision of Vocational Rehabilitation services to adults of working age, with a wide range of disabilities and injuries including mental health, physical and intellectual disability.

1994 – 1995

Embassy Family Liaison Officer, Australian Embassy, Bangkok, Thailand. Provision of support and assistance to assist Australian Based Officers and their families working for the Australian Government posted to Bangkok. This included coordination of support meetings, orientation programs, liaison with schools and community services and publishing a monthly newsletter.

1992 – 1993

Occupational Therapist / Case Manager, CRS Australia, Queanbeyan, NSW.
Provision of Vocational Rehabilitation services to adults of working age, with a wide range of disabilities including mental health, physical and intellectual.

1991 – 1992

Locum Occupational Therapist, Corinth Medical Services, London, England.
Working in a number of short term locum positions in England including community health and acute hospital settings.

1986 – 1991

Various Occupational Therapy Positions: Repatriation General Hospital (Veterans Affairs), Perth, WA. This included acting Director to relieve the director of the department of approximately 16 therapy and support staff.
Deputy Director, Coordinator of O.T. Home Care Service, Senior Rheumatology/Amputees, Psychiatry, Neurology, Orthopaedics.

1996

Occupational Therapist, Sir David Brand Centre for Cerebral Palsied Children, Perth, WA. Working in the seating clinic as well as with provision of outpatient therapy services. Involvement in a volunteer capacity at a number of vacation residential camps for children and adolescents with cerebral palsy.

1983 – 1985

Occupational Therapist, Fremantle Hospital, Perth, Western Australia
Rotational new graduate position provided the opportunity to work across departments in this acute hospital setting.

Qualifications/Credentials

2011 Commenced PhD graduate school program - PhD in Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health and Developmental Disorders. Interdisciplinary Council of Development and Learning, Maryland, USA. Units completed: Human Development: A biopsychosocial

model, Reflective and Adult Learning, Critical Review of Research Articles, Language Development. Graded A in all units.

- 2006 DIR® Certificate, (Developmental, Individual Difference and Relationship Based /Floortime™) Interdisciplinary Council of Development and Learning, Maryland, USA
- 1993 Post Graduate Certificate in Community Counselling, University of Canberra. Australia
- 1983 Bachelor of Applied Science – Occupational Therapy Curtin University of Technology, Perth, Australia

Memberships / Positions Held

- Western Australian Occupational Therapy Registration
- Occupational Therapists Australia Member
- Occupational Therapy Australia WA member
- Training Faculty– Interdisciplinary Council of Development and Learning Disorders, USA (www.icdl.com)
- Training Faculty – Profectum (www.profectum.org)
- Therapeutic Listening Registered Provider (vitalinks.net)
- Interactive Metronome Provider (www.interactivemetronome.com)
- Member of Developmental Occupational Therapy Group, Western Australia
- Autism Association of Western Australia Family Member (I am a parent of an adolescent who has autism)
- Developmental Disability Council of Western Australia (Family member)
- Moderator of an online discussion group “ floortimersaus “ operating since 2007

Short Courses and Workshops Undertaken:

2012 - Dr Barry Prizant - Supporting people with autism in everyday settings: Enabling successful inclusion of Students with Autism Dealing with difficult behaviour, Perth, Australia

2012 - Sensory Integration: The essentials to understanding the theory, neuroscience and research. Anita Bundy and Prof. Shelly Lane. Melbourne, Australia

2010 - Making meaning and Building Intentionality course: Michele Ricamato, SLP, Adelaide, Australia

2009 - Sensory Defensiveness Training, Pat and Julie Wilbarger, Perth, Australia

2009 - Sequential Oral Sensory (SOS) Approach to Feeding 4 day course, Perth

2008 - DIR training institute: Faculty in Training – 5 day intensive training program, Monterey, California, USA

2007 – ICDL DIR training institute: Faculty in Training – 5 day intensive training program, Monterey, California, USA

2008 – Autism Association. TEACH Master class with Gary Mesibov, Perth Australia

2008 - ICDL training Institute, Jointly presented DIR B OT case presentations to participants. Co facilitated 2 groups of trainees with mental health professional colleagues.

2008 - PLAY Project Agency Training – Rick Solomon, Sydney, Australia, I was invited to participate in a train the trainer role in this course.

2006 - ICDL DIR training institute – Train the trainer, Facilitator trainer, 5 day intensive training program, Virginia ,USA,

2006 - University of Sydney: Sensory Processing and Function: Winnie Dunn and Chapparo Chris, 4 day training

2005 – ICDL DIR training institute – 5 day intensive training program, Virginia, USA

2004 - Listening with the whole body: Sheila Frick, 2 day course, Perth, Australia.

2003 – ICDL DIR training institute – 5 day intensive training program, Virginia, USA

2003 - Infancy and Early Childhood Course, ICDL, Greenspan and Wieder.

2003 - A Kinaesthetic approach to handwriting, A 2 day course, Mary Benbow, OTR, Virginia, USA

2002 - Evaluation and Treatment of Sensory Processing Disorders from the perspective of the Ready Approach: A four day intensive course. Bonnie Hanschu

2002 - Protective Response Regime Training and certification, Bonnie Hanschu, OTR

2002 - Understanding and Managing Visual Deficits: a 2 day course for occupational therapists. Mitchell Scheiman, OD, FCOVD, Virginia, USA

2002 - ICDL November Conference: Raising the Ceiling, Virginia, USA

2001 - Therapeutic listening Course: Sheila Frick and Colleen Hacker, 3 days , USA

2001 - Infancy and Early Childhood Training Course: ICDL, Greenspan and Wieder, Virginia, USA

2001 - Bobath Introductory level Training for Early Intervention, Baltimore, USA

2000 - MORE-Integrating the Mouth with Sensory and Postural Functions: Patricia Oetter, and Eileen W. Richter, Maryland, USA

2000 - Brain Gym for Education Providers: Cecilia Freeman, 4 days, Baltimore, USA

Trainings and Workshops Presented

2004 ongoing until current 2012 - Perth, Australia. Annual 2 day or term based (Evening sessions over an 8 week term) parent training workshops for parents accessing services at Sensory Connections. Lead facilitator with a co facilitator with a multidisciplinary team member OT Yvonne Buters or Speech and language Pathologist Anne Nunn.

2012 - Child Development Centre Physiotherapy Practice group : Professional development morning for physiotherapists: Using Developmental and relationship based approaches.

2012 - Training Ways, The Action is in the Interaction: DIR/Floortime Training Workshops, Galway, Ireland. Co presented with Mari Caulfield, SLP.

2012 - St Joseph's Special School Parent Group Sponsored: The Action is in the Interaction 3 day workshop for multidisciplinary allied health, education & medical staff, Waterford, Ireland. Co presented with Mari Caulfield, SLP.

2012 - HSC sponsored through Training Ways – OT and SLP Early Intervention Team, The Action is in the Interaction small group 3 day workshop for Occupational Therapist and Speech Pathologists , Mullingar , Ireland. Co presented with Mari Caulfield, SLP.

2012 - Sensory Connections, The Action is in the Interaction Training Workshops and mentoring weekend, Melbourne and Brisbane, Australia. Co presented with Mari Caulfield, SLP.

2011 - Aiden's Place, DIR/Training Workshop for Parents & Professionals. Geraldton

2011 - Sensory Connections, The Action is in the Interaction Training Workshops, Melbourne and Brisbane, Australia. Co presented with Mari Caulfield, SLP.

2010 - Sensory Connections, The Action is in the Interaction Training Workshops, Parent training day, and Professional mentoring weekend, Perth and Sydney, Australia. Co presented with Mari Caulfield, SLP

2010 - Training Ways, The Action is in the Interaction Training Workshops, parent training day, and mentoring weekend. Athlone and Galway, Ireland. Co presented with Mari Caulfield, SLP.

2009 - Training Ways, The Action is in the Interaction Training Workshops, Galway, Ireland. Co presented with Mari Caulfield, SLP

2009 - Sensory Connections, The Action is in the Interaction Training Workshops, Melbourne and Brisbane, Australia. Co presented with Mari Caulfield, SLP

2009 - Sensory Connections, Facilitated: Look into My Eyes, A day of parents training other parents, Fremantle, Perth, Australia.

2008 - Introduction to DIR/Floortime workshops, Workshops presented in Perth, Sydney and Brisbane with Mari Caulfield, SLP,

2008 - Talk Speech Pathology, Adelaide, South Australia. 2 day introduction to DIR /Floortime training. Presented 2 workshops for professionals and parents.

2008 - Introduction to DIR/Floortime ½ day workshop for Infant Mental Health Group in Melbourne, Australia

2008 - Disability Services Queensland, One day extended small group mentoring workshop for participants of previous trainings

2008 - ICDL training Institute, Jointly presented DIR B OT case presentations to participants. Co facilitated 2 groups of trainees with mental health professional colleagues.

2008 - PLAY Project Agency Training – Rick Solomon, Sydney, Australia, I was invited to participate in a train the trainer role in this week long course for Northcott Society in Sydney.

2007 - ICDL training Institute, Model Case Presentation from an OT Perspective: (Presented to 300 participants), and Joint presentation of conversation hour on Working with Families. Monterey, California, USA. In addition: Co facilitated 2 groups of trainees over a intensive 5 day period with mental health professionals.

2007 - Early Learning Tasmania, Introduction to DIR /Floortime: 2 day workshop for early childhood educators.

2007 - Speech Pathology Association of WA: workshop introduction to DIR/Floortime for speech and language professionals

2007 - Sir David Brand School, Coolbinia, Perth. Day workshop for educators working in an education support school on DIR/Floortime

2006 - Early Childhood Intervention Association of WA: Introduction to DIR/Floortime workshop

2006 - Disability Services of Queensland, 2 day Introduction to DIR/Floortime, Brisbane.

2005 - State Child Development Centre workshop on introductory principles of DIR/Floor time for multidisciplinary team.

Referees and Testimonials Available Upon Request