

# MEET AET VOLUNTEER

## Stacy Rotter



### Level of AET membership:

Proud BCET!

### Type and location of practice: (City, State)

Encino, CA

### Leadership roles held in AET:

I have served in the following roles/committees: BCET Supervisor, Study Group Facilitator, Governance, Social Justice, Higher Education, Membership, ETI, Proposal Reader.

### How long have you been an educational therapist?

About 15 years

### What brought you to educational therapy?

After having spent several years as a classroom teacher, I often found myself frustrated by the many obstacles to applying best practices and by not being able to meet the diverse needs of individuals. When I learned more about the field of ET, I knew that was the path for me. Educational therapy enables me to do for all of my clients what I could not do for all of my students in the past as a classroom teacher.

### Areas of expertise:

I work with clients of all ages and love the variety! I enjoy working with younger clients who need to strengthen early literacy and/or numeracy skills as well as older clients who need to strengthen executive functioning and/or content-area specific skills. I have a tremendous amount of experience with anxious learners and love helping them discover the fun in learning!

### What is the best career advice you can give to new ETs?

Get connected! Plug into an AET study group. Connect with other professionals in your local community. Join an AET committee!

### Describe a challenge you have faced as an educational therapist:

In acting in the role of case manager, it has sometimes been a challenge to be the liason between the family and the school in terms of bridging perspectives to help bring all members of the team into alignment. Listening to all parties' concerns and then helping everyone to understand the various viewpoints can be challenging, but the results can be invaluable for our clients.

### Describe a highlight of your educational therapy career:

I am honored to be "paying it forward" through my involvement with CSUN's Graduate Programs in Educational Therapy, and am proud to have contributed to AET's new Fact Sheet, along with the great Marion Marshall!

### What do you think the future of the educational therapy profession will look like?

Speaking from my role as the Coordinator of CSUN's Graduate Programs in Educational Therapy, I am thrilled about the diverse group of individuals entering our field through our programs. I look forward to seeing the field grow and evolve to continue to meet the needs of a broad variety of learners.

### How have you benefited from your membership in AET?

The connections I've made, both professional and personal, have proven to be invaluable. The lifelong learner in me also appreciates the ongoing opportunities for continuing education that AET provides to its members and the community.

### Hobbies/Leisure Activities:

Anything having to do with my pups! I also enjoy reading/listening to memoirs, gardening (when I have time), and cooking, but I hate to bake!

