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Amanda earned her OTA degree at Eastern Virginia Career College in 2020. She is certified by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy and is licensed to practice in North Carolina. Amanda brings a diverse background to her practice, and believes in the holistic, client-centered approach of occupational therapy as the key to empowering others. During Level II Fieldwork, Amanda completed an emerging practice rotation in pediatrics, creating a hippotherapy program for a small caseload of children at an adaptive riding barn. Her passion is utilizing outdoor play and the equine environment to help children and their families meet therapy goals. With previous experience working with adults in their homes, Amanda loves meeting people in their own environments and designing solutions based on the individual. She brings patience and creative thinking to each session, and enjoys collaborating with families to provide fun and effective therapeutic strategies.

Amanda is the perfect fit for your family due to:

- Educational background in pediatric OT
- Strong background in applying family centered principles with adults and children
- Previous experience working with children in a hippotherapy setting

Amanda is experienced and comfortable serving families whose children have the following diagnoses: ASD, genetic and chromosomal conditions, developmental delays, sensory modulation, emotional regulation, feeding difficulties, fine and gross motor delays

Amanda is supervised and mentored by Elisabeth Rubin OTR/L, a supervising OT with Locus and member of the company's management team. Elisabeth mentors Amanda and other staff weekly, providing valuable experience and insights to make sure your experience with Locus is rewarding. Elisabeth herself is mentored by Beth Hathaway OTD OTR/L, a veteran OT with over 35 years of pediatric experience. As one of the few private pediatric practice owner in North Carolina with a clinical doctorate degree in OT, Beth understands how to deliver evidence-based therapy. Her doctoral degree included research on how to equip and mentor providers of early intervention to provide family centered care, a topic which she is passionate about and remains a core value of therapists at Locus Family Centered Therapies. Beth has intentionally created a staff mentoring program at Locus which includes frequent contact to discuss caseloads, the ability to attend sessions alongside her staff, and contributing to their continued education through workshops and trainings.

Thank You For the Opportunity to Work With Your Child and Your Family!