



TREETOP TALK



**Anna Shaw
Children's Institute**

Fall 2019

Meet Anna Shaw Children's Institute's Therapy Staff



Andrea Henry MCD, CCC-SLP
Speech-Language Pathologist

I treat children with various conditions including autism, cerebral palsy, genetic and oral motor/feeding disorders, etc. I work to facilitate communication using various modalities and improve articulation. In addition, I aid in the improvement of the oral mechanism for adequate feeding skills. I received both my bachelor's and master's degrees from Auburn University. I chose the field of speech pathology because it captivates my interest and curiosity and incorporates my love for children and families. I enjoy having the opportunity to help people with their communication because of the large influence it has on their quality of life. In my spare time, I love hanging out with my family, being active and outdoors, and attending concerts with my husband.



Ashley Johnson, MCD, CCC-SLP
Pediatric Speech and Feeding Therapist

I received my Masters of Communication Disorders degree from Auburn University. As a speech pathologist, I work to facilitate communication using various modalities. I treat children with various conditions, including autism, cerebral palsy, genetic and oral motor/feeding disorders, etc. In addition, I aid in the improvement of the oral mechanism for adequate feeding skills. I have a heart for children with special needs and feel that God has provided me with a gift to enrich the lives of these children. I appreciate Anna Shaw Children's Institute's philosophy of family-centered therapy, as well as the positive atmosphere here at the Institute. In my spare time, I enjoy horseback riding and spending time with my Shih-Tzu puppy, Tuffy.



Pediatric Physical Therapist

I work with children and families to help develop goals and build treatment strategies. I have a Bachelor of Science degree from Mississippi State University as well as a Doctorate of Physical Therapy degree from Washington University in St. Louis. I chose a career in physical therapy after personally experiencing how beneficial physical therapy can be. I specifically chose to pursue

pediatric physical therapy because I love working with children and their families. I joined the team at Anna Shaw Children's Institute because I truly believe in family-centered care.



Laurie Mcgee PT, DPT Therapy Manager

I received my Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy degree from the University of Tennessee at Memphis and my Masters of Education in Special Education and my Doctor of Physical Therapy degrees from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

I have always enjoyed working with children, particularly children with special needs. I learn more from them than they will ever learn from me. Anna Shaw Children's Institute is one of a kind. We have such an amazing group of people that work here. Every person puts the families and children first. In addition, we are incredibly blessed with support from the community and Hamilton Health Care System. Knowing we have so many cheerleaders behind us makes us strive for excellence in all we do.



Laura Ogas, LPMT, MT-BC Licensed Board-Certified Music Therapist

I received my degree from Loyola University in New Orleans, Louisiana. While in New Orleans, I had the pleasure of performing with several great artists.

Once when I was in a hospital as a child, I witnessed the healing power of music. In that moment I knew that I wanted to pursue a career in music therapy. I that believe early intervention is the key to success, not just for children but for the whole family. Anna Shaw Children's Institute makes it possible for more children to receive early intervention services and I am blessed to be a part of it!



Amy Thomas OTR/L Occupational Therapist

I received my degree in Occupational Therapy from the University of Tennessee at Memphis. I have had the pleasure of working with children and their families for over 20 years. Prior to joining Anna Shaw Children's Institute, I primarily worked with children from birth to three years old. I was drawn to Anna Shaw Children's

Institute by the large scope of services provided to children and their families. I am incredibly excited to be a part of the team. When I'm not at the Institute, I enjoy hiking with my husband and children.

Nancy Tomanelli, OTR/L Occupational Therapist

As an occupational therapist, I help children develop functional



life skills by empowering them to try new things so they can enjoy more things in life! I love finding out what motivates a child and then using those motivators to engage the child in a new experience, such as grasping a spoon, writing, or playing with toys.

I obtained my bachelor's degree in Occupational Therapy from Utica College of Syracuse University. I chose this field because I love working with children and seeing them learn new skills and overcome challenges. Fun Fact about me: my colleagues nicknamed me "Fancy Nancy", after the Disney character that one of my little girls loves! She will work extra hard in therapy if I make it "Fancy Friendly!" In my spare time, I enjoy the simple things in nature such as gardening, walking, and spending time with my friends and family.



CHAMP Series

"Classes to Help, Advise, & Motivate Parents"



Tuesday, September 3rd | 6:00 pm

Location

1201 Burleyson Road, Dalton

Southern Magnolia Meeting Rooms

Please park in the lower level parking lot
(Upper entrance will be locked at 6pm)

- Limited childcare for children 12 and under available
- Continued classes in this series will be on the first Tuesday of every month, at 6:00 p.m. in the Southern Magnolia Meeting Rooms.

Speakers for Tuesday, September 3rd

Evan Anderson, PhD, and Arlena Freeman, LPC, CPCS of the Anna Shaw Children's Institute Psychology Team

Topic

Anxiety: Understanding Types of Anxiety and Management Techniques

Space is limited. Please RSVP to 706-226-8911

CHAMP Series is open to families with children of any age

Future dates & topics for 2019

October 1st

Introduction to ADHD

December 3rd

Sensory and Feeding Challenges

November 5th

Introduction to the IEP/504 Process

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Anna Shaw Children's Institute Receives Award for Best Architectural Design

Healthcare Design recently announced the winners and finalists of its 2019 Healthcare Design Showcase awards program. The Anna Shaw Children's Institute will receive the Award of Merit (highest award) at the HCD Expo & Conference in New Orleans this November.

The Healthcare Design Showcase awards program is in its 19th year of honoring the best design and architecture in the healthcare industry. The building, which opened April 1, was designed by Earl Swensson Associates (ESa).

"We absolutely love our building – the look, the atmosphere, the windows, the wall vinyls and all of the other details!" said Terri Woodruff, executive director. "The medical elements are hidden in the forest design so that, to the children, it looks like a treehouse in the forest. The wayfinding is working just as we had planned, and the children walk in and begin playing and exploring. They are calm and playful. The anxieties that can occur at a typical doctor's office are just not present."

Dedicated to the memory of local philanthropist Anna Sue Shaw, the Institute is an advocate for the care of children who are experiencing the challenges of autism spectrum disorder, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder or developmental delays.

With design elements inspired by the style of a treehouse, the Institute was designed to be considerate of children's differing abilities to tolerate light, sound and texture. The Institute provides a unique environment with the overall goal to blend calming color and fun play for children of all abilities.

The structure's roof line and design are patterned after a treehouse. The outside of the building pulls together the elements of glass, wood and mountain stone in a color palette of browns, greens and blues to reflect the beauty of the North Georgia mountains. The walls of windows provide for natural light to warmly flow into the interior of the building.

The room designs include forest animals, birds or butterflies. Each of the rooms has dimmable lights. Some unique areas for care include the Swan Room, an aquatic therapy room for children with a swim tank. The Oriole room is used for occupational therapy. Feeding therapy can take place in the Finch or Falcon rooms in a booth that mimics dining out. Children can participate in speech therapy in the Sparrow or the Seagull rooms.

Children can receive physical or occupational therapy in the Treehouse Gym, a large 2,900-square-foot gym with colorful patterns on the floor, an adaptive climbing wall, an indoor slide and a fun track in

the middle of the room. During pleasant weather, therapy can be enjoyed outside in the Treehouse Terrace, an outdoor therapy area with a roller slide, a spinning chair, adaptive pull up bars, a sensory wave and a fun set on tympani drums.

“Our care team continually comments on the ease of the workflow due to the design,” said Terri. “ESadid a stellar job!”

Apple Stamping Pumpkin Craft

Supplies Needed

- Apple, cut down the center
- Orange paint
- Googly eyes
- Green and brown pipe cleaners or markers
- Paper



Steps

1. Slice your apple in half.
2. Brush some orange paint on one half of your apple with a small paint brush or sponge. Carefully press the down on your paper and let your paint dry completely.
3. Next you will make the stem and leaves. You can cut pipe cleaners and glue them to the paper or draw the stem and leaves with markers.
4. Draw a stem on the paper or cut brown pipe cleaner to look like a stem.
5. Draw leaves or cut a green pipe cleaner into small pieces and wrap it around a pencil to make the curly leaves.
6. Glue your stem and leaves to the paper.
7. Place googly eyes on the pumpkins or use a black marker to draw the eyes.
8. You're done!

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