

Leah E. Jester

Education: **Black Hills State University, Spearfish, SD**
B.S. - Psychology 2003
B.S. - Human Services 2003
Minor - Business Administration, 2003
Magna Cum Laude

Internships: (Undergrad)
Psychology/Neuropsychology
Rapid City Regional Hospital
Rapid, City, SD

(Undergrad)
Human Services
South Dakota Advocacy Services
Rapid City, SD

(Undergrad)
Children's Care Rehabilitation Hospital
Human Services
Rapid City, SD

Honors/Awards

Lifetime member of Psi Chi Honor Society
Toastmasters International, CTM

Research Interests: Brain injury recovery/rehabilitation, remediation of cognitive target areas resulting from brain injury.

Research Projects: Metronome based-therapies

Presentations: "Metronome-Based Therapies, The Beat Goes On", 1st Annual Black Hills Brain Injury Conference, May 15, 2006, Rapid City Regional Hospital, Rapid City, South Dakota.

"RhythmiCog™-A Metronome Based Therapy, An Individual Based Study", 2nd Annual Black Hills Brain Injury Conference, May 17-18th, 2007, Rapid City Regional Hospital, Rapid City, South Dakota.

Experience:

Cognitive Retraining Therapist: Review and analyze TBI/ABI client neuropsychological evaluations for target/strength areas. Develop, implement, and monitor client cognitive retraining programs based on identified target areas. Generate and present monthly reports on client progress to staff, family and funding agencies. Maintain, monitor, develop and research cognitive retraining curriculum materials. Supervise, train, and schedule associate instructor staff. Conduct various cognitive group therapy sessions, including attention process training.

Volunteer Experience:

Fund Raising & Publicity

Over eighteen years volunteer experience including: work for the IL Spina Bifida Assn. (ISBA) which included assisted with fundraising, public relations activities and set up of a camp for children with Spina Bifida. Served on parent panel for counselor training and as parent liaison for counselors. Provided office support to camp director, member - steering committee for permanent campsite selection during camp's inception 1988 & 1989 and wrote for the ISBA newsletter. With the Beach Park PTA: Co-Chair of the major fundraising project for the school district, recruited, trained, scheduled and supervised up to 50 volunteers. Coordinated publicity, banking activities, and acted as liaison with school officials. Participated in white-faced clowning.

Event Coordination:

1st & 2nd Black Hills Brain Injury Conferences, JCAHO Education Fairs, Theatrical productions, class reunions, fundraisers.

WORK HISTORY:

7/04 to present	Community Transitions, Rapid City, SD South Dakota, Cognitive Retraining Therapist
5/04 to 11/04	Learning Solutions, Inc., Rapid City, SD Cognitive Trainer
7/99 to 9/2002	Rapid City Regional Hospital, Rapid City, SD <i>Office Coordinator, Standards & Risk Management</i>
6/81 to 2/98	Lake County Public Water District, Zion IL <i>District Secretary –</i> <i>Administrative Officer to Board of Trustees</i>