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Education

The Chicago School of Online Campus Jan 2017- Aug 2020 Professional Psychology

Ph.D. Applied Behavior Analysis

- Dissertation: Effects of Acceptance and Commitment Training Plus Behavior Parent Training on Parental Adherence to Autism Treatment
- Thesis: Behavior Skills Training to Teach Discrete Trial Training in Structured and Unstructured Settings to Parents of Children with Autism: Implementation and Self-Efficacy
- GPA: 3.98

Florida Institute of Online Campus Apr 2014- Jun 2015 Technology

Post-Graduate Coursework in Applied Behavior Analysis

• GPA: 4.0

Converse College Spartanburg, SC Feb 2012- May 2014

Masters in Marriage and Family Therapy

- Served clients with a range of mental health diagnosis during student practicum
- Practicum site director for Charles Lea Center, a residential living facility for adults with intellectual disabilities
- GPA: 3.86

Converse College Spartanburg, SC Aug 2008- Dec 2011

B.A. in Psychology

• Honors: Dean's List

Experience

The Chicago School of Online Campus Oct 2020- Present Professional Psychology

Adjunct Faculty

- Teach Master's level courses in applied behavior analysis on the online campus
- Serve on committees for thesis students and comprehensive exams/alternative projects for Master's and Doctoral level students
- Conduct research with various applied behavior analysis labs

Colorful Minds, LLC Gulfport, MS Oct 2020- Present

Family Trainer

• Assist families of children with autism make meaningful differences in their natural environments using behavioral science

Elevate Behavior Gulfport, MS Feb 2020- Present

Consultation, LLC

Owner and Consultant

• Facilitate quality, interactive training and consultation for individuals interested in learning behavioral science

- Provide competency-based fieldwork supervision to those pursuing their certification in behavior analysis
- Train organizations on prosocial skills needed to build effective and cooperative groups
- Lead trainings and workshops for families to increase their caregiver skills, communication, and overall family functioning

Behavior Analysis No Ka Honolulu, HI Nov 2016- Sept 2019 Oi, Inc.

Clinical Supervisor

- Develop individualized treatment plans for children with autism which address areas such as behavior management, language acquisition, social skills, play, and cognitive/ executive functioning
- Train families on behavior analytic practices using hands-on learning
- Lead interactive staff trainings on various behavior analytic topics
- Supervise behavior technicians and individuals pursuing certification in behavior analysis
- Teach social skills groups for various ages
- Assist in organizing social events for staff

Palmetto Autism Greenville, SC Aug 2015- Aug 2016 Interventions

ABA Consultant

- Reestablish a remote site the company was about to close
- Create individualized treatment plans for children with autism addressing a wide range of skill development and behavior reduction
- Teach parents behavior analytic skills to use with their children
- Conduct staff trainings on various behavioral and professional development topics
- Oversee behavior therapists and individuals pursuing certification in behavior analysis

Westgate Family Therapy Spartanburg, SC Apr 2013- Apr 2014 **Student Practitioner**

- Counsel individuals and families with a range of mental health diagnosis
- Generate systemic treatment plans to address the role of the entire family
- Coordinate therapists' assignments for clients at the Charles Lea Center, a living facility for adults with intellectual disabilities
- Review case conceptualization and treatment with MFT supervisors

Project Hope Foundation Woodruff, SC Mar 2010- Aug 2015

ABA Lead Therapist

- Conduct applied behavior analysis sessions with children with autism
- Train and provide feedback to level-entry behavior therapists
- Lead social skills groups for various ages
- Assist supervisor in conducing assessments, creating treatment plans, and training families

Student Representative for ABAI's ACT SIG Oct 2020- Present Student Representative in Practice for the Association for Behavior Analysis International's Acceptance and Commitment Training Special Interest Group

Activities

ISTI Mentor Oct 2020- Present

Volunteer mentor for Illinois Science and Technology Institute (ISTI), an organization which connects Illinois high school students with professionals within the field of science and technology

Peer Reviewer Nov 2019- Present

Peer reviewer for various behavioral journals. Completed peer reviewer certifications through Elsevier and Publons Academy.

ACT Peer Supervision

Jun 2019- June 2020

Facilitator of a peer supervision group for learning and practicing acceptance and commitment therapy (ACT) while remaining within the scope of practice of a behavior analyst.

Preparing Future Professional Faculty

Feb 2019- Jun 2019

Participated in the Preparing Future Professional Faculty program which trains students on the theory and practice of modern pedagogy.

Awards

National Military Family Association

Jan 2019

Recipient of Military Spouse Scholarship

Excellence in Research Presentation

Nov 2018

Awarded academic certificate of achievement for poster presentation given on Behavior Skills Training to Teach Discrete Trial Training in Structured and Unstructured Settings to Parents of Children with Autism: Implementation and Self-Efficacy

Research and Publications

Publications

Andrews, M. L. (2018). A review of choice. *The Practice of Behavior Analysis: An ABA Online Newsletter*, 3(2), 18-22.

Manuscript in Submission

Garcia, Y. A., **Andrews, M. L.**, Brothers, L. (2020). A relational frame approach to understanding perspective-taking in compassion and social justice. Chapter *submitted* for A Scientific Framework for Compassion and Social Justice: Lessons in Applied Behavior Analysis.

Andrews, M. L., Garcia, Y. A., Catagnus, R. M., & Gould, E. R. (2020). Effects of acceptance and commitment training plus behavior parent training on parental implementation of autism treatment. *Manuscript submitted for publication*.

Andrews, M. L., Garcia, Y. A., Catagnus, R. M., & Gould, E. R. (2020). A survey of mindfulness-based intervention training and clinical practice by behavior analysts. *Manuscript submitted for publication*.

Garcia, Y. A., Keller-Collins, A., **Andrews, M. L.,** Kurumiya, Y., Umphrey, B., Foster, B., & Imlay, K. (2020). Acceptance and commitment therapy with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities: A systematic review. *Manuscript submitted for publication*.

Manuscript in Preparation

Kurumiya, Y., Garcia, Y., Griffith, A., Smith, G., & Andrews, M. L. (in preparation). Scope of competence for behavior analysts using acceptance and commitment training: Some recommendations from experts.

Symposiums

Andrews, M. L., Garcia, Y. A., Catagnus, R. M., & Gould, E. R. (2020). Effects of acceptance and commitment training plus behavior parent training on parental implementation of autism treatment. Symposium presented at The Chicago School of Professional Psychology. Chicago, IL.

Poster Presentations

Andrews, M. L., Garcia, Y. A., Catagnus, R. M., & Gould, E. R. (2020). Effects of acceptance and commitment training plus behavior parent training on parental implementation of autism treatment. Poster presented at Behavior Analysis Association of Mississippi. Virtual presentation.

Andrews, M. L., & Jansz-Rieken, C. (2018). Behavior skills training to teach discrete trial training in structured and unstructured settings to parents of children with autism: Implementation and self-efficacy. Poster presented at The Chicago School of Professional Psychology. Chicago, IL.

Professional Memberships

Association for Behavior Analysis International Association for Contextual Behavioral Science Behavior Analysis Association of Mississippi

Clinical and Research Interest

Acceptance and commitment therapy/training, Prosocial, human language and cognition, derived relational responding, verbal behavior, choice behavior, supervision, ethics, and family/parent training

Professional References

Yors Garcia, Ph.D., BCBA-D

Professor at The Chicago School of Professional Psychology Bogota, Columbia Known since 2017

Anastasia Keller-Collins, Ph.D., BCBA, LBA, CTRS

Owner of Therapeutic Consulting Services Honolulu, Hawai'i Known since 2016

Christine Walton, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LBA

Owner of Behavior Analysis No Ka Oi, Inc. and Fit Learning Hawai'i Honolulu, Hawai'i Known since 2016