

MEET AET VOLUNTEER

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Level of AET membership:

ET/P

Type and location of practice: (City, State)

I have a private practice in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Leadership roles held in AET:

Board member, MPI chair, journal editor, eNews editor

How long have you been an educational therapist?

12 years

What brought you to educational therapy?

After retiring from the classroom, an ad for AET's national conference prompted me to check the website. I was drawn to ed therapy's focus on skilled instruction as well as social-emotional factors. It seemed like it would be a good fit for me.

Areas of expertise:

I specialize in literacy and in helping students develop the skills needed to be successful in school.

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

Connect with other ETs. We have an amazing amount of collective knowledge and a keen understanding of what ed therapy entails.

Describe a challenge you have faced as an educational therapist:

The amount of time available to work with a client may not be enough to fully address his or her needs.

Describe a highlight of your educational therapy career:

After working with a discouraged middle school student for about a year, she commented: "I can do things I never thought I could do."

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

I believe educational therapy will continue to serve neurodiverse clients but will also provide support for the educational needs of individuals in marginalized and low-income communities.

How have you benefited from your membership in AET?

Since I live in an area where educational therapy is unknown, AET membership gives me credibility. In addition, the frequent, high-quality professional development provided by AET allows me to improve my knowledge and skills.

Hobbies/Leisure Activities:

I enjoy classical and Irish music. I like to read poetry, fiction, and nonfiction on a variety of topics.

