

She has mentored several trainees as they pursue their certification to become a Behavior Analyst. Currently, she is working with an assistant professor of pharmacology at Midwestern University (Illinois) studying the effects of oxytocin on the social brain network (brain structures important for social behaviors) in a murine model to potentially inform novel therapeutic developments for social behavioral deficits. Deficits in oxytocin or oxytocin receptor expression are associated with multiple psychopathologies in humans including autism spectrum disorder, anxiety, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, and schizophrenia. She has worked with Mental Health Professionals, Occupational Therapists, Speech Pathologists, Psychologists and Pediatricians to establish a holistic and comprehensive program that produces socially significant change across communication, social interactions, and any interfering behaviors that may cause disruption within their daily life.