

NewsWorks

TherapyWorks Quarterly Newsletter



Working Wonders in Children's Lives

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Persaud Board-Certified in Pediatric Physical Therapy

Liesa M. Persaud, PT, MPT, PCS, physical therapist at TherapyWorks in Tulsa, was certified as a clinical specialist in pediatric physical therapy by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties (ABPTS). Persaud is one of only 11 therapists in Oklahoma with this certification.

Persaud focuses on evaluating and treating children with cerebral palsy, abnormal gait and posture, foot, knee and back pain, balance and coordination problems and traumatic brain injuries. Furthermore, she specializes in the casting and fitting of custom-made orthotic devices for children. To obtain board certification, Persaud provided evidence of clinical experience in pediatrics and passed a thorough written exam, offered by ABPTS, a section of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA).

"Achieving specialist certification will help both families and other medical professionals identify me as an individual who has attained advanced knowledge, skill and experience in the practice of pediatric physical therapy," Persaud said. "The increased knowledge I achieved through the certification process will enable me to better serve children and their families."

Persaud received her master's degree in physical therapy from the University of Findlay in Ohio and is currently pursuing both her clinical doctorate in physical therapy and a doctorate of philosophy in pediatric science. She travels nationwide to provide continuing education courses for medical professionals and is an adjunct professor for the University of Oklahoma-Tulsa and Tulsa Community College. Persaud is also the Physical Therapy Department Clinic Manager at TherapyWorks.



Persaud assists a client on the rope ladder. Activities like these help children improve their balance, coordination and strength.

Upcoming Events

Sibshops

Tulsa Sibshops are activity "workshops" for siblings of children with special needs and are held on the first Saturday of the month. Sibshops mix information, discussion, activities and games. Call Lora Roberts at (918) 227-6202 for more information.

May is Better Hearing and Speech Month!

This annual event strives to raise awareness about communication disorders and promote treatment to improve the quality of life for those with speaking, understanding or hearing problems.

Autism Center of Tulsa Ready, Set, Run!

Join ACT on Saturday, May 8, for the 4th Annual Ready, Set, Run! 5k and Fun Run. The event takes place at Hunter Park starting at 8 a.m. Visit www.autismtulsa.org for more information.

Working Wonders

“Because of the therapy William has been receiving at TherapyWorks, he is stronger and more confident. As (his therapists) have worked to build his muscles and help him succeed at tasks he is generally afraid to try, his confidence has grown dramatically and he is now much more active, outgoing and willing to try new things. At each session we attend, William either learns a new skill or is given something to work on at home for continued strengthening. (They) have helped him greatly by giving him exercises that strengthen his tongue and jaw and he is finally willing to eat.

William is much more active now, where he used to always prefer being carried and did not have the strength to walk. He is trying more foods, eating entire meals, drinking from a cup, more active in his walker, and we are excited he is standing unassisted for short periods of time, first at therapy, now at home. Last week, he stacked boxes and climbed up on them!”

- Joshalyn, William's mother



Employee Emphasis

Liesa Persaud, PT, MPT, PCS

“My mission is to enable whoever I can to enjoy life to their full potential.”

Specialties

- Pediatrics
- Orthotics
- Neurology
- Wheelchair/Equipment Evaluations
- Pediatric Research

Certifications

- Board Certified Clinical Specialist in Pediatric Physical Therapy
- Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision

Education

- Pursuing Doctorate in Physical Therapy and Ph.D. in Pediatric Science, Rocky Mountain University
- M.S. Physical Therapy, University of Findlay
- B.S. Organizational Leadership, Southern Nazarene University
- Associate's Degree in Physical Therapist Assisting, Tulsa Junior College

Beyond TherapyWorks

In her spare time, Liesa spends time with her husband and her dogs, is a marathon runner and is active in her church. Liesa also serves in a variety of volunteer positions with children and adults and serves on the Tulsa Community College Advisory Committee.



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