

## LISA MARNELL OTD, MBA

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### EDUCATION:

- OTD Boston University, Boston, MA (2020)
- Doctoral Project: *Helping Kids Master Surprise: An Activities-Based Program to Promote Cognitive Flexibility in Children and Teens with Autism*
- M.S. OT Tufts University, Boston, MA (1998)
- M.B.A. McGill University, Montreal, Quebec (1991)
- B.S. Biology Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec (1989)

### CREDENTIALS:

Registered OT by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT)

### LICENSED:

Licensed Occupational Therapist (California)

### POSITIONS HELD:

- Kids Master Skills L.L.C. Thousand Oaks, CA  
Founder/Owner January 2018 - Present
- Mission: To educate and empower families of children and teens with autism; to create evidence-based developmental and educational resources; to contribute funds, materials, training, and support to educators and therapists worldwide; to support and sponsor special needs sports
  - Private Occupational Therapy Services: Intervention to foster children and teen's independent function, parent education and empowerment, and quality of life for all
  - Education Provider and Curriculum Developer: Created educational resources for therapists, parents, and teachers via website (KidsMasterSkills.com) and social media
- Academy for the Advancement of Children with Autism Northridge, CA  
Occupational Therapist September 2007 – June 2012

- Provided occupational therapy services to elementary, middle, and high school students
- Utilized pull-out and push-in classroom treatment models for students with autism

Ventura County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Ventura, CA  
 Occupational Therapist April, 2008 – June, 2010

- Offered comprehensive OT services in elementary, middle, and high school settings
- Attended IEP meetings; provided staff training; completed make-up services

Marshfield Public Schools Marshfield, MA  
 Occupational Therapist September, 2002 – June 2007

- Provided OT evaluation and treatment services within elementary school settings
- Completed OT kindergarten screenings; implemented classroom-wide group activities

Rising Tide Charter School Plymouth, MA  
 Occupational Therapist September 2001 – June 2002

- Provided OT evaluation and treatment services within a charter middle school setting

Healthsouth Braintree Rehabilitation Hospital Braintree, MA  
 Occupational Therapist October 1997 – August 2001

- Primary OT in young adult cognitive rehab program; neuro/ hand therapy treatment
- Therapist in Cambridge/Swampscott Public Schools; Salem Head Start Program

Tufts University, Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging Boston, MA  
 Senior Research Technician, Body Composition Lab April 1992 – January 1996

- Built database to collect and analyze research findings; measured body composition data from elderly and medically-compromised subjects; collaborated with research scientists

**SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS:**

American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)

**SERVICE ORGANIZATION:**

American Special Hockey Association (ASHA): On-ice volunteer coach/ Team support