

Cristina C. Santiago, Psy.D.



Licensed Clinical Psychologist- PY 9963

Pediatric Neuropsychology/Rehabilitation Psychology

I have trained and worked in providing Pediatric Neuropsychological/Rehabilitation and Pediatric Health Psychology services in a variety of hospital and clinic settings across South Florida. Additionally, received specialized training and currently practice as part of a multi disciplinary team at an outpatient neuro-rehabilitation facility, specializing in Neuropsychology and Rehabilitation Psychology across the lifespan. My emphasis is on the relationship among behavioral, emotional and cognitive aspects of health and disease in order to aid in the course of illness. My clinical experience encompasses working with patients that have a variety of needs which include sudden onset or chronic medical illnesses, neurological diseases, spinal cord injury, neurodevelopmental disorders, preparation for medical procedures/surgery, end stage diseases, solid organ transplantation, psychosomatic concerns, childhood leukemia, pain management and poor adherence to medical/psychiatric treatment. Also, I trained delivering inpatient neuropsychological services performing cognitive screening and retraining, addressing adjustment difficulties post injury, initiating rehabilitation services in an acute setting, family/parent skills training and use of applied behavioral techniques for motivation and compliance with therapies and medical routines. In the past, I have also provided Applied Behavior Analysis services as a Verbal Behavior therapist for children on the Autism Spectrum. My training background has prepared me to provide treatment and evaluation services to a broad range of patients in the neuropsychological, behavioral and health field.

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

-Albizu University (Carlos Albizu University) Psy.D. Clinical Psychology, Concentration: Neuropsychology American Psychological Association accredited clinical psychology program <i>Miami, FL</i>	August 2008- August 2015
M.S., Clinical Psychology <i>Miami, FL</i>	August 2008- October 2010
-Florida International University Bachelor of Arts in Psychology <i>Miami, FL</i>	January 2005- December 2007
Behavior Analysis Classes <i>Miami, FL</i>	May 2012- May 2013

PROFESSIONAL CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

-Design Neuroscience Center <i>Pediatric Neuropsychology and Rehabilitation Attending</i> <i>Doral, FL</i>	January 2019- Present
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SUPERVISED CLINICAL TRAINING

-Design Neuroscience Center <i>Second year Licensed Post Doctoral Resident</i> Rotation: Clinical Neuropsychology and Rehabilitation Psychology (Adult and Pediatric) Supervisors: Ivelisse Raimundi, PsyD, and Isaac Tourgeman, PH.D, M.S. ClinPharm. <i>Doral, FL</i>	January 2018- January 2019
-Jackson Memorial Hospital/University of Miami <i>Post Doctoral Resident</i> Rotation: Pediatric Health Psychology with yearlong rotation in Pediatric Neuropsychology Supervisors: Melisa Oliva, PsyD, Suzan Tanner-Woodward, PhD and Jonathan L. Cohen, PsyD	September 2016- August 2017

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Miami, FL

-Jackson Memorial Hospital/University of Miami

July 2013-August 2014

Pre Doctoral Student Intern

Rotation: Pediatric Neuropsychology

APA accredited intern program

Supervisor: Suzan L. Tanner-Woodward, PhD

Miami, FL

-Jackson Memorial Hospital (Pediatric Neuropsychology)

August 2011-May 2013

Practicum Student

Supervisor: Suzan L. Tanner-Woodward, PhD

Miami, FL

-Miami Children's Hospital (Child Behavioral Medicine)

August 2010-May 2011

Practicum Student

Supervisor: David Coe, PhD

Miami, FL

-Miami Neurobehavioral Institute (Adult Neuropsychology)

January 2010-August 2010

Practicum Student

Supervisor: Jorge Herrera, PhD

Miami, FL

-Goodman Psychological Center (General Psychology)

January 2009-December 2009

Practicum Student

Supervisor: Ted Cunliffe, PsyD

Miami, FL

OTHER PROFESSIONAL CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

-Institute for Child and Family Health

October 2012-May 2013

Psychometrician

Miami, FL

-Cognitive Health Network

May 2009- December 2012

Psychometrician

Miami, FL

-Behavior Analysis Inc. [Florida Autism Treatment Centers]

March 2007- May 2009

ABA Verbal Behavior therapist for children with Autism

Miami, FL

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

-Neuropsychological profiles of neurodevelopmental conditions in pediatric populations

July 2011- Ongoing

Jackson Memorial Hospital Pediatric Neuropsychology Outpatient Clinic

-Research Group at Design Neuroscience Center

January 2017- Ongoing

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- Ahmad, S., Weatherly-Kershaw, A., Wehrle, L., Rios, L., **Santiago, C.**, Tourgeman, I. (July 2018). *The Effectiveness of Group Cognitive Rehabilitation for Acquired Brain Injury Patients*. Poster and oral presentation at the International Neuropsychological Society, Prague, Czech Republic.
- Hernandez, L., Mir, Y., **Santiago, C.** & Tanner-Woodward, S. (2014, November). *Efficacy of Comprehensive Neuropsychological Testing in Early Stages of Gelastic Seizures-Hypothalamic Hamartoma*. Poster presented at the National Academy of Neuropsychology, Puerto Rico, USA. *Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology*, (2014) 29 (6): 557 doi:10.1093/arclin/acu038.141.
- Hernandez, L., **Santiago, C.**, Mir, Y., Gonzalez, I., & Tanner-Woodward, S. (2016, August). *Implications of Comprehensive Neuropsychological testing in Gelastic Seizures- Hypothalamic Hamartoma: A Case Study*. Poster presented at the American Psychological Association, Denver, USA.
- Morgan, R.C., Ruiz, K., Prieto, H., Eckes, J., **Santiago, C.**, Tourgeman, I., and Nedd, K. (December 2018). *Neuropsychiatric Manifestations from Abrupt Baclofen Withdrawal: A case study*. Poster presented at the University of Miami Neuroscience Research Day, Miami, FL, USA.
- Perez, P., Ball, K., Schneider, B., Sadurni, C., Gonzalez, I., Hernandez, L., **Santiago, C.**, & Tanner-Woodward, S. (2017, October). *Comprehensive neuropsychological testing in a child with congenital hypoplastic pituitary gland with secondary hypothyroidism: A case study*. Poster presented at the National Academy of Neuropsychology, Boston, USA.
- Perez Delgadillo, P., Sadurni, C., Hernandez, L., & **Santiago, C.** (2019). *A comprehensive neuropsychological case study of a child with perinatal hyperbilirubinemia*. Poster presentation at the National Academy of Neuropsychology, San Diego, USA.
- Rios, L., **Santiago, C.**, Raimundi, I., Ream, D., & Morgan, R. (2019). *Neuropsychological Performance in TBI: An Interesting Case of Left Fronto-Occipital Damage due to Gunshot Wound*. Poster presentation at the International Neuropsychology Society, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- Sadurni, C., **Santiago, C.**, Perez, P., Schneider, B., Hernandez, L., & Tanner-Woodward, S. (2017, October). *Comprehensive neuropsychological evaluation in a child with subdural empyema secondary to acute frontal sinusitis: A case study*. Poster presented at the National Academy of Neuropsychology, Boston, USA.
- Santiago, C.**, Hernandez, L. & Tanner-Woodward, S. (2016, October). *Performance of Pediatric Bilingual versus Monolingual English speakers on measures of visual and verbal memory on the WRAML II*. Poster presented at the National Academy of Neuropsychology, Seattle, USA. *Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology*, (2016) 31 (6): 641 doi:https://doi.org/10.1093/arclin/acw043.150.
- Santiago, C.**, Hernandez, L., Sadurni, C., & Perez, P. (2019). *Cognitive and behavioral profile after multiple sports concussions vs. ADHD: A case study*. Poster presentation at the National Academy of Neuropsychology, San Diego, USA.
- Ream, D. R., **Santiago, C.**, Morgan, R., Raimundi, I., & Tourgeman, I. (2019, November). *Bilingualism and its effects on processing speed in individuals with a traumatic brain injury*. Abstract in preparation to submit to the annual conference of the National Academy of Neuropsychology, San Diego, CA.

CONTINUING EDUCATION & SPECIALIZED TRAININGS

- Play Therapy Training

September 2017

Introduction to play therapy, assessment and diagnosis in play therapy, family play assessment and family play therapy, the use of art in play therapy

Miami, FL

- Harvard Medical School: NeuroRehabilitation

June 2018

Boston, MA

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- Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule 2 (ADOS-2) Clinical Training Workshop

January 2019

Orlando, FL

ACTIVITIES, AFFILIATIONS & VOLUNTEER WORK

-Clinical Neuropsychology Division 45	Since 2009
-Pediatric Psychology Division 54	Since September 2016
-March of Dimes	2014, 2015, 2016
-National Academy of Neuropsychology	Since August 2012
-Brain Injury Walk	March 2018
-Walk for Autism	2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2014, 2018
-Walk for Alzheimer's	2018
-Psi Chi (National Honor Society of Psychology)	2007
-Jackson Memorial Hospital Volunteer	August 2007- January 2008
Volunteered on the Pediatric Rehabilitation Unit	
-American Psychological Association	Since October 2006
-Fundación Amigos del Niño con Cáncer	Summer 2004
Volunteered for a non-beneficiary institution for children with Cancer in Venezuela	

LANGUAGES

Fluent in English and Spanish