



Rebecca O'Callaghan, M.S., OTR/L, SWC is our Occupational Therapist and has more than 15 years of experience in occupational therapy practice devoted to treating children with special needs. Her practice includes both general pediatric occupational therapy services as well as feeding therapy intervention. Rebecca is able to provide services that are both child and family centered. She takes great care in identifying your child's needs, and takes the time to understand what outcomes are most meaningful for your family. Rebecca will provide services in a variety of community-based settings based on your child's needs. Her treatment sessions include activities that are focused around your child's interests. She includes parents, caregivers, and other family members in the treatment session and offers the opportunity to learn and advance one's skills in understanding your child's strengths and areas of need. Rebecca has a true passion for occupational therapy practice, keeping emphasis in developmental, sensory integration, and feeding practices as areas of knowledge and expertise.

Rebecca has received her both Bachelor of Science Degree (2004) and Master of Science Degree (2005) in Occupational Therapy from San Jose State University. Rebecca has maintained her OTR certification from the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) and is currently licensed with the California Board of Occupational Therapy (CBOT). In addition, Rebecca has received an advanced practice certification from the California Board of Occupational Therapy (CBOT) in Swallowing Assessment, Evaluation, or Intervention (SWC).

Rebecca has worked with many families over the years, and has helped many children to build skills that enable them to participate in everyday activities that are meaningful to them. She has had the opportunity to work with children of all ages that have unique and individual needs. Rebecca is experienced in providing occupational therapy services for children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Cerebral Palsy, Spina Bifida, and other neurological disabilities, seizure disorders/epilepsy, prematurity, developmental delays, sensory processing disorder/sensory integration dysfunction, and various congenital and genetic disabilities (i.e. CHARGE syndrome, Down's syndrome, Prader-Willi syndrome, Rhatt syndrome, Wolf-Hirschhorn syndrome, 22q11.2 deletion syndrome, Chromosome 7 trisomy mosaic syndrome, Russell-Silver syndrome, etc.).

Rebecca has also spent time providing occupational therapy feeding services for infants and children that have been identified as having some type of feeding disorder. She has worked with infants having difficulty with breastfeeding, including arching or stiffening the body during feeding, difficulty coordinating breathing with eating/drinking, and frequent spitting up or vomiting. Rebecca has also worked with children identified with less than normal weight gain or growth, failure to thrive, those experiencing refusal of failure with accepting different food textures, difficulty chewing, coughing or gagging during mealtimes, overstuffing of foods, those with lengthy mealtime routines, and those experiencing behavioral challenges during mealtime. Her advanced practice certification also allows her to provide intervention for specialized/advanced feeding disorders such as gastrostomy tube transitions and dysphagia/aspiration.

Rebecca believes strongly in education for those entering into the occupational therapy profession. She has completed AOTA's Fieldwork Educator Certification Program (FWECP), and has spent much of her career partnering with various colleges and universities to teach occupational therapy students, many of whom have gone on to become occupational therapists or occupational therapy assistants and join in the profession. Rebecca truly believes that providing a quality education to occupational therapy students is essential and valuable in bringing forward the next generation of today's occupational therapy profession.