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Angela Olson, Occupational Therapist (OTR/L)

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Education:

• M.A. in Occupational Therapy, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, North Dakota, December 2007

Special Certifications:

- Therapeutic Listening Program Provider Certification Course 2013
- Interactive Metronome

Specific Treatment Strategies, Equipment, or Expertise Utilized:

- Yoga and Gymnastics
- Neurodevelopmental Treatment (NDT)
- Aquatic Therapy (during aquatic season)
- Hippotherapy (when program available)
- Handwriting without Tears and Size Matters writing programs

Career History:

I began working at L.I.F.E. in January 2008 and have been employed with L.I.F.E. ever since. Prior to working at L.I.F.E. I completed clinicals at the Arizona State Hospital and inpatient rehab working with adult and children with physical disabilities. In college I worked for Easter Seals Goodwill and worked under a BCBA working with children with autism. I have over 10 years of experience teaching gymnastics, cheerleading and swim to children with special needs and currently work with some L.I.F.E. clients on Fridays doing occupational therapy in the gymnastics setting at Aspire Kids Sports Center in Chandler.

Personal:

I grew up in Bismarck, North Dakota. I moved to Arizona to complete my last clinical rotation for Occupational Therapy at the Arizona State Hospital in 2007. I volunteered a short time at L.I.F.E. and fell in love with the family like atmosphere at L.I.F.E. and the organization's philosophy. I enjoy staying active with yoga, dance, martial arts and competing in American Ninja Warrior competitions. I also volunteer coach the Arizona State University (ASU) women's club gymnastics team during the school year.