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- Certifications-

Board Certified Subspecialist in Pediatric Neuropsychology, American Board of Professional Psychology, October 2021

Board Certification in Clinical Neuropsychology, American Board of Professional Psychology, May 2021

- Clinical Experience -

Midwest Minds Assessment and Therapy PLLC – Woodbury, Minnesota, October 2023 to Present

Neuropsychologist, Owner

- Conduct neuropsychological evaluations with children and adults age three to 59 years with a range of neurologic illnesses and disorders including spina bifida, concussion, traumatic brain injury, meningitis, and epilepsy
- Evaluate for neuropsychiatric diagnoses including ADHD, learning disabilities, mood disorders, autism spectrum disorders, and behavioral disorders
- Provide concussion management for children and young adults in the acute and post-acute phases, including baseline assessments, acute intervention/education, and managing protracted recovery
- Conduct strengths-based assessments for athletes, coaches, and leadership
- Provide therapeutic and coaching services for adults and children
- Conduct Independent Neuropsychological Evaluations and record reviews for civil cases
- Complete HIMS, Standard, Fast Track, and Tier 2 evaluations for the Federal Aviation Administration as an approved aviation neuropsychologist

Minnesota Vikings Organization, Inver Grove Heights, MN, January 2012 to Present

Head Team Neuropsychologist

- Administer and Review baselines to ensure quality
- Evaluate players for concussion and assist in return to play decisions
- Provide psychoeducation to players, family, and the public about concussion
- Administer post-concussive cognitive testing for injured players for return to play determination
- Engage in individual therapy with players and their families
- Consult with team physicians, athletic trainers, coaches, and other staff
- Complete comprehensive neuropsychological evaluations for Therapeutic Use Exemption

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Minnesota Wild, St. Paul, MN, June 2018 to Present, **Minnesota United, Major League Soccer** Blaine, MN, June 2018 to Present, **Minnesota Frost - Professional Women's Hockey League**, St. Paul, MN, January 2024-Present

Alternate Team Neuropsychologist

- Administer and review baselines to ensure quality
- Evaluate players for concussion and assist in return to play decisions
- Provide psychoeducation to players, family, and the public about concussion
- Administer post-concussive cognitive testing for injured players for return to play determination
- Consult with team physicians, athletic trainers, coaches, and other staff

Minneapolis Clinic of Neurology, Edina, Minnesota, August 2010 to February 2024

Neuropsychologist

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- Evaluate for neuropsychiatric diagnoses including ADHD, learning disabilities, mood disorders, autism spectrum disorders, and behavioral disorders
- Provide concussion management for children and young adults in the acute and post-acute phases, including baseline assessments, acute intervention/education, and managing protracted recovery
- Consult with neurologists on cases and provide treatment recommendations to parents, school, psychologists, pediatricians, athletic trainers, professional sports organizations, sports medicine physicians, and other medical professionals
- Serve as back-up neuropsychologist for NHL concussion protocol
- Provide psychoeducation to parents and other professionals regarding parenting, self-help strategies, and appropriate interventions based on the individual's neuropsychological profile

Tria Orthopaedic Center, Sports Concussion Program, Bloomington, MN, September 2013 to December 2016

Sports Neuropsychologist

- Administer and interpret neuropsychological assessments to monitor progress, determine levels of functioning, and assist in return to play decisions following concussions
- Provide acute concussion management along with team of physicians, physical therapists, occupational therapists, and sports psychologists
- Consult with families, schools, and athletic trainers regarding patient care and appropriate guidelines for concussion management

-Education/Training-

Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Neuropsychology, August 2008 to August 2010

The Watson Institute, Sewickley, Pennsylvania

Predoctoral Internship, August 2007 to August 2008

The Watson Institute, Sewickley, Pennsylvania

Pediatric/Adolescent Neuropsychology Track

Clinically Trained in ADOS Administration

Minnesota School of Professional Psychology, Eagan, Minnesota

September 2004 to August 2008

Doctor of Clinical Psychology, Specialization: Neuropsychology, 2008

Dissertation: Mood and Marital Satisfaction in Adults with Traumatic Brain Injury

Master of Science in Clinical Psychology: May 2006

University of Minnesota-Duluth, Duluth, Minnesota

September 2000 to May 2004

Bachelor of Applied Science in Psychology, Minor: Sociology 2004

Departmental Honors upon graduation, Dean's List 2000-2004, Psi Chi Psychology Honor

Society March 2003 to May 2004

The Watson Institute, Sewickley, Pennsylvania

Post-Doctoral Fellow in Neuropsychology, August 2008 to August 2010

- Conducted comprehensive neuropsychological evaluations on individuals age 18 months to 25 years with a wide range of congenital and acquired brain disorders including cerebral palsy, PKU, epilepsy, traumatic brain injury, and fetal alcohol syndrome
- Provided neuropsychological assessments on children, adolescents, and young adults with a variety of other presenting concerns including autism spectrum disorders, genetic disorders (i.e. Fragile X Syndrome, Williams Syndrome, etc.), ADHD, concussion, psychiatric disorders, aggression, aphasia and apraxia, and oppositional behavior
- Participated in forensic evaluations for individuals with traumatic brain injuries, neurological disorders, and medical complications
- Originated and presented didactic trainings for doctoral interns and Master's level therapeutic staff
- Designed and provided workshops and lectures on evidence base treatments and the neuropsychology of various psychological and neurological disorders to parents and professionals in the field
- Provided supervision and consultation to pre-doctoral interns, practicum students, and
- Bachelor's and Master's level therapeutic staff

Program Coordinator for Behavioral Intervention for Children with Medical and Neurological Illnesses Program (B-CHILL)

- Coordinated and organized a therapeutic program for behavioral interventions with children diagnosed with medical illnesses and comorbid Axis I diagnoses
- Designed and carried out treatment plans and consult with families who have children diagnosed with genetic syndromes, epilepsy, lung disease, scoliosis, cortical visual impairment, shaken baby syndrome, and other neurological disorders
- Provided early diagnosis and intervention services to children with autism spectrum disorders and with neurological and psychiatric dysfunction
- Conducted diagnostic interviews and psychological evaluations for children with autism spectrum disorders
- Provided consultation and treatment recommendations to treatment teams and families and participated in treatment planning for children in the Wraparound program
- Provided psychological testing for refinement of diagnoses autism spectrum disorder and communicated the results and recommendations to families
- Designed and carried out treatment and consultation at inclusive and therapeutic summer camps

Adjunct Supervisor of Predoctoral Internship Program

- Supervised predoctoral interns' diagnostic and psychological assessment appointments
- Provided didactic training on neuropsychological topics
- Supervised three practicum students

Committee Member on the Accreditation Committee

- Assisted in completing sections of the American Psychological Association's application for accreditation of the Predoctoral Internship Program
- Made changes to the application following feedback and consultation with American Psychological Association members
- Conducted the self-study of the Predoctoral Internship Program by collecting, analyzing, and reporting data

Committee Member on the Diversity Committee

- Participated in meetings to brainstorm ways for the organization to incorporate cultural sensitivity to practice, teaching, recruitment, and community outreach
- Contacted organizations in the community to consult about diversity issues
- Hosted workshops on cultural diversity
- Presented topics and teachings to interns, in-home therapists, and community members on diversity issues in psychology
- Supervisors: Sharon Arffa, Ph.D., Joseph McAllister, Ph.D., Lindsay Yarger-Wagner, Psy.D., and Gail Mangan, Ph.D.

The Watson Institute, Sewickley, Pennsylvania

Predoectoral Intern, Rotation: Pediatric/Adolescent Neuropsychology, August 2007 to

August 2008

- Administered comprehensive neuropsychological evaluations on individuals (infancy through young adulthood) with a wide range of congenital and acquired brain disorders, pervasive developmental disorders, and psychiatric and behavioral disturbances
- Conducted ADOS and PEP-III evaluations on children who present with Autism and Asperger's disorder, conducted observations in school settings, and consulted with schools and families
- Completed diagnostic interviews and psychological evaluations, produced neuropsychological reports, and provided family feedback sessions
- Presented and participated in weekly neuropsychological case presentations, didactics trainings, and camp orientation
- Conducted best practice wraparound evaluations for children that were on the Autism spectrum that included recommendations for Behavioral Specialists and Mobile Therapists.
- Prescribed Behavior Specialist Consultant and Therapeutic Support Staff hours for the wraparound program and participated in treatment planning meetings for children in the program
- Organized and carried out a therapeutic summer camp for teens with pervasive developmental disorders, which included use of social stories, comic strip conversations, and a range of cognitive and behavioral therapeutic techniques

Behavior Specialist Consultant – Minor Rotation

- Provided supervision for Bachelor's level therapeutic staff and practicum students
- Provided Behavioral Specialist Consultation (BSC) and Mobile Therapy (MT) services to children with neurological, genetic, and Autism related disorders through the Wraparound program
- Devised and implemented behavior management plans, data collection grids, and treatment data, and created and implemented cognitive rehabilitation and Autism specific techniques such as Comic Strip Conversations and Social Stories
- Consulted with families to assist them in acquiring skills and enabled them to maximize their child's progress and independence, and provided child-centered, family-focused consultation services in the home and community
- Supervisors: Sharon Arffa, Ph.D., Joseph McAllister, Ph.D., and Gail Mangan, Ph.D.

Minnesota Veterans Home, Hastings, Minnesota

Therapy Practicum Student, September 2006 to June 2007

- Conducted initial interviews and prescreens to determine whether candidates were eligible for acceptance
- Created comprehensive treatment plans for residents tailored to his or her individual needs and carried out individual treatment plans through a range of therapeutic techniques
- Designed an anger management program that was manualized and used by other therapists on staff

- Facilitated group therapy and support groups to treat depression, suicide, addiction, Schizophrenia and Psychosis, and weight loss
- Completed assessments to diagnose personality disorders, depression, anxiety, SPMI, cognitive deficits, dementia, and neuropsychological dysfunction
- Presented material on current psychological concerns and research to other departments at grand rounds

Gillette Children’s Hospital, St. Paul, Minnesota

Assessment Practicum Student, September 2005 to June 2006

- Conducted diagnostic interviews with parents and children to collect thorough personal information
- Determined appropriate batteries of tests to be administered to children and young adults based on the presenting concerns
- Observed behaviors of children and young adults in school environments and wrote up findings in comprehensive reports
- Provided feedback to parents and children regarding assessments
- Administered cognitive, personality, and neuropsychological assessments and wrote comprehensive reports based on findings to present to supervisors and families
- Engaged in play therapy with young children surrounding the areas of depression, impulsivity, and attention difficulties
- Presented cases to rehabilitation teams in rounds

-Committee Involvement-

Advanced Clinical Practice Proficiency, Sports Neuropsychological Society. Committee member, January 2023 to present

Sports Neuropsychology Action and Professional Practice Committee, Sports Neuropsychological Society, Member Needs subcommittee, Secretary for full committee and Member Needs subcommittee, January 2019 to January 2025; Legislative Committee July 2023 to January 2025

Policy and Planning Committee, Sports Neuropsychological Society, Member, December 2018 to 2023

Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Board, Minnesota Department of Human Services, Member of Legislative Committee, St. Paul, Minnesota, August 2017 to 2021

- Professional Presentations -

Nippoldt-Baca (January 2026) Raising Resilient Kids: Nurturing Emotional Intelligence and Regulation at Home. Groves Learning Organization

Nippoldt-Baca (January 2026) Neuropsychology and Concussion. Twin Cities Orthopedics grand rounds

Nippoldt-Baca (November 2025) Adult Autism Assessment and Diagnosis. Minnesota Veterans Affairs and University of Minnesota internship and post-doctoral didactics.

Nippoldt-Baca (August 2024) It's Complicated: ADHD, Learning Disorders, and Concussion. The American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine NHL Hockey Summit

Nippoldt-Baca (May 2024) Adult ADHD: Myths and Facts. Invigorate Life Counseling. CE event for mental health providers

Nippoldt-Baca, L. (January 2023) Sport Concussion and Mild Traumatic Brain Injury. Minnesota Veterans Affairs Didactics and continuing education programs

Nippoldt-Baca, L. (January 2022) Neuropsychological Assessment of Autism in Adults. Twin Cities Neuropsychology Consult Group Continuing Education Program

Nippoldt-Baca, L. (October 2020) Updates on Assessment and Treatment of ADHD. Didactics-Neuropsychological Assessment Clinic. Boston, Massachusetts

Nippoldt-Baca, L. (June 2017). Sport-Related Concussion. Women, Wine, and Football Event. Minnesota Vikings Organization

Brenner, J., Nippoldt-Baca, L., Mattson, C. (June 2014). Sports Concussion. Expert Panel Member. 17th Annual Orthopaedic & Sports Medicine Conference; Making a Mark: The Adolescent Athlete

Nippoldt-Baca, L. (October 2014) Concussion and the Role of Neuropsychologists. Grand Rounds for athletic trainers, physicians, and physical therapists. Tria Orthopaedic Center

Nippoldt-Baca, L. (December 2009). The Neuropsychological Presentation and Diagnosis of Dyslexia and Related Learning Disorders. Riverside Elementary School and Shadyside Academy (Primary and Middle Schools)

Nippoldt-Baca, L. (April 2009). Diversity Issues in Neuropsychological Assessment and Psychological Intervention. The Watson Institute

Nippoldt-Baca, L. (2009). Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Neuropsychological Assessment. Didactics training for Predoctoral interns. The Watson Institute.

Nippoldt-Baca, L. (2009). The Development of Executive Functions and Their Presentation on Neuropsychological Evaluations. Didactics training for Predoctoral interns. The Watson Institute.

Nippoldt-Baca, L., Yarger-Wagner, L. (2008). High Functioning Autism and Asperger's Disorder: the Presentation and Treatment of Anxiety. Workshop for professionals, teachers, consultants, and parents. The Watson Institute.

Nippoldt-Baca, L., Arffa, S. (August 2008). *Gross Cortical Anatomy*. Presented to Predoctoral interns during orientation. The Watson Institute.

Nippoldt-Baca, L., Yarger, L., Zychowski, L. (June 2008). *Child and Adolescent Service System Program*. Presented to Doctoral, Master and Bachelor's levels staff at Camp Training. The Watson Institute.

Nippoldt-Baca, L., McAllister, J. (June 2008). *Strengths and Abilities in Children with Autism*. Presented to Doctoral, Master's and Bachelor's level staff at camp training. The Watson Institute.

Nippoldt-Baca, L., Leffard, S. (June 2008). *Auditory Processing in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders*. Presented to Doctoral, Master's and Bachelor's level staff at camp training. The Watson Institute.

Leffard, S., **Nippoldt-Baca, L.** (June 2008). *Pragmatic Language*. Presented to Doctoral, Master's and Bachelor's level staff at camp training. The Watson Institute.

Nippoldt-Baca, L. (December 2007). *The Neurochemistry of Autism Spectrum Disorders*. Presented to Doctoral and Master's level staff. The Watson Institute.

- Academic Research Experience -

Dissertation: Mood and Marital Satisfaction in Adults with Traumatic Brain Injury

Researcher and Author, May 2006 to February 2008

- Conducted review of relevant literature
- Designed a research study based on previous research and personal interest
- Gathered data through questionnaires
- Interpreted data and reporting findings

Master's Thesis: Adult Traumatic Brain Injury and Changes in Nuclear Family Relationships

Author, June 2005 to May 2006

- Formulated a research question based on past knowledge and interests
- Conducted a literature search in the areas of traumatic brain injury and family systems
- Wrote thesis on the effects of traumatic brain injury on marriages and families

Honors Research Project: Efficacy and Satisfaction of Volunteers and Programs at Non-Profit Volunteer Agencies

University of Minnesota – Duluth, Duluth, Minnesota

Researcher, YMCA-Duluth, September 2003 to May 2004

- Formulated a research project based on a lack of assessment regarding volunteer programs in Duluth, Minnesota
- Conducted a literature review surrounding methods of assessing the effectiveness and efficiency of volunteer programs as well as the satisfaction of volunteers.
- Collaborated with the YMCA to determine their desires and needs in developing a measure volunteer satisfaction and effectiveness.
- Designed a questionnaire to be used at over 50 Duluth volunteer sites and created a template to organize collected data into SPSS.
- Defended findings and questionnaire to supervisors, professors, and peers and fielded questions regarding the project

-Publications-

Nippoldt-Baca, L., Bleil, J., Arffa, S. (2009). *Nonverbal Learning Disorder and Asperger's Disorder: A Comparison of Visual Perceptual Profiles*. *Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology*, 24(4)

Yarger, L., Zychowski, L., **Nippoldt-Baca, L.,** Lehman, C., & Arffa, S. (2009). *Comparison of Neuropsychological Profiles of Two Children with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy: Possible effects of Steroid Treatment*. *Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology*, 24(4)

Arffa, S., **Nippoldt-Baca, L.,** Yarger Wagner, L., Acocella-Stollerman, J. (2009). *Understanding*

Parent Satisfaction of Pediatric Neuropsychological Evaluations. Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology, 24(4)

Nippoldt-Baca, L., Yarger, L., Arffa, S. (2008) *Auditory Processing in Children with Asperger's Disorder versus High Functioning Autism.* Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology, 23(4)

Yarger, L., **Nippoldt-Baca, L.,** & Arffa, S. (2008) *Neuropsychological Profile of a Child with Lyme Disease.* Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology, 24(4)

- Poster Presentations -

Yarger, L., Zychowski, L., **Nippoldt-Baca, L.,** Lehman, C., & Arffa, S. (November 2009). *Comparison of Neuropsychological Profiles of Two Children with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy: Possible effects of Steroid Treatment.* Poster Submitted to the 29th Annual Convention of the National Academy of Neuropsychology. New Orleans, LA.

Arffa, S., **Nippoldt-Baca, L.,** Yarger Wagner, L., Acocella-Stollerman, J. (November 2009) *Understanding Parent Satisfaction of Pediatric Neuropsychological Evaluations.* Submitted to the 29th Annual Convention of the National Academy of Neuropsychology. New Orleans, LA.

Nippoldt-Baca, L., Bleil, J., Arffa, S. (November 2009). *Nonverbal Learning Disorder and Asperger's Disorder: A Comparison of Visual Perceptual Profiles.* Poster Submitted to the 29th Annual Convention of the National Academy of Neuropsychology.

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Nippoldt-Baca, L., Yarger, L., Arffa, S. *Auditory Processing in Children with Asperger's Disorder versus High Functioning Autism.* (October 2008). Poster presented at the 28th Annual Convention of the National Academy of Neuropsychology. New York City, New York.

Yarger, L., **Nippoldt-Baca, L.,** & Arffa, S. *Neuropsychological Profile of a Child with Lyme Disease.* (October 2008). Poster presented at the 28th Annual Convention of the National Academy of Neuropsychology. New York City, New York.

- Professional Affiliations and Honors -

American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology

National Academy of Neuropsychology

International Neuropsychology Society

Sports Neuropsychology Society

American Psychological Association Division 40

Minnesota Psychological Association