



2023 GAND Virtual Conference **Meet Our Speakers**

Erica Scheifflee, MS, CCC-SLP

Speech-Language Pathologist & Relational Restoration Coach

Session: *Balancing Behavior with Relational Attunement*



Erica is a licensed speech-language pathologist in private practice serving Milwaukee and beyond. She offers traditional therapy as well as coaching services. Her niche is guiding others to the discovery of both communicative and relational harmony. Her eclectic style is fueled by 20+ years of professional training and personal transformation. She craft-fully combines evidence-based, relationship-centered, and metaphysical philosophies to lead individuals and groups of people into alignment with their fuller potential.

Erin Gaul, MS, CCC-SLP

PROMPT Bridging Trained Speech-Language Pathologist

Session: *A Motor Speech Approach for Maximizing Speech and Language Potential for GAND Children*



Erin is the owner and primary speech-language pathologist of Your Speech Path, LLC. She earned her Bachelors in Sociology/Deaf Studies at Rosemont College and her Masters in Speech-Language Pathology from Gallaudet University.

Erin's primary focus is expert, passionate treatment for Childhood Apraxia of Speech (CAS) and other Speech Sound Disorders (SSD). Erin has sought out extensive, professional, ongoing training in Childhood Apraxia of Speech (CAS) with renowned speech-language pathologists and experts, Edythe Strand, Sue Caspari, Dave Hammer, Cari Ebert, Ruth Stoeckel, Edwin Maas, and others. Erin utilizes Dynamic Temporal and Tactile Cueing (DTTC) in motor speech sessions. PROMPT is also utilized for tactile cueing within the DTTC hierarchy. Erin is also listed in the Apraxia-Kids SLP directory for experienced, expert treatment of CAS: [Apraxia-Kids SLP directory](#). Erin is PROMPT© Technique, Bridging, & Practicum trained and is proficient in American Sign Language (ASL).

Erin also specializes in orofacial myofunctional disorders. She is a candidate through the International Association of Orofacial Myology to become a Certified Orofacial Myologist (COM®). Erin holds her Certificate of Clinical Competence from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) and is licensed in the state of Pennsylvania.



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Jenna Williams-McDermed, OD, FCOVD

Developmental Optometrist

Session: *Navigating GAND: Understanding Vision Challenges & Treatment*



Dr. Jenna Williams-McDermed is a board certified Optometric Physician providing Developmental Optometry and Optometric Vision Therapy. She has been awarded Fellowship status in the specialty areas of vision development and vision therapy. Dr. McDermed is the founder of the Visual Health & Learning Center, a vision therapy clinic which has provided services to children & adults in Central Florida since 2007.

Dr. McDermed graduated from the Pennsylvania State University in 2002 with a Bachelor's Degree in Biology, with a concentration in Neuroscience. She received a Bachelor's degree in Vision Science, and Doctorate in Optometry in 2006, graduating with honors from Nova Southeastern University.

To stay at the top of her field, Dr. McDermed continually pursues post-graduate education in Developmental and Behavioral Optometry and is a Fellow in Vision Therapy through the College of Optometrist in Vision Development (FCOVD).

Dr. McDermed currently lives with her husband, daughter, son and two dogs in East Orlando.

Tyler Pierson, MD, PhD

Clinical Pediatric Neurologist and Researcher

Sessions: *Understand GAND* and *GAND Research Update*



Dr. Tyler Pierson did his undergraduate work at the University of Texas at Austin. He then attended Baylor College of Medicine, where he received his MD and PhD degrees. His thesis involved inducible gene therapy. He did his pediatrics training at Texas Children's Hospital and his pediatric neurology training at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia specializing in rare neurogenetics disorders. After his residency, he joined the Neurogenetics Branch of NINDS at the National Institutes of Health and subsequently joined the newly developed NIH Undiagnosed Diseases Program. Both of these groups specialized in the study of rare neurogenetic disorders and utilized new genomics techniques to perform large-scale gene screens in undiagnosed patients. After completing his training at the NIH, Dr. Pierson moved to Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in

Los Angeles, where he has been funded by the Cedars-Sinai Fashion Industries Guild. Under their sponsorship, he set up the Pediatric Neurogenetics and Neuromuscular (NGNM) Clinic and his laboratory in the Cedars-Sinai Board of Governor's Regenerative Medicine Institute. The NGNM clinic focuses on children with undiagnosed or rare neurogenetic disorders, while the laboratory utilizes basic science research to better understand these disorders. This research involves the use of induced pluripotent stem cells to model these disorders in tissue culture.