

# Curriculum Vitae

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## EDUCATION

- Ph.D. University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida 2021 – Present  
Major: Applied Behavior Analysis  
Advisor: Kimberly Crosland, Ph.D., BCBA-D
- M.A. Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida 2016 – 2020  
Major: Applied Behavior Analysis and Clinical Sciences  
Advisor: Kara L. Wunderlich, Ph.D., BCBA-D
- B.S. University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida 2011 – 2013  
Major: Psychology
- A.A. Valencia College, Orlando, Florida 2009 – 2011  
Major: Psychology

## PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS/CREDENTIALS

- Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA), #1-20-43132 2020 – Present
- Guardian ad Litem Child Advocate 2012 – Present
- Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst (BCaBA), #0-19-9763 2019 – 2021
- Registered Behavior Technician, (RBT-18-58162) 2018 – 2019
- Child Welfare Case Manager (CWCM) 2013 – 2015

## PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

- Association of Behavior Analysis International 2019 – Present
- Association of Professional Behavior Analysts 2016 – Present
- Florida Association for Behavior Analysis 2017 – Present

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Applied Behavior Analysis within the Child Welfare System to improve the quality of life of children who have been abused, abandoned, or neglected
- Preventing placement disruption and decreasing runaway behavior for youth in the foster care system
- Applied Behavior Analysis within the Department of Juvenile Justice to prevent/reduced recidivism
- Assessment and acquisition of verbal behavior
- Assessment and treatment of problem behaviors maintained by automatic reinforcement

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

- Garcia, A.**, Wunderlich, K. L., & Pelfrey, C. An experimental analysis of voice volume for children with autism spectrum disorder.
- Sheppard, C., Wunderlich, K. L., & **Garcia, A.** Validity analysis of a modified Questions About Behavioral Function (QABF) assessments: A preliminary analysis.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE****University of South Florida**, Tampa, FLCo-Instructor

- Behavioral Assessment and Intervention Planning in ABA Fall 2021

Graduate Teaching Assistant

- Single Case Experimental Design Fall 2021

**PRESENTATIONS**Conferences

**Garcia, A.**, & Wunderlich, K. L. (2020). An experimental analysis of voice volume for children with autism spectrum disorder. Presenting Author. 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association for Behavior Analysis International. Virtual

Invited Speaker & Workshops

Fuesy, S., & **Garcia, A.** (2020). Behavior analysis in Juvenile Detention Centers and Residential Programs. Invited distance lecture given in graduate seminar. Rollins College. Winter Park, FL.

**Garcia, A.**, Giraldo, A., & Sheppard, C. (2019). ABA tools for your classroom: Good-Behavior Game. Invited workshop given at Hume House Child Development & Student Research Center for Rollins College. Winter Park, FL.

Kincaid, S., **Garcia, A.**, Yatros, N., & Rodriguez, A. (2016). What is ABA? Behavior analysis for children within the Child Welfare System. Invited workshop given at the Osceola County Courthouse for the Guardian ad Litem Program. Kissimmee, FL.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE****University of South Florida**, Tampa, FL

2021 – Present

*Graduate Teaching Associate***Adapt & Transform Behavior, LLC**, Saint Petersburg, FL*Assistant Behavior Analyst (BCaBA)*

2019 – 2020

Develop individualized Behavior Analysis Service Plans (BASP) that will target specific behavioral excesses and deficits for youth in secure residential treatment facilities. Develop and analyze facility-wide data on staff performance.

**Behavior Blossoms, LLC**, Longwood, FL*Clinical Assistant (BCaBA)*

2019 – 2020

Provided direct 1:1 ABA therapy, clinical help with RBT training and supervision, and parent/caregiver training. Provided clinical help with data, data collection sheets, behavior interventions, skills assessments, and BIP design.

*Clinical Technician (RBT)*

2018 – 2019

Assisted with developing and implementing behavior programming. Collected data on problem behaviors and skill acquisition for children and adolescents.

**Opportunity, Community, Ability (OCA)**, Orlando, FL*Behavior Assistant*

2017 – 2018

Provided direct ABA therapy, complete documentation required for each client, and collect data

for target behaviors.

**Guardian ad Litem Program, Osceola County, FL**

*Child Advocacy Manager*

2014 – 2017

Personally, or oversee the work of volunteers as they, attended court hearings, depositions, case plan conferences, dependency mediations, staffing, and meetings with the Department of Children and Families, community-based care lead agencies, and other states, local and private social service agencies. Established and maintained professional relationships with the Department of Children and Families, local law enforcement agencies, teachers, and a variety of other social service agencies and professionals.

**The Centers, Inc. (Kids Central, Inc.), Citrus County, FL**

*Family Care Manager/Trainee,*

2013 – 2014

Worked to maintain a safe and nourishing environment for children and families involved with the Dependency Court who have been victims of abuse, abandonment, or neglect. Completed assessments with member/caregiver/provider to obtain information regarding client status, support system, and need for services for care plan development.

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

**Guardian ad Litem, Osceola County, FL**

2012 – Present

*Volunteer Child Advocate*

Court-appointed to objectively and solely advocate for the best interest of children who are involved in dependency court proceedings, which may have been the victims of abuse, abandonment, or neglect. Identify resources and services for the child as needed, compile relevant facts, interview witnesses, give testimonials, made recommendations regarding issues of custody, and ensure all parties comply with court orders.