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Linda Correia, OTR/L, a 2004 BU graduate. She has worked as a staff OT at Hasbro Children's Hospital since graduating and is currently our lead therapist in the CIT program. She is trained in administration of the SHUEE and the ACQUIREc model. She has diverse pediatric experience in both acute and outpatient settings.

Amy Soscia Paloski, MA, BC-DMT, MS, OTR/L earned a Master's degree in Dance Therapy from New York University in 1986 and worked in a variety of mental health settings as a Dance/Movement Therapist prior to earning a Master's degree in Occupational Therapy from Mercy College in 1997. She has worked at Connecticut Valley Hospital in Middletown, CT on the Traumatic Brain Injury Unit for the past twelve years and supervisor the OT Department. She is a fiction and memoir writer and has published several short stories.

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Joanne S. Jones, MS, OTR/L earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Occupational Therapy from the University of Texas Medical Branch in 2000, and a Masters of Science degree in Clinical Rehabilitation Management from Texas Tech in 2006. She has 10 years of occupational therapy experience in the areas of brain injury, geriatrics, pediatrics, and home health. She is licensed to practice OT in Texas and Rhode Island. She has co-authored several articles and presented at numerous local and national occupational therapy association conferences. She is currently employed at the New England Institute of Technology in the Occupational Therapy Assistant Department as Assistant Professor.

Karen Morgenstein, COTA/L is the lab assistant at New England Institute of Technology. She graduated in 1972 from the Occupational Therapy Assistant program at Erie Community College in Buffalo, New York. She has 38 years of experience in the areas of adult developmental delay, mental health – pediatric and adult, spinal cord injury, CVA, TBI, geriatrics, and home health. She has been active on the RIOTA board for the last 10 years as secretary, COTA liaison, president and currently president emeritus.

Michael Smith MS, CCC-SLP is a graduate of Northeastern University and is the regional director of CBS Therapy. He has worked in a variety of settings from acute care to schools and early intervention programs providing bilingual speech and language pathology services in Spanish and English. He has designed and implemented bilingual curriculums in a variety of settings and is a frequent presenter on bilingual language development. Michael has authored a workbook on Dual Language Development and worked on the standardization of the PLS 5 (Spanish).

Lisa Edwards, OTR/L graduated from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1989. She has worked in a variety of settings including NICU, adult rehab, nursing homes, acute care, and pediatric outpatient; she is presently practicing in Providence Public schools as an Occupational Therapy Supervisor. Her past experience also included extensive management/administrative duties throughout the New England area. Working with Program development, Quality Assurance and Efficiency studies led her to obtain her MBA in 2008, from the

New York Institute of Technology. Lisa has been an active member of the RIOTA board for 5 years, and is presently the Rhode Island Representative to the American Occupational Therapy Association. She has enjoyed the opportunity to work with dozens of Speech and Language Pathologists throughout her 20 year career. It was this collaboration with various professionals that fostered the development of this presentation.

Susan Higgins, MA, OTR/L is a graduate of Tufts University with concentration in clinical reasoning and administration. She is currently the occupational therapist in the Partial Hospital Program and the clinical fieldwork coordinator at Butler Hospital in Providence, RI. She has over 20 years of experience working as an OT practitioner in mental health. She also has personal experience with the frustrating search to try to find adequate mental health services for a family member, and has lectured on this experience. Susan is currently a regional trainer for the AOTA fieldwork educator's certificate program and treasurer of RIOTA.

Brett Lucas Brumbaugh, MS, OTR/L, received an MS in Community Counseling from Villanova University in 1999, and an MS in Occupational Therapy from Thomas Jefferson University in 2002. Brett currently works for the Visiting Nurse Service of Greater Rhode Island. Brett's previous experience includes work in health policy research, and community mental health settings.

Phillip R Lucas, MD is an associate clinical professor of Orthopedics at the Warren Alpert School of Medicine at Brown University. He has more than 30 years of experience in treating orthopedic problems with special emphasis on spinal problems in the elderly.

Rachel Vitello, OTR/L is currently employed part-time at Occupational Therapy Associates- Watertown and has been working in pediatrics for the last 7 years providing services in the school system as well as clinic based therapy. Rachel has been on the RIOTA board for over 2 years serving as Communications Chair.

Sharon Dunn, M.A., OTR/L has worked in school based occupational therapy for 26 years. She has been at the Hazard Preschool in South Kingstown School Department since 1993. Sharon is a past president of RIOTA and a past chair of the RIOTA pediatric special interest section. She served as the OT liaison to the RI Dept of Education IEP network and on the RI Early Learning Standards committee. Sharon is certified in The Sensory Integration and Praxis Tests and pediatric neurodevelopmental therapy.

Brenna Quinn, COTA/L is working as an Occupational Therapist Assistant for the Providence VA Medical Center. Brenna is a graduate of the Occupational Therapist Assistant program at New England Institute of Technology. Brenna has worked in a hand clinic as well as nursing home until her recent appointment to the OTA position at the Providence VA Medical Center.

Erinn Raimondi, OTR/L is working as an Occupational Therapist for the Providence VA Medical Center. Erinn is a graduate of the Occupational Therapy Assistant program and Psychology at Becker College and the Occupational Therapy program at Worcester State College. Erinn has worked at the Providence VA Medical Center since graduating from Worcester State College and has been an active member of the Safe Patient Handling Committee, Skin Integrity Committee, Customer Service Committee, Fall Prevention Committee as well as serving as the Polytrauma Occupational Therapist for the PVAMC facility.