

# Curriculum Vitae

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## EDUCATION:

- January 2009 – June 2011**     **GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY**, University Park, IL,  
Doctor of Occupational Therapy  
Research Capstone Project: Participation in Play in Children with  
Sensory Processing Dysfunction: Enabled by Caregiver Self-  
Initiated Solution Finding Skills
- June 1988 – August 1990**     **RUSH UNIVERSITY**, Chicago, IL  
Master of Science degree, Occupational Therapy  
Thesis: Burnout among Occupational Therapists
- June 1977 – June 1981**     **ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY**, Normal, IL  
Bachelor of Science degree, Park and Recreation Administration

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

- Fall 2013 – present**     **GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY**, University Park, IL  
Assistant Professor – Master of Occupational Therapy program  
and Doctor of Occupational Therapy program  
Fieldwork Coordinator – Master of Occupational Therapy program  
DrOT Capstone Research Faculty member
- Fall 2011 – July 2013**     **GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY**, University Park, IL  
University Lecturer – Master of Occupational Therapy courses and  
Doctor of Occupational Therapy courses  
Fieldwork Coordinator – Master of Occupational Therapy program  
DrOT Capstone Research Faculty member  
Academic Advisor  
Ukraine teaching in service learning project
- Fall 1996 – 2009**     **GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY**, University Park, IL  
**Program Development** - Assisted in the development, design and  
implementation of the new Master of Occupational Therapy

graduate curriculum program; contributed to the development of the new student admission and interview packet; and served on the admissions committee. Assisted in course development and teaching of curriculum courses

**Accreditation Participant** - participated in the preparation for the on-site accreditation visit and met with the on-site accreditation team

**University Lecturer** - revised new student interview packet, conducted new student interviews; course development

**Co-Fieldwork Coordinator** - secured fieldwork sites, developed fieldwork contract, negotiated clinical contracts completed fieldwork site visits

**Adjunct Faculty** – developed and taught Master of Occupational Therapy courses; supervised students fieldwork for MOT program; provided student instruction as Research Advisor; developed new student orientation

## **PROFESSIONAL CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:**

**1995-present**

**Caren M. Schranz, Crete, IL**

Kids Connection Therapy, Inc. (previously known as Caren M. Schranz DBA) – pediatric therapy business owner and provider of therapy services to children birth to three years old and their families. Self-employed provider of Occupational Therapy services in the State of Illinois Early Intervention system. Clinical Leader in the field serving children ages birth-age three and their families. Employer of Occupational and Developmental Therapists; Mentor; billing CBO and insurance companies; payroll.

**1990-2007**

**OLYMPIA FIELDS CONTRACT THERAPY, Olympia Fields, IL**

Lead therapist contracted to SPEED Special Education Joint Agreement, District 802 (1995-2007). Staff therapist contracted to Northwest Indiana Special Education Cooperative, Indiana (1990-1995). Provided services for children from birth–21 years of age for evaluation, direct service, consultative service, treatment plans, IEP development and reporting, and collaborative team meetings. Supervised certified occupational therapy assistants and completed yearly work evaluations.

**1998-2002**

**INDEPENDENT DAYS ADULT CARE CENTER, Homewood, IL**

Owner and operator. Developed business plan and budget, secured location and financing, hired and supervised staff,

marketed business, developed plan and implemented daily programming, developed and lead support group, and completed staffing and payroll duties.

**1991-1996**

**ST. MARGARET AND MERCY HOSPITAL**, Dyer, IN

Home Care Division: assessment and treatment of home health care clients.

#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:**

**Illinois State Registered and Licensed Occupational Therapist**, 056-002561

**Indiana State Registered and Licensed Occupational Therapist**, 31000481A

**National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy**, 977149

**Illinois Department of Human Services-Part C Early Intervention Credential**, CS23050298P

**American Occupational Therapy Association**, member since 1988

**Illinois Occupational Therapy Association**, member since 1988

**International Meeting for Autism Research (IMFAR)**, member since 2012

#### **AWARDS:**

**2011** Governors State University Outstanding Doctoral Student Award

**2005** Governors State University Outstanding Clinical Supervisor Award

#### **PUBLICATIONS:**

Sood, D., Lavessor, P., & **Schranz, C.** 2013 (Accepted April 2014). Influence of Contextual Factors on Participation in Home Activities of Children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder. The Open Journal of Occupational Therapy, Western Michigan University

**Schranz, C.** & Sood, D. (manuscript under preparation) Participation in Play in Children with Sensory Processing Dysfunction: Enabled by Caregiver Self-Initiated Solution Finding Skills

#### **RESEARCH ACTIVITIES:**

**2013 – present**

**Reflective Journaling during Fieldwork**

Schranz, C.

**2013 – present**

**Enriched Home Environment** - A Program to Facilitate Participation of Children with ASD Within their Home Environment  
Schranz, C. & Sood, D.

**2010 – present**

**Collaborative Coaching Model**  
Schranz, C. & Sood, D.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**International –  
May 2012**

**IMFAR (International Meeting for Autism Research)**, Toronto, Ontario Canada  
Poster Presentation: Effectiveness of the Collaborative Coaching Model when Working with Families of Children with Sensory Processing Dysfunction

**March 2012**

**YAI Network's 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual International Conference**, New York, New York  
Presenter: Participation in Play in Children with Sensory Processing Dysfunction: Enabled by Caregiver Self-Initiated Solution Finding Skills

**National – USA –**

**April 2014**

**American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference**, Baltimore, MA  
\*Poster Presentation: Parents' Ability to Generate Strategies To Facilitate Home and Community Participation in Children With Disabilities

**October 2013**

**Illinois Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference**, Peoria, IL  
\*Presentation: Co-presenter - 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Pre-conference Institute – Developing Your Effectiveness as a Fieldwork Educator  
\*Poster Presentation: Occupational Therapy Student's Perception of Reflective Journaling while on Level I Fieldwork  
\*Poster Presentation: Teacher's Perceptions of Children with Sensory Processing Dysfunction within Classroom Settings

\*Poster Presentation: Parents Ability to Generate Strategies to Facilitate Participation in Home & Community Activities in Children with Disabilities

**October 2013**

**NADD 30th Annual Conference& Exhibit Show**, Baltimore, MA  
Presentation Accepted: Impact of Enriched Home Environment Program (EHEP) on Participation of Children with Autism

**August 2013**

**Governors State University – Master of Occupational Therapy Research Day**

\*Presentation with Partnership with MOT Students: Parents Ability to Generate Strategies to Facilitate Participation in Home & Community Activities in Children with Disabilities

\*Presentation with Partnership with MOT Students: Teacher’s Perceptions of Children with Sensory Processing Dysfunction within Classroom Settings

**May 2013**

**American Occupational Therapy Association National Conference**, San Diego, CA

Poster Presentation: International Service Learning: Steps toward Cultural Competence

**November 2012**

**Illinois Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference**, Naperville, IL

Poster Presentation: Tales from the Ukraine: A Service Learning Experience

**October 2012**

**Doctor of Occupational Therapy Research Day: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Practice Scholar Research Symposium**. Governors State University, University Park, IL

Presenter: Collaborative Coaching Model: Creating the Best Person-Environment Fit when Working with Children and Families

**July 2012**

**The MAGIC Foundation 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**, Lombard, IL

Presenter: Sensory Processing Dysfunction-Explanation and Strategies

**November 2012**

**Illinois Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference**, Galena, IL

Presenter: Participation in Play in Children with Sensory Processing Dysfunction: Enabled by Caregiver Self-Initiated Solution Finding Skills

**May 2011**

**American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference and Exposition**, Philadelphia, PA

Poster Presentation: Pediatric Occupational Therapy: A Multicultural Experience

**November 2011**

**Doctor of Occupational Therapy Research Day: 1st Annual Practice Scholar Research Symposium.** Governors State University, University Park, IL

Presenter: Participation in Play in Children with Sensory Processing Dysfunction: Enabled by Caregiver Self-Initiated Solution Finding Skills

**2011**

**Lincoln-way School District**, Frankfort, IL

Presenter: Sensory Integration: An Evolving Theory

**2010**

**International Meeting for Autism Research**, Philadelphia, PA

Poster Presentation: Practice Models to Facilitate Participation of Children with ASD in Home, School & Community Activities. Sood, D., Zingerevich, C. & Schranz, C. (unable to present)

**2010**

**GSU Student Research Conference**, Governors State University, University Park, IL

Presenter: Family-Centered Child Participation Model for Children with Sensory Processing Dysfunction

**2009**

**Illinois STAR NET training**, Joliet, IL

Presenter: Processing: Practical Application and Techniques for Everyday Use

**2009**

**STAR NET: Early Childhood Today Conference at Saint Xavier University**, Orland Park, IL

Presenter: Sensory Activities for the Early Childhood Professional

**2005**

**SPEED All Staff Institute Day, SPEED S.E.J.A.#802**, Chicago Heights, IL

Presenter: "Getting Yourself in Sync"

**2004**

**Project Export** –Governors State University, University Park, IL

Presenter: "Cerebral Palsy Awareness Workshop"

- 2004**                                **9th Annual Paraprofessional Institute Day**, South Suburban College, South Holland, IL  
Presenter: "Let's Feel What The Children Feel" – A Hands-On Understanding of Sensory Integration
- 2004**                                **SPEED All Staff Institute Day, SPEED S.E.J.A.#802**, Chicago Heights, IL  
Presenter: "Teaming with Support Staff"
- 2004**                                **SPEED Professional Development Day, SPEED S.E.J.A.#802**, Chicago Heights, IL  
Presenter: "The Use of Therapeutic Listening, Movement and Music in the Childhood Classroom"
- 2003**                                **The 8th Annual Statewide Early Childhood Conference**, Springfield, IL  
Showcasing "The Quiet Space"
- 2003**                                **Welcome Wagon Club of Flosswood Fields**, Flossmoor, IL  
Presenter: "A Look At Child Development"
- 2003**                                **Instructional Assistant Institute Day, SPEED S.E.J.A.#802**, Chicago Heights, IL  
Presenter: "How Kids Grow and Learn: Looking at Child Development"
- 2003**                                **Parent Education Workshop, SPEED-Hickory Hill Early Learning Center**, Park Forest, IL  
Presenter: "Sensory Integration 101"
- 2002**                                **A Parent Education Workshop, SPEED-Hickory Hill Early Learning Center**, Park Forest, IL  
Presenter: "Sensory Integration"
- 2002**                                **7th Annual Instructional Assistant Institute Day, South Suburban College** , South Holland, IL  
Presenter: "How Kids Grow and Learn"
- 2001**                                **Chicago Metro AEYC Annual Conference**, Chicago Hilton & Towers, Chicago, IL  
Presenter: "Sensory Table Kids: Children Who Crave Sensory Input"
- 2001**                                **Birth to Five Staff In-service – SPEED #802**, Chicago Heights, IL

Presenter: "Pediatric Massage"

- 2000**                    **Instructional Assistant Institute Day, South Suburban College,**  
South Holland, IL  
Presenter: "How They Grow and Learn"
- 2000**                    **Chicago Metro AEYC Annual Conference, Chicago Hilton &**  
**Towers,** Chicago, IL  
Presenter: "Sensory Table Kids: Children Who Crave Sensory  
Input"
- 1999**                    **Chicago Metro AEYC Annual Conference, Chicago Hilton &**  
**Towers,** Chicago, IL  
Presenter: "I Don't Want to Touch That!"
- 1997**                    **SPEED-Hickory Hill Early Learning Center, Park Forest, IL**  
Presenter: "Assistive Technology Team Process"
- 1996**                    **Graduate and Professional School Expo Career Services Center of**  
**the Urbana-Champaign, University of Illinois,** Champaign, IL  
Exhibitor: Governors State University, College of Human Services  
– Occupational Therapy Program
- 1994-1997**            **SPEED S.E.J.A. #802,** Chicago Heights, IL  
Presenter: "Good Body Mechanics and Proper Lifting Techniques"
- 1991-1994**            **Northwest Indiana Special Education Cooperative,** Crown Point,  
Indiana  
Presenter: "Proper Lifting Techniques for School Personnel"

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

**International**

- 2010 – 2012**            **Ukraine Service Learning Project,** Governors State University,  
University Park, IL

**National – USA**

- December 2013 – present**    **The National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy,**  
**Inc.,** Item Writer

- September 2013 – present** **Interprofessional Education Committee**, Governors State University, College of Health and Human Services, University Park, IL
- August 2013 – Dec. 2013** **Occupational Therapy Search Committee**, Governors State University, College of Health and Human Services, University Park, IL
- October 2013 – Dec. 2013** **Physical Therapy Search Committee**, Governors State University, College of Health and Human Services, University Park, IL
- October 2012 – present** **The Health Services Advisory Committee for the Family Development Center**, Governors State University, University Park, IL
- Fall 2012 – present** **Governors State University – Fieldwork Sub-Committee Chair**  
Governors State University, University Park, IL
- July 2012 – present** **Co-Project Director, DrOT Student Research Project**,  
Governors State University, University Park, IL  
Project Title: Enriched Home Environment Program for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders
- 2011 – present** **Member of the Admissions Committee in MOT program**  
Governors State University, University Park, IL
- 2011 – present** **Member of the Admissions Committee in DrOT program**  
Governors State University, University Park, IL
- 2011 – present** **Member of the Curriculum Development Committee in MOT program**  
Governors State University, University Park, IL
- 2011 – present** **Member of the Curriculum Development Committee in DrOT program**  
Governors State University, University Park, IL
- 2011 – present** **Member of the Recruitment Committee in DrOT program**  
Governors State University, University Park, IL
- December 2010 – present** **Governors State University – Master of Occupational Therapy Pinning Ceremony**  
Governors State University, University Park, IL

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| <b>June 2011 – present</b> | <b>Governors State University – Graduation Ceremony</b><br>Governors State University, University Park, IL   |
| <b>Fall 2008 – present</b> | <b>Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, IL</b><br>Invited Guest Lecturer  |
| <b>Fall 2011 - present</b> | <b>Doctor of Occupational Therapy Newsletter, Co-Developer</b><br>Governors State University, University Park, IL  |
| <b>2011 – present</b>      | <b>Ethics Training, Governors State University, University Park, IL</b>  |
| <b>1996 - present</b>      | <b>Master of Occupational Therapy Program Advisory Board,</b><br>Governors State University, University Park, IL   |
| <b>August 29, 2011</b>     | <b>New Faculty Tea, President Maimon’s Home, Crete, IL</b>   |
| <b>2009 - 2011</b>         | <b>Graduate Assistant for Occupational Therapy Doctoral Program,</b><br>Governors State University, University Park, IL  |
| <b>1992 – 2007</b>         | <b>Clinical Fieldwork Supervisor –</b> Fieldwork clinical instructor for<br>Governors State University and RUSH University Master of<br>Occupational Therapy Programs  |
| <b>2009</b>                | <b>Master of Occupational Therapy Pinning Ceremony, Governors</b><br>State University, University Park, IL<br>Invited Speaker  |
| <b>2004</b>                | <b>Governors State University Accreditation Council on</b><br><b>Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) Review, Governors</b><br>State University Master of Occupational Therapy Program,<br>University Park, IL |
| <b>1997</b>                | <b>Governors State University American Heart Association Heart</b><br><b>Walk, Governor State University, University Park, IL</b>  |
| <b>1997</b>                | <b>Clinical Education Conference, Governors State University,</b><br>University Park, IL   |
| <b>1996</b>                | <b>American Heart Association Heart Walk, Governors State</b><br>University, University Park, IL   |



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| <b>October 2012</b>  | <b>Doctor of Occupational Therapy Research Day: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Practice Scholar Research Symposium.</b> Governors State University, University Park, IL |
| <b>April 2012</b>    | <b>Doctoral Education: An Option for Professional Development;</b> Governors State University  |
| <b>November 2011</b> | <b>DrOT Research Day; 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Practice Scholar Research Symposium;</b> Governors State University  |
| <b>November 2011</b> | <b>Illinois Occupational Therapy Association Annual State Conference,</b> Springfield, IL  |
| <b>April 2011</b>    | <b>American Occupational Therapy Association 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference and Expo,</b> Philadelphia, PA  |
| <b>November 2009</b> | <b>The Therapy Tool Box: Practical Techniques to Treat Infants and Children with Complex Feeding Issues,</b> Wee Care Therapy, Dyer, IN                        |
| <b>October 2009</b>  | <b>Implementing Sensory Strategies in the Classroom Setting,</b> Chicago, IL   |
| <b>November 2008</b> | <b>FERPA Training;</b> Governors State University  |
| <b>May 2008</b>      | <b>“Outcomes in Early Intervention”</b> Child and Family Connections #15”, Early Intervention System   |
| <b>March 2008</b>    | <b>“2nd Annual ‘Empowering Professionals’</b> Conference Illinois Early Intervention Training Program  |
| <b>February 2008</b> | <b>“The Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities Program”</b> (Part C of IDEA) AOTA  |
| <b>December 2007</b> | <b>“Does the Frame Fit? The Occupational Therapy Framework: Domain and Process Revisited in Real Time”</b> Governors State University                          |
| <b>October 2007</b>  | <b>“If You Can’t Breathe, You Can’t Function”</b> Bautz Developmental Intervention, Inc.   |
| <b>February 2007</b> | <b>“Writing SMART Goals and review of IEP forms and process”</b> SPEED #802  |

**February 2007**

**“Behavioral Management Strategies for Early Intervention Providers”** LaRabida Children’s Hospital

**February 2007**

**“Parental Grief”** Child and Family Connections #15

**January 2007**

**“But He Knows His Colors”** Illinois Early Intervention Training Program

**References;**

References available upon request