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EDUCATION

B.A.E. University of Florida, 1966 Speech-Language Pathology
M.Ed. University of Florida, 1968 Speech-Language Pathology
Ongoing studies, Arica Institute, Inc., NY 1973-present
Ongoing studies, The School of T'ai Chi Chuan, Inc., NY 1974-present

EXPERIENCE

DIRECTOR, ADVANCED THERAPY SOLUTIONS, INC., MONTCLAIR, NJ

July 1984- present

- Diagnose and provide speech-language pathology services to neurologically impaired adults, children and infants
- Administer and coordinate services to home health agencies, skilled nursing facilities, subacute facilities, assisted living facilities, early intervention programs and preschool handicapped programs
- Specialize in head trauma, stroke, Parkinson's Disease, ALS, and MS
- Provide in-service programs to physicians, nurses, home health aides and rehabilitation therapists, and other caregivers
- Developed and implemented a program of meditation, relaxation and t'ai chi principles for parents and caregivers of medically fragile children
- Developed and implemented a program of meditation and t'ai chi for Russian immigrants sponsored by the Jewish Vocational Society

SENIOR INSTRUCTOR, THE SCHOOL OF T'AI CHI CHUAN, NEW YORK, NY

1974- present

- Instructed ongoing beginning through advanced classes in t'ai chi in FL, NY, NJ, MA, MD, VT, Washington DC, and in Amsterdam, Netherlands and Mexico City
- Instructed teacher trainings
- Designed and developed a course entitled, "Breathing and Chi" which became part of the curriculum offered to t'ai chi students worldwide
- Designed and implemented a teacher apprenticeship for the "Breathing and Chi" program in the United States and Europe
- Taught "The Eight Ways of T'ai Chi Chuan" to residents in Skilled Nursing Facilities and Assisted Living Facilities in NYC and NJ, and to neurologically impaired adults in their homes helping them to recover their balance and feel more secure in their surroundings
- Received special instruction from Patrick Watson, the founder and director of the School of T'ai Chi Chuan, Inc. in Hawaiian Lomi exercises
- Authorized by Patrick Watson to teach Hawaiian Lomi exercises to relieve back ailments
- Assisted Patrick Watson in developing a program entitled, T'ai Chi Games for Children

SPONSOR AND CERTIFIED TEACHER, ARICA INSTITUTE, INC., NEW YORK, NY

1973- present

- Instructed introductory through advanced level short programs and residential retreats
- Developed a teacher apprenticeship program and certification protocol
- Participated in a Psychocalisthenics film demonstrating this exercise system which increases body flexibility and optimum mental, emotional and physical health

PRIVATE PRACTICE IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY, NEW YORK, NY

January 1974 - July 1984.

- Provided speech and language therapy for residential mentally retarded adults
- Consultant, coordinator, and supervisor of speech, hearing and vision screening tests in over 50 private schools
- Lecturer as part of the curriculum at Columbia Teachers College on utilizing Arica meditation techniques and t'ai chi principles with stutterers and head trauma patients

- Presented papers at the American Speech-Language Association National Convention, Washington, DC, 1975 and 1976 on applying meditation, relaxation and t'ai chi principles to the treatment of stuttering and neurologically based disorders, and designed an exhibit booth demonstrating these techniques
- Instructed Speech-Language Pathologists in Arica Psycho calisthenics which could be adapted for use in their therapy programs

FACULTY, UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, MIAMI, FL

June 1968-December 1973.

Professor, Speech-Language Pathology

Provided speech and language stimulation for cleft palate children between the ages of 18 and 72 months as part of a research and demonstration project to determine the efficacy of such a program.

Provided ongoing inservices to physicians and nurses in the Neurology and ENT Departments as part of the required curriculum for their residencies

PROFESSIONAL, ORGANIZATIONS AND LICENSES

- AMERICAN SPEECH AND HEARING ASSOCIATION, 1968 - PRESENT
- CERTIFICATE OF CLINICAL COMPETENCY IN SPEECH PATHOLOGY, 1969
- STATE OF NEW YORK EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT, TEACHER'S CERTIFICATE FOR SPEECH AND HEARING HANDICAPPED, 1976 - PRESENT
- STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY LICENSE, 1984 – PRESENT

PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

- "A New Stimulability Test for Cleft Palate Children"
- JSHD, Volume 35, No. 4, Nov., 1970, pp. 354-360.
- "Language and Speech Stimulation for Preschool Cleft Palate Children." - a film produced in April, 1969 with Robert J. Harrison and Betty Philips.
- "Parent Participation in the Speech Habilitation of Cleft Palate Children." - paper presented at the Florida Cleft palate Association Convention, Tampa, Fl., Feb. 1969.
- "Sign Language Manual" - a manual developed for use with the mentally retarded population at Manhattan Developmental Center, New York, NY., 1981