

Presenters



Michelle McPeck, B.S. is a Parent Resource Coordinator at the Munroe -Meyer Institute. As a mother with a daughter on the Autism Spectrum, Michelle strives to provide caregivers with the medical, educational, and community resources they need to be their children's best advocates.



Patricia K. Zemantic, Ph.D., BCBA-D is a post-doctoral fellow at the Munroe -Meyer Institute in the Early Intervention Program. She has a decade of experience serving children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and their families in school, home, and clinic settings. Her clinical work focuses on the assessment and diagnosis of ASD, caregiver training, and early intervention.



Leslie, MA, CCC-SLP has been a speech-language pathologist at the Munroe -Meyer Institute for the past 6 years. She specializes in autism, augmentative and alternative communication (AAC), and integrated services within applied behavior analysis (ABA) services



Monica Pleiss, OTD, OTR/L, BCP provides outpatient occupational therapy services at Munroe -Meyer Institute and in the home, as well as school based occupational therapy services to students in the Omaha Public Schools. She has a background in early childhood education which influences her approach to child development and skill acquisition. Monica strives to use a strengths based approach to treatment and build upon the child's interests through play. Monica earned her AOTA board certification in pediatrics in 2018.



Amanda Zangrillo, Psy.D., BCBA-D is an Assistant Professor at University of Nebraska Medical Center's Munroe-Meyer Institute's Severe Behavior Program and Integrated Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders. Dr. Zangrillo is the Director of the Autism Diagnostic Clinic where she oversees the multi-disciplinary evaluation clinic and works with newly diagnosed families to access resources in the Community Autism Resources and Education Program (CARE). She also serves as the Director of the Severe Behavior Program providing assessment and treatment to children with severe problem behaviors.



Laura Phipps Ed.S., BCBA is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst and doctoral student at the Munroe-Meyer Institute serving as a case manager in the Pediatric Feeding Disorders Program. Laura earned a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA and an Education Specialist degree in school psychology from Baylor University in Waco, TX. Laura began her work in the ABA field in 2013 and gained several years of experience working within the public school system specializing in behavior consultation and assessment before her start at MMI.