

## **SARAH LAWSON**

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### **OBJECTIVE**

To obtain a hands-on experience that will allow me to further my training as a school psychologist.

### **EDUCATION**

**Doctor of Education, Educational Leadership and Policy Studies** May, 2021  
*Florida State University- Tallahassee, Florida*

**Educational Specialist, School Psychology** May, 2013  
*University of Central Florida – Orlando, Florida*

- Practicum experience in Seminole County Public Schools
- Internship experience in Sarasota County Public Schools

**Bachelor of Sciences, Psychology** December, 2009  
*Southeastern University- Lakeland, Florida*

- Member of Psi Chi- National Honor Society in Psychology
- Member of AACC- American Association of Christian Counselors

### **Professional Organizations**

- Florida Association of School Psychologists October, 2010- Present
- National Association of School Psychologists September, 2011-Present

### **Certifications**

- Florida Department of Education #1221742
- Nationally Certified School Psychologist #43485
- Florida Licensure #SS 1440

### **Skills**

*Expert at administration of:*

- Intelligence Measures
- Cognitive Measures
- Achievement Measures
- Reading Measures
- Mathematics Measures
- Behavior Rating Scales
- Adaptive Scales
- Developmental Assessments

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

### **School Psychologist**

July, 2019- March, 2021

#### *The Villages Charter School*

- Serve as a team member during Multi-Tiered System of Supports Tier 3 meetings at each school
- Serve as a team member during Exceptional Student Education meetings
- Serve as a team member during 504 Eligibility and Plan meetings
- Provide comprehensive psychoeducational evaluations
- Provide consultation evaluations
- Provide crisis response counseling to students
- Collaborate with school personnel to problem-solve academic and behavioral concerns
- Serve as part of the Exceptional Student Education department as the sole school psychologist for grades K-12
- Collaborate with mental health coordinator
- Provide professional development and training opportunities for personnel

### **School Psychologist**

August, 2013- June, 2019; March, 2021-June, 2021

#### *Lake County Schools*

- Serve as a team member during Multi-Tiered System of Supports meetings at each school
- Serve as a team member during Exceptional Student Education meetings
- Serve as a team member during 504 Eligibility and Plan meetings
- Provide comprehensive psychoeducational evaluations
- Provide individual counseling
- Collaborate with school personnel to create and implement academic and behavior interventions
- Serve on district liaison team with members from exceptional student education and student services departments
- Serve on department committees
- Provide professional development and training opportunities at school and district level
- Provide mentorship and intern supervision

### **Research Assistant/Data Collector**

June, 2013- July, 2019

#### *Psychological Assessment Resources, Inc.*

- Recruit participants for various data collection projects
- Administer and score academic, processing, and intelligence tests

### **School Psychologist Intern**

August, 2012- May, 2013

#### *Sarasota County Public Schools*

- Administered and scored assessments
- Wrote and presented comprehensive evaluation reports
- Wrote and presented prescriptive evaluation reports
- Attended weekly Children at Risk in Education meetings
- Attended weekly School Wide Support Team meetings
- Attended monthly Positive Behavior Support team meetings
- Provided services at a center school for students with exceptional needs

- Provided services with the Pre-Kindergarten team
- Provided services at two elementary schools
- Provided services at one Pre-Kindergarten through Sixth grade school
- Provided services at one alternative Eighth through Tenth grade school
- Provided direct counseling
- Provided direct intervention for behavior and academics
- Provided services as sole school psychologist at elementary school

**Preschool Teacher**

January, 2012- July, 2012

*College Park United Methodist Church Child Development Centre*

- Served as co-teacher for classroom
- Prepared and implemented lesson plans

**Field Researcher**

November, 2011- January, 2012

*Leiter-R Revision: Standardization Project*

- Individually assessed subjects using: Leiter-R, NSCST, and CASD
- Recruited volunteers and organized testing

**Special Needs Nanny**

June, 2011- December, 2011

*In-Home, Casselberry, FL*

- Provided care for basic, social, medical, and educational needs of toddler with Down's Syndrome
- Became familiar with "trach" tube and g-tube functioning and care
- Implemented recommendations from therapists (PT, OT, SLP) and Hospital Homebound teacher

**Research Assistant**

Fall, 2010, Fall, 2011, and January, 2012

*RfU Project-Florida Center for Reading Research*

- Individually assessed students using tests and subtests relevant to reading
- Scored and organized protocols
- Helped train new employees

**ESE Paraprofessional**

December 2010- June 2011

*Lena Vista Elementary School, Auburndale, FL*

- Provided one-on-one instruction for students with InD, EBD, and SLD in VE and InD classrooms
- Assisted teacher with development and implementation of classroom activities, lesson plans, and behavior plans
- Implemented strategies recommended by therapists

**ESE Cluster Paraprofessional**

Spring, 2010

*Polk County Schools- 5 Elementary Schools and 1 High School*

- Served as classroom substitute during IEP meetings
- Provided assistance in ESE classrooms by substituting, providing one-on-one instruction, and by participating in and leading activities
- Demonstrated organizational skills and self-motivation to take initiative by arriving at classrooms on time and by providing assistance before it was requested

**Day Care Teacher**

Summers: 2008, 2009, 2010

*Calvary Kids Preschool, Winter Haven, FL*

- Worked as afternoon teacher in 2-year-old classroom (2008)
- Created and implemented daily afternoon schedule, including: reading time, music time, playground time, and creative play time
- Worked as after-school and then summer teacher for 3rd-5th graders (2009, 2010)
- Helped with schoolwork, organized activities, chaperoned field trips, and substituted for other classrooms when needed

**VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

Mission Trip April, 2013

*Dominican Republic, sponsored by Oasis Church*

Mission Trip December, 2008

*Honduras, sponsored by Southeastern University*

- Worked with students within schools on holiday projects and various activities
- Worked with children within churches by participating in services with presentations, skits, and songs

Mission/Study Abroad Trip May, 2007

*Dominican Republic, sponsored by Southeastern University*

- Volunteered in nursing homes, schools, and homes by participating in food and clothing distribution, musical performances, and one-on-one conversations or activities
- Studied and earned credit for Cultural Anthropology