

JENNIFER J. HOFHERR MS, OTR/L, CNT, NTMTC
NIDCAP Trainer, FAN Trainer

EDUCATION:

Master of Science, Child Development
Erikson Institute, May 2013

Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy
Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska 1988

CURRENT CERTIFICATIONS:

Neonatal Touch and Massage Certification, August 2021
Certified Neonatal Therapist, March 2017
NIDCAP Trainer, May 2005
Neurodevelopmental Therapy Certification, August 1994
Registered Occupational Therapist, August 1988

PROFESSIONAL LICENSE:

Occupational Therapy, State of Ohio, # 8405 Current

EMPLOYMENT:

January 2016 – Present

Nationwide Children's Hospital

Columbus, Ohio

Program Manager, Neonatal Clinical Therapies

Responsibilities: Provide clinical, administrative and research support for neonatal physical, occupational and music therapists. Provide clinical support to all on and off-site NCH NICU therapists. Provide training and guidance for clinical practice across the service line, develop innovative multidisciplinary programs to promote improved neurobehavioral outcomes and provide clinical intervention with NICU patients and families.

July 2013 – December 2015

Nationwide Children's Hospital

Columbus, Ohio

PT/OT Clinical Leader - NICU

Responsibilities: Provide clinical and research support and supervision to clinical therapists in the NICU setting. Provide consultation and support for implementation of developmental care practice across disciplines.

May 2010 – July 2013

Fussy Baby Network, Erikson Institute

Chicago, Illinois

Dissemination Specialist

Lead Trainer

Responsibilities: Provide content development, training, support and resource development for national fussy baby network sites and assist in recruiting and developing new fussy baby program sites. Plan, manage, and present at four network meetings a year. Work with groups and individuals to assure fidelity is achieved and maintained. Provide grant writing and report support. Also provide direct home services to families struggling with crying, sleeping or feeding issues in the first year of life utilizing the Fussy Baby Network's Approach to parent engagement.

November 1997 – 2015

University of Illinois Medical Center

Chicago, Illinois

Division of Women and Children: 2003 - 2015

Developmental specialist – 2003 to 2013

Responsibilities: Provide clinical and administrative support to the intensive care nurseries to promote developmentally-supportive, family-centered care. Responsible for continuous quality improvement, staff training, infant and family support, and liaison for physical and occupational therapies in the nursery. Managed patient outcome database (VON) and volunteer program.

Director of Developmental Education/NIDCAP Trainer as of June 2005 - 2015

Responsibilities: Newborn Individualized Developmental Care and Assessment Program (NIDCAP) training to contracted facilities and individuals. Planning and consultation for in-house and outside unit training (national and international sites) in developmental education and practice change.

University of Illinois Medical Center

Chicago, Illinois

Division of Rehabilitative Therapies: 1997 - 2003

Pediatric Occupational Therapy Team Leader

Responsibilities: Provided clinical and administrative support for the pediatric team. Promoted staff professional development and program development. Quest lecturer in the university occupational therapy program as requested.

April 1997 – November 1997

Pathways Center for Children

Glenview, Illinois

Staff Occupational Therapist

Responsibilities: Treatment and evaluation in outpatient setting with emphasis on neurodevelopment and sensory integrative treatment models.

October 1994 – April 1997

Hospital for Sick Children

Washington, D.C.

Clinical Instructor

Responsibilities: Supervision of staff therapists, students and technicians. Program development in nursery and in-patient care units. Coordination and implementation of occupational therapy fieldwork education program.

August 1989 – July 1994

Phoenix Children's Hospital

Phoenix, Arizona

Senior Occupational Therapist

Responsibilities: Clinical supervision and administrative support for occupational therapy staff and students, program development and continuous quality improvement programs.

August 1988 – July 1989

Ginny Paulsen Therapy Services

Phoenix, Arizona

Contract Pediatric Occupational Therapist

Responsibilities: Provided assessment and intervention to school-aged children in several contracted school districts in the Phoenix area.

PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS/HONORS:

- Publication: Weber, et al. (2022) Application of a Risk Management Framework to Parent Sleep During Skin-to-Skin Care in the NICU, *JOGNN*, 51, 336-348.
- Speaker: Graven's Developmental Care and Environments of Care for the Premature Infant Conference, Abstract presentation of Neonatal Feeding Assessment Reliability Quality Improvement Project, March 2020
- Speaker: NIDCAP Federation International Trainers Meeting, Maine, Outcome measures for Developmental Care Interventions, October 2019
- Speaker: Integration of the FAN Infant Mental Health Framework into Neonatal Therapy Practice, National Association of Neonatal Therapy Conference, Phoenix, AZ, April 2019
- Poster Presentation: Childrens Hospitals Neonatal Consortium Conference, Safe Sleep Study results, Awarded Best Poster, October 2018
- Speaker/Planner: Perinatal/Neonatal Conference, Nationwide Children's Hospital, Safe Sleep Study results, May 2018
- Speaker/Planner: Foundations in Neurodevelopmental Education, USA Cincinnati, OH April, 2018
- Planner: Perinatal/Neonatal Conference, Nationwide Children's Hospital, May 2017 - Present
- Speaker: NFI Trainer's Meeting, Bologna, Italy, Implementation of a Safe Sleep assessment in the NICU, October, 2016
- Speaker/Planner: Perinatal/Neonatal Conference, Nationwide Children's Hospital, NAS preconference and main conference presentations on the Fussy Baby Network Model of Family Engagement, May 2016
- Principle Investigator: Validation of a Rubric for Safe Sleep Readiness in the NICU, Nationwide Children's Hospital 2015
- Speaker/Planner: Stress and the NICU, Nationwide Children's Hospital Neonatal Pre-Conference – Columbus, OH May 2015
- Speaker: International Infant Massage Instructor Trainers' Meeting. FAN 1-day workshop – San Jose, Costa Rica October 2014
- Board Member: National Association of Neonatal Therapist Certification Board August 2014 - 2017
- Poster Presentation: Validating a Safe Sleep Readiness Tool – Columbus, OH May 2014

- Speaker: Postpartum Support International Conference. Fussy Baby Network New Orleans: Addressing Family Wellness – Minneapolis, MN June 2013
- Speaker: Midwest Developmental Care Conference. Fussy Baby Network Approach to Parent Engagement in the NICU – March 2013
- Principle Investigator: Validation of the SMART Assessment for Premature Infants, University of Illinois, February 2013
- Publication: Gilkerson, L., Hofherr, J. et al. (2012) Implementing the Fussy Baby Network Approach, *Zero to Three*, Volume 33, No. 2 pp. 59-65.
- Chair: Neuroscience of Skin-to-Skin and Infant Regulation Conference – Chicago, IL, July 2010
- Chair: International NIDCAP Federation Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL - October 2009
- Speaker: National Neonatal Nurses Conference, New Orleans – May 2007
- Humanitarian Volunteer to Lithuania/NIDCAP introduction in Vilnius, Lithuania– August 2004
- Assessment of Preterm Infant Behavior (APIB) reliability achieved – May 2003
- Employee of the Quarter April 1996 – Hospital for Sick Children, Washington, D.C.
- Collaborated with Children’s National Medical Center physicians and psychologist to develop a multidisciplinary inpatient feeding rehabilitation program - 1995
- Chairperson/founder of D.C. area Pediatric Special Interest Group, 1995-1997
- D.C. Occupational Therapy Association Board Member, 1995-1997
- Humanitarian Volunteer to Romania/presented week-long workshop – Summer 1994
- Wrote protocol for Dorsal Rhizotomy therapy program and presented at the Arizona State Conference - 1993
- Co-editor, Phoenix Area Pediatric Special Interest Group Newsletter - 1993
- Nominations Chairperson, Arizona Occupational Therapy Association, 1990-1991