

Lee Hellman Ryan, OTR/L, MS, CNT, NTMTC began her professional career as a special education teacher where she discovered her desire to further her skills in working with children with special needs as an occupational therapist. Following graduate school, she gained experience as a pediatric occupational therapist while working in homes, outpatient clinics, medical diagnostic and neurodevelopmental follow up clinics, rehabilitation units and inpatient units. Lee has spent the past seventeen years at Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago where she strengthened her passion for working with infants in the neonatal and cardiac intensive care units. She most enjoys guiding parents and caregivers in understanding how to interact with and promote development for their children who have medically complex histories. Lee worked collaboratively with a team to develop the BPD program at Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital. Additionally, Lee continues to grow as a therapist by mentoring peers in the rehabilitation and nursing units as well as serve as a clinical instructor in the student education program.