

Southland SNAPSHOT



BROADENING the LIVES of CHILDREN through CARING and THERAPEUTIC SERVICES

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Farewell to Physical Therapist Sarah Melroy

Sarah has many years experience with pediatric patients and has been with Southland since September of 2011. She is trained in Infant Massage, Myofascial Release and Pediatric Kinesio Taping. She also worked at Memorial Hospital and has touched many lives during her years working in the Savannah area. "She was the first Physical Therapist to work in our Savannah clinic," said Southland owner Dee Dee Mesaros.



"She has had so many families request her specifically and is an advocate for each and every patient." Sarah was a champion for her patients and made sure that any child who deserved an Amtrak tricycle received one. She had a fabulous relationship with Ambucs and changed many lives for the better. "We are sad to see her go, she has been an amazing addition to our Southland team and will be greatly missed by all," Mesaros continued. We wish her and her family much luck as they transition to their new home in North Carolina and are excited to hear of all the successes she will have! Good luck Sarah!



PT

Dear Southland Staff and Families,

I have been working at Southland for almost 7 years, and I am thankful to have met so many wonderful therapists, staff and families. I enjoyed working with all of you, and I have learned from each of you. To the families I have worked with- thank you so much for letting me be a part of your child's journey! To the staff, thanks for being a great support system so I could focus on therapy.

And to all the therapists who worked alongside me, thanks for teaching and listening and problem solving so we could achieve the best outcomes for our kiddos. I leave

you with a verse of one of my favorite poems, I believe it applies so much to the work that we do-

It Couldn't Be Done

By: Edgar Albert Guest

Somebody said that it couldn't be done

But he with a chuckle replied

That "maybe it couldn't," but he would be one

Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.

So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin

On his face. If he worried he hid it.

He started to sing as he tackled the thing

That couldn't be done, and he did it!

Sincerely,
Sarah Melroy, PT





SLP

DANA BRASWELL

I graduated in 1999 with a Masters in Speech-Language Pathology from the University of Georgia. I enjoy working with children who have Apraxia of Speech, Articulation disorders and oral-motor based feedings disorders. I work at Memorial on the outpatient/ inpatient feeding team. I also treat children in the natural environment through BabyNet services in South Carolina. I have have worked in the pediatrics field my entire career and truly love what I do. I am Georgia and South Carolina licensed and ASHA certified. I live in the Savannah area and am married with three daughters.



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August 4, 2017

Jacqueline graduated from Duquesne University in 2002 with a Masters in Occupational Therapy. She worked in the public school system for a couple of years and has primarily worked with children her whole career. She treats children through BabyNet services in South Carolina and is NBCOT certified.

On August 4th, 2017 Jacqueline has been asked to present at the **2017 Champions for Young Children Symposium** in Columbia, South Carolina. Southland is excited for her to be apart of such an amazing event and are very proud to have her on our team! Way to go Jacqueline!

MAY IS:

BETTER SPEECH & HEARING MONTH



The National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders reports that approximately 43,000,000 people in the United States suffer from a speech, voice, language, or hearing impairment. Almost 28,000,000 suffer from a hearing loss. Approximately 10% of children have moderate to severe communication impairments, including speech production/articulation, stuttering, and language-learning difficulties. Children with speech and language impairments are 4 to 5 times more likely than their peers to experience other language-learning disabilities to include significant reading problems. Approximately 1,000,000 people in the United States have aphasia - a language disorder resulting from brain damage caused by a stroke.

- www.nidcd.nih.gov & heatherspeechtherapy.com

UPDATES:

Monday May 29th:

Our office will be closed in observation of **Memorial Day**. Please double check with your therapist if you normally have Monday appointments.