

THERAPY SERVICES FOR:

- **HYPOTONIA**
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- **GAIT DISTURBANCES**
- **ORTHOTICS**
- **DEVELOPMENTAL DELAY**
- **NEUROLOGICAL CONDITIONS**
- **SENSORY INTEGRATION**
- **HANDWRITING SKILLS**
- **FEEDING AVERSION**
- **WHEELCHAIR FITTING**
- **SPLINTING**
- **ORAL MOTOR PROBLEMS**
- **AUTISM SPECTRUM**
- **DYSPRAXIA**
- **DYSARTHRIA**
- **AQUATIC THERAPY**
- **LANGUAGE BASED LEARNING DISABILITIES**
- **DYSLEXIA**

Sheri Simkins, PT, PCS Sheri graduated from the University of Puget Sound in 1981. She has worked in hospital, school, and private practice settings. She is board certified as a clinical specialist in pediatric PT, has received CCS/ESA School District Certification, is certified in Pediatric Neuro-Developmental Treatment (NDT) and has completed multiple courses through NDT. She has also participated in Technical Assistance for Self Care (TASC) symposiums and has Threshold Electrical Stimulation (TES) training. She has also been trained in numerous infant and pediatric assessments and has been licensed in Montana, Washington, and California.

Claire Adam, DPT Claire received her Doctor of Physical Therapy in 2005 from the University of Washington. She worked for a school district before joining Epicenter. She is trained in developmental assessments and aquatic therapy. She has a particular interest in developmental coordination disorders. She sees patients for aquatic therapy and leads a gross motor group.

Nancy Harris, DPT Nancy received her Doctor of Physical Therapy in 2007 from the University of Montana, after completing a 2 month internship here at Epicenter. She has experience working with children in many different settings including 3 years with the Child Development Center in Missoula, MT, volunteering for the Eagle Mount swim program, and working as a personal care giver for kids with special needs in their homes. She currently instructs a yoga group for children with special needs and leads some of our gross motor groups.

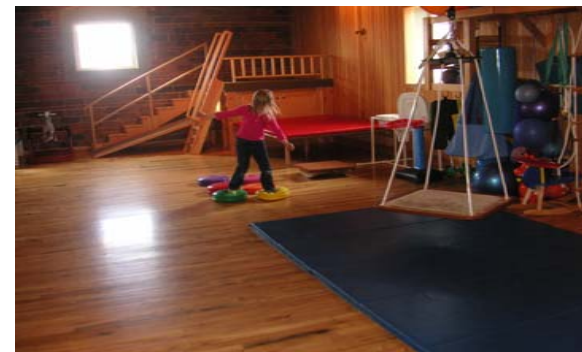
Lindsey Anderson, MOTR/L Lindsey received her Masters of Occupational Therapy from the University of North Dakota in 2007. Through her volunteer time at Eagle Mount directing the cycling and golfing programs she has developed a strong interest in dealing with children with disabilities.

Erin Russell, MOTR/L Erin received her Masters of Occupational Therapy from Pacific University in 2007. Her interest in treating children developed while participating in an internship with the Las Vegas School District. She is leading handwriting classes at Epicenter.

Holly Kassner, COTA/L Holly completed her Associate of Applied Science in Occupational Therapy Assistant program from North Dakota State College of Science in 2006 and has worked at Epicenter since then. Holly has a particular interest in school aged children with a focus on behavior and sensory integration. She participates in the Yoga and Handwriting groups.

Christa Drab, MS, CCC-SLP Christa received her Masters in Speech-Language Pathology from Idaho State University in 1997. She has experience in school based therapy and private practice. Her particular interest and specialized education is on the oral motor aspect of speech and feeding, feeding disorders, sensory issues, articulation disorders, and cognitive impairments.

Amy Lincoln, PhD, CCC-SLP Amy received her Masters in Speech-Language Pathology from the University of Washington in 1996 and then pursued a Doctorate in Neuro Science at University of California at Davis in 2007. She has worked in private practice settings. Her passion is in working with school aged children with language and learning disabilities.



PROVIDING THE BEST FOR THOSE WHO NEED THEM MOST

Epicenter provides services in Physical, Occupational, and Speech therapy to children from all over southwest Montana. We pride ourselves in having a wide scope of pediatric equipment and intervention tools available, including vestibular equipment, treadmills and assistive gait devices, climbing equipment. We also use many different therapeutic intervention tools such as dynamic taping and compression garments, splinting and orthotics. We have all of the most up to date developmental test kits available to assess your child. Home visits may be available. We work with all insurance companies and Medicaid.

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PHYSICAL THERAPY

Skills for better movement

Physical Therapy (PT) emphasizes activities to facilitate gross motor development, basic mobility, and functional skills.

- Gross motor skills-large muscle activities
- Mobility skills-moving safely through one's environment
- Postural control and alignment
- Joint motion and flexibility
- Manual therapy techniques
- Body awareness
- Positioning and adaptive equipment
- Balance and coordination
- Sensory motor skills
- Adaptive skill development
- Orthotics fitting and training for lower extremities
- Electrical stimulation, heat, and ultrasound modalities

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Skills for the job of living

Occupational Therapy (OT) emphasizes activities to promote independence, successful play, self-help, and school skills.

- Fine motor skills-small, finely coordinated hand movements
- Visual perceptual motor skills-the ability to understand and interpret what is seen
- Self care skills-for independent feeding, dressing, and hygiene
- Oral motor and feeding issues
- Body awareness
- Positioning and adaptive equipment
- Sensory motor skills
- Cognitive function
- Orthotics fitting and training for upper extremities

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Skills for effective communication

Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) emphasizes facilitation of both communication and oral motor skills that support swallowing.

- Articulation , expressive and receptive disorders-producing and using speech sounds and understanding them
- Language delays and nonverbal learning disabilities
- Word retrieval issues
- Oral motor training to support feeding, chewing, swallowing, and speaking
- Development of play skills to support symbolic development
- Difficulties with socialization
- Language therapy for children with hearing loss and deafness, cleft palate, and autism
- Dyslexia and reading delays
- Learning problems related to language

There can be overlap between the different therapies because they are related and complimentary services. The differences are in the techniques and activities used and the areas with which they are concerned. *Epicenter Therapy Services emphasizes the team approach to avoid duplication of therapies.*