

# SARAH L. SCHAEFER, LPC, BCBA

## SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

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- Licensed Mental Health Counselor specializing in Applied Behavior Analysis
- Experience as an instructor for undergraduate Psychology students
- 10+ years experience working with adults and children with Developmental Disabilities and severe behavioral challenges
- Extensive experience training professionals, families, and caregivers on Applied Behavior Analysis
- Supervision of LMHC candidates and graduate school interns
- Established and operated a successful business in mental health and behavior therapy services

## LICENSE/CERTIFICATIONS

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- 2008 Oregon Licensed Professional Counselor
- 2007 Board Certified Behavior Analyst
- 2005 Indiana Licensed Mental Health Counselor

## EDUCATION

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- 2005 - 2006 Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Illinois  
*Board Certification in Behavior Analysis Coursework*
- 2004-2005 Valparaiso University Valparaiso, Indiana  
*Coursework for Licensed Mental Health Counselor Requirements*
- 1999-2001 Valparaiso University Valparaiso, Indiana  
*MA Counseling Psychology*
- 1996-1999 Carroll College Waukesha, Wisconsin  
*BS Psychology, Sociology minor*
- 1995-1996 University of Wisconsin LaCrosse, Wisconsin  
*Psychology Major, transferred*

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- September 2008-present Portland Community College Portland, Oregon  
*Instructor*
- Teaching Children with Special Needs to undergraduate students in the Early Childhood Education department
- June 2008-present Advanced Behavioral Concepts Portland, Oregon  
*Sole Proprietor, Behavioral Clinician*
- Conduct diagnostic evaluations for children with disruptive behaviors and developmental delays
  - Develop, implement, and monitor Behavior Support Plans for children and adults with disabilities in residential, school, and home settings
  - Develop, implement, and monitor in-home Applied Verbal Behavior programs focusing on increasing

language and learning skills for children with Autism

- Train staff, parents, and caregivers on ABA and functionally appropriate interventions for problematic behaviors and strategies for increasing functional replacement behaviors
- Provide individual, family, and marital counseling to children, adolescents, and adults without developmental disabilities
- Provide supervision to individuals pursuing Board Certification in Behavior Analysis

Dec. 2004-June 2008                      Innovations In Learning, PC                      Hobart, Indiana

*Vice President, Clinical Supervisor*

- Conduct diagnostic evaluations for children with disruptive behaviors and developmental delays
- Attend case conferences to advocate for needed supports and appropriate learning objectives consistent with IDEA
- Develop, implement, and monitor Behavior Support Plans for children and adults with disabilities in residential, school, and home settings
- Develop, implement, and monitor in-home Applied Verbal Behavior programs focusing on increasing language and learning skills for children with Autism
- Train staff, parents, and caregivers on ABA and functionally appropriate interventions for problematic behaviors and strategies for increasing functional replacement behaviors
- Conduct social skills and sexual education group therapy for adults with disabilities
- Director of Learning Center program in which children ages 2-8 received individual Applied Verbal Behavior therapy in a group setting with peers and other master level clinicians
- Provide individual, family, and marital counseling to children, adolescents, and adults without developmental disabilities
- Supervise master level clinicians providing behavioral services to more than 65 clients
- Business operation duties including finance management, hiring, and business planning

April 2003-Jan. 2005                      Behavior Specialists of Indiana                      Valparaiso, Indiana

*Behavior Specialist*

- Conducted evaluations for children with disruptive behaviors
- Attended case conferences to advocate for needed supports and appropriate learning objectives consistent with IDEA
- Developed, implemented, and monitored Behavior Support Plans for children and adults in residential, school, and home settings
- Developed, implemented, and monitored in-home Applied Verbal Behavior programs focusing on increasing language and learning skills for children with Autism
- Trained staff, parents, and caregivers on ABA and functionally appropriate interventions for problematic behaviors and strategies for increasing functional replacement behaviors

Dec. 2002-April 2003                      Howe Developmental Center                      Tinley Park, Illinois

*Psychologist*

- Developed, implemented, and monitored Behavior Intervention Plans for adult residents in the state facility
- Participated in Human Rights Committee meetings

August 2002-Dec. 2002                      Delta-T Group Staffing Service                      Chicago, Illinois

*Mental Health Specialist*

- Completed shift work at a local hospital's adult and adolescent in-patient psychiatric units as available
- Completed intake evaluations for new patients on in-patient units
- Provided individual therapy to unit residents

- Assisted nurses with taking vitals of unit residents

Jan. 2002-May 2002            Tarrant County College            Bedford, Texas  
*Adjunct Professor of Psychology*

- Taught Human Relations to undergraduate Psychology students

Aug. 2001-Aug. 2002            Dallas Services            Dallas, Texas  
*Developmental Therapist/Licensed Professional Counselor Intern*

- Conducted family counseling primarily focused on guilt and grieving
- Provided in-home developmental and behavior therapy to children ages 0-3
- Responsible for case management of 30-40 families
- Conducted behavior management trainings to local childcare providers and Dallas Services staff

July 2001-Aug. 2002            Southwest Counseling Services            Bedford, Texas  
*Licensed Professional Counselor-Intern*

- Provided sliding scale individual, family, marital, and play therapy to adults and children

#### ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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- Legislative involvement promoting higher standards for professionals providing services for children and adults with developmental disabilities in the state of Indiana
- Presenter at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Saint Margaret Mercy Pediatric Care Symposium, *Behavioral Issues in Autism*, September 26, 2007
- Facilitator in the formation of the Indiana Association for Behavior Analysis
- Facilitator in the formation of the Oregon Association for Behavior Analysis
- Presenter at the Oregon Association for the Education of Young Children 2008 Fall Conference

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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- Association for Behavior Analysis International
- Secretary of Indiana Association for Behavior Analysis
- President of the Oregon Association for Behavior Analysis

#### REFERENCES

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Available upon request.