

# MEET AET VOLUNTEER Tyler Sack



## Level of AET membership:

ET/P

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

Saint Paul, MN

## Leadership roles held in AET:

AET Lifecycle practice support for the website

## How long have you been an educational therapist?

9 years

## What brought you to educational therapy?

My son has a NonVerbal Learning Disorder diagnosis. As I found allied professionals to help him, I learned about this amazing profession. Then Joni Mahler told me to become an ET.

## Areas of expertise:

Executive function support for middle schoolers through young adults.  
Math remediation for elementary school and middle schoolers.  
Reading remediation for upper elementary and middle schoolers.  
Parent support in understanding their path through assessment, IEP/504s and school negotiations.

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

Be really clear about the clients you serve best and focus on areas of expertise. Take care of the business side of your practice from day one. You won't regret it. If you are bad at billing and collecting, either outsource it or get a system that does it for you.

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

For me the biggest challenges arise with other professionals and I disagree on the best course forward for a student. I have to remember that we each see the student through the lens of our training and experience, so we can come to different conclusions. Maintaining professional respect in order to move forward in the student's best interest is the way to go.

## Describe a highlight of your educational therapy career:

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

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

The journal and conferences help me keep current. The code of ethics guides me when I am asked to do something that does not seem right for the student. Mentoring and certification have made me a better professional. Other ETs have made it a joyful organization of friends and respected colleagues.

## Hobbies/Leisure Activities:

Hiking, reading, my family and dogs, travel

