

THE Importance of Caring

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my journey into health care



Amber Torczon, MOTR/L
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Amber Torczon, MOTR/L, occupational therapist, developed a passion for helping others early on and that passion led her to Columbus Community Hospital.

“Growing up, I volunteered frequently to work with children who have special needs and knew I wanted some sort of job where I could work with them every day,” Torczon said.

A few years later, Torczon learned about a career that would allow her to do just that.

“It wasn’t until my freshman year of college at Central Community College that I even knew what occupational therapy was, and once I found out, I knew that’s what I was meant to do,” she said.

Torczon went on to receive a master’s degree in occupational therapy from the College of Saint Mary in 2013. As part of her degree program, she completed a 12-week fieldwork rotation at CCH’s Wiggles & Giggles Therapy for Kids™ in 2014.

Wiggles and Giggles provides medically-based occupational, physical and speech therapy that helps children maximize their potential through play. Wiggles and Giggles therapists treat patients with a wide variety of diagnoses, syndromes and developmental disorders. They work closely with

patients and the patients’ families to create individualized treatment protocols that ensure the best possible outcomes for patients.

Torczon enjoyed her rotation at Wiggles and Giggles, and she returned to work at CCH full time in November 2015, splitting her time between Wiggles and Giggles and CCH’s Rehabilitative Services.

Today, Torczon continues to split her time between the clinics, often spending her mornings with Rehabilitative Services and her afternoons at Wiggles and Giggles. Through Rehabilitative Services, Torczon sees outpatients with a variety of conditions and serves on the Concussion Management Team focusing on visual rehab. At Wiggles and Giggles, she helps pediatric patients who may have developmental delays, sensory-based feeding difficulties, fine motor/handwriting difficulties or cognitive processing/attention issues, among other needs.

In both of her positions, Torczon works with patients to increase the skills they need to live healthier, happier lives.

“I am constantly evaluating, assessing and developing plans to meet their goals, completing one-on-one treatment sessions, and, of course, completing the

paperwork that goes along with it all,” she said.

Torczon is supported in this work by CCH which she said has given her many opportunities to grow in her skills.

“CCH is a huge support in many ways, but especially with continuing education,” she said. **“I really appreciate the ability to specialize in my areas of interest and attend a variety of courses.”**

Torczon also said she was thankful that CCH and the CCH Foundation fund the purchase of cutting-edge equipment so that CCH’s therapists can provide the best possible care for their patients.

Because, for Torczon, it is all about the patients.

“You really can’t go wrong with a career in health care,” she said. **“There are so many opportunities to grow in a health care position, and the relationships you create with patients and families in a direct care position are next to none.”**

For more information on Torczon, CCH’s Wiggles and Giggles Therapy for Kids™ or Rehabilitative Services, visit www.columbushosp.org.