

EMILIE VOGAS

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Resilient, enthusiastic and experienced Board Certified Behavior Analyst and PATH International Therapeutic Riding Instructor who embraces the demands associated with working alongside individuals with challenging behavior. Maintains a strong positive attitude even during times of stress or conflict.

WORK HISTORY

Founder and Director, Behavior Specialist/ BCBA

ReaLife ABA (RealifeABA.com) - Austin, TX

08/2010 - Current

- Provide individualized in-home therapy utilizing the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis with an emphasis on verbal behavior therapy.
- Create personalized strategies to meet the needs of individuals with autism and their families.
- Develop behavior intervention plans based on Functional Behavior Assessment, ABLLS-R, and VB-MAPP.
- Conduct and utilize descriptive assessments, functional and task analyses to develop appropriate behavior intervention plans for individuals and their families.
- Complete data analysis and consult with families and other professionals.

Autism and Child Behavior Consultant

Parenting Horizons - New York, NY

01/2013 - Current

- Consults and advises nationally recognized parent education organization.
- Reviews and edits articles on child behavior and parenting techniques.

Behavior Specialist

ROCK, Ride On Center for Kids - Georgetown, TX

07/2013 - 08/2017

- Redirect poor behavior using the positive reinforcement method.
- Communicate nonverbally with children to provide them with comfort, encouragement and positive reinforcement.
- Create personalized strategies to meet the needs of mentally and physically disabled students.
- Instruct students with disabilities, including Autism, Down Syndrome and other Behavior involvements.

- Designed and implemented a response cost system to encourage positive behavior.
- Attend monthly staff training sessions.

Research Coordinator

ROCK, Ride On Center for Kids - Georgetown, TX 06/2009 - 07/2016

- Worked with Dr. Duane Steward and the researchers at One Health at Texas A&M to research the impact of the movement of various equines on individuals with a variety of disabilities.
- Conducted weekly research sessions for pilot study: "Acute and Chronic Effects of Equine Assisted Activities on Postural Stability in Children with Autism". Presented in 2009.
- Collected data weekly for multiple research projects.

Assistant Teacher/ ABA Therapist

William's Community School - Austin, TX 12/2011 - 06/2013

- Designed and implemented a new point system to encourage positive behavior.
- Redirected students using Positive Behavior Support (PBS).
- Led activities that developed students' physical, emotional and social growth.
- Physically and verbally interacted with students throughout the day.
- Redirected poor behavior using the positive reinforcement method.

ABA Therapist

Children's Autism Center - Round Rock, TX 08/2011 - 11/2011

- Followed a Behavior Intervention Plan to provide therapy for 5 children with autism.
- Created strategies to meet the behavioral needs of individuals with autism and their families.
- Utilized discreet trial training, incidental teaching techniques, and personalized system of instruction to change behavior.

PUBLICATIONS

Ross, E. (2017) "Handling Challenging Behavior." *Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International, STRIDES*. Vol. 23, No. 3:32-36.

CONFERENCES

Presenter (National)

Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship (PATH) National Conference 2017
"The Best Offense is a Good Defense: The Art of Handling Behavior in EAAT"

Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship (PATH) National Conference 2015
"Behavior Bootcamp: Behavioral Techniques in EAAT"

Presenter (Regional)

Lone Star Therapeutic Equestrian Network (LSTEN) regional conference 2016
"Behavior Bootcamp II: Behavioral Techniques in EAAT"
LSTEN regional conference 2015-
"Behavior Bootcamp: Behavioral Techniques in EAAT"
LSTEN regional conference 2009--"Acute and Chronic Effects of Equine Assisted Activities on Postural Stability in Children with Autism"

Attended

LSTEN regional conference 2011, 2012, 2014
The Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABA) National Conference 2015
Texas Association for Behavior Analysis (TXABA) Conference 2019

CERTIFICATIONS

Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) Certification Cert. # 1-13-13195

PATH Registered Therapeutic Riding Instructor Cert. # 80116

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Texas Association for Behavior Analysis

The Association for Behavior Analysis International

Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International

EDUCATION

Master of Education: Autism and Developmental Disabilities

University of Texas at Austin - Austin, TX 2012

Bachelor of Arts: Psychology

Northwestern University - Evanston, IL 2010

- Recipient of the Harry & Clarice Fine Memorial Scholarship
- Recipient of the J. G. Nolan Scholarship
- Summer Internship Grant Program Recipient
- Departmental Honors in Psychology specializing in early childhood development

SKILLS

- Conversational Spanish
- First Aid and CPR Certified
- HIPAA Trained
- BCBA in good standing
- PATH International Therapeutic Riding Instructor
- Proficient in family training techniques
- Proficient in conducting FBA, ABLLS-R, VBMAPP
- Proficient in Microsoft Excel, PowerPoint, Word, and Mayer Johnson Boardmaker