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Summary

Kerry has served as an occupational therapist in early childhood centers, elementary education, K-12 therapeutic day schools, clinics, home health care and private practice since 2005. Kerry provides individualized occupational therapy treatment, parent/caregiver coaching and education, and consultation services to families and educators. Kerry is the author of *Widen The Lens: Hidden Forces That Shape Kids*, and co-author of *Elevating Your Kid's Growth: The Family Environmental Assessment Tool*. Kerry is the Clinical Director of the Midwest Institute & Center for Workplace Innovation, LLC, the Director of Assessment Services for the Team Clock Institute, LLC, and the founder/co-owner of Your Play Space Therapeutic Preschool.

Education

University of Illinois at Chicago
M.S. Occupational Therapy awarded with honors 5/05

University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign
B.S. Environmental Sciences (Social Option) awarded with honors 12/01

Professional Experience

11/20 – Current

Clinical Director Elmhurst Counseling

Elmhurst Counseling provides assessment, advising, counseling, coaching, consultation, training services and developmental therapies to adults, children, families, groups, and organizations interested in optimizing health. Clinical oversight of a team of licensed health care professionals and a broad array of services includes:

- Leadership, development, and oversight of clinical team including recruitment, training and support of an interdisciplinary practice of health care providers.
- Recurring consultation, team development and clinician advancement opportunities.
- Internship program establishment and expansion for student supervision, direction and mentoring.
- Specialized assessment, intervention and consultation with clients and their families.

5/20 – Current

Director of Assessment Services Team Clock Institute, LLC

The Team Clock Institute offers assessment, training, and consulting services to teams in business, education, sports, and community settings. Anchored in the book, *Team Clock: A Guide to Breakthrough Teams*, leaders are empowered to optimize effective team development. Team Clock assessments yield targeted data and actionable strategies creating measurable results aligned with business objectives. Directorial management of the Team Clock Institute assessment and a broad array of services includes:

- Oversight of the online assessment program of team strengths, weaknesses, consensus, and disparity in 10 key domains.
- Data analysis and interpretation of team effectiveness metrics.
- Focused organizational support in identifying team strengths, pervasiveness themes and improvement opportunities.

8/17 – Current

Founder & Co-owner

Your Play Space Therapeutic Preschool

Your Play Space is a whole body & mind art class that teaches through a sensory experience while providing an enjoyable, comfortable place for all kids with and without special needs to learn and grow through activities. Currently leading weekly classes in partnership with a speech language pathologist, while continually adapting curriculum to fit the needs of each child utilizing up-to-date clinically informed practices.

3/12 – Current

Occupational Therapist

Elmhurst Counseling

Currently providing pediatric occupational therapy, evaluation & referral services for a clinically diverse clientele. Specialized focus on emotional regulation, self-help skill development and assisting clients with navigating the impact of the environment on their ability to thrive holistically.

6/08 – Current

Independent Contractor

Leaps & Bounds Family Services, Inc

Currently providing home and clinic-based occupational therapy services to children and their families and consultation with multi-disciplinary teams including developmental therapists, speech therapists, and psychologists.

8/05 – 6/07

Occupational Therapist

Milestones – For Kids' Success

Provided clinical and home-based occupational therapy services for children and their families and fulfilled school-based educational contracts with local special education programs, from Early Childhood Centers to private therapeutic day schools (K-12).

7/04-8/04

Clinical Affiliate

Hinsdale Hospital, OPTIONS Program

Assisted with an outpatient and partial hospitalization behavioral health program for adults and children. Co-conducted case management, group psychotherapy, family meetings, individualized occupational therapy, and facilitation of educational groups.

12/03-12/04

Foundational Participant

Illinois Early Intervention Training Grant

Participant in a transdisciplinary preparation grant designed to train professionals of various disciplines to work in the Illinois Early Intervention System.

9/03-12/04

Organizational Consultant

Access Living Center for Independent Living

Consulted with a consumer-controlled Center for Independent Living (CIL) hub in Chicago, IL. Conducted research in disability law, organizational disability regulation and completed ADA compliance audits of youth training and education centers in the Chicago Metropolitan area. Partnered with clients to identify resources and address non-compliance issues in the PA program.

Specialized Certifications and Credentials

- Specialist Credential, Illinois Early Intervention System
- Certificate of Child and Adolescent Psychology, Chicago School of Professional Psychology
- Professional Level Certification, University of Illinois at Chicago Community-Based Urban Practice Program
- Certified Professional Provider, Advanced Brain Technologies/The Listening Program
- Advance training in SI, Floortime/DIR, ABA, and TEACCH Models of Therapeutic Intervention

Publications

Center for Team Excellence (2021)

- Widen The Lens: Hidden Forces That Shape Kids

Center for Team Excellence (2020)

- Elevating Your Kid's Growth: The Family Environmental Assessment Tool