Cara Walker

Physician Assistant
Newport Orthopedic Institute

Education Background:
Arizona State University—Bachelor of Science in Biology
University of Southern California—Master of Physician Assistant Practice

Current Job Tasks:
Physician assistant to Dr. James Caillouette. We do 500-600 total joint (knee & hip) replacements per year. I see patient's in clinic and the hospital, assist in surgeries, order and interpret testing, and write medication orders.

Favorite Thing About Their Job:
Helping patients return to the activities they love to do and get their lives back.

Piece of Advice:
Work hard, be kind, and take advantage of every opportunity that is presented to you.

Julie Boterenbrood

Occupational Therapist/Lead Therapist
Rehab Without Walls

Education Background:
Seattle Pacific University—Bachelor of Arts in English; Minor in Business
San Jose State University—Master of Arts in Education: Instructional Design/Technology
University of Southern California—Master of Arts in Occupational Therapy

Current Job Tasks:
I continue to see patients as an OT, specializing in neurological rehabilitation. For RWW, we focus on home and community based care with goals to return patients to functioning within their household and community (work, school, hobbies, etc.). I am also the Lead Therapist for the territory in which I live, overseeing approximately 15 other therapists (PT, OT, SLP, NeuroPsych, etc.). I do supervision visits, performance evaluations, mentorship, and trainings to support our team of therapists. I also serve as a liaison between local hospitals/rehab units assisting them in understanding they type of patients that will be best served by our neuro rehab program.

Favorite Thing About Their Job:
Variety… I have been a licensed OT for almost 9 years now and it has been great to continue using my expertise to work with patients and also be able to support and mentor fellow therapists. No day is the same in patient care and with my other responsibilities.

Piece of Advice:
Take the time to work on yourself and your own life first… As a future therapist, your job life will involve focusing on others needs. It's much easier to give and provide supportive care when you have learned ways to keep yourself healthy and strong. Take some time to live and explore the world, as those experiences will make you better at understanding differences in those you work with.
Marissa Marshall
Case Supervisor/Behavior Analyst
Autism Spectrum Consultants

Education Background:

Current Job Tasks:
I conduct intake assessments to create goals for individuals (most of whom have an autism diagnosis). From the assessment, a program is developed to help clients achieve those goals. I supervise a team of behavior therapists who work with the clients and monitor data to ensure the client is making progress. At times, I also work one-on-one with the client or the caregivers.

Favorite Thing About Their Job:
My absolute favorite thing about this job is seeing the progress that these individuals make and knowing that this client can now demonstrate a new skill because of something that I did. In this field, we're helping people and changing lives.

Piece of Advice:
Remember: it's all about the clients we serve! We want to do what's best for them so having a positive attitude, thinking outside the box, and being patient is really important.