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Sensory Integration Certified



Minaz Chauthani graduated from USC in 1992 with an Occupational Therapy/Human Development degree. She began her career in acute care and transitioned through the system through community re-integration. Then, she moved on into school-based therapy in the late 1990s. She worked a combination of early intervention/preschool through 21 programs. During this time, Minaz became very curious about best practice in service delivery models. During her tenure at San Bernardino Unified in California, she received her advanced certification in Sensory Integration. This changed her perspective of how best to support and provide interventions to students in her programs.

In 2006, she completed her Master's through San Jose State University in Post Professional Occupational Therapy with an emphasis on school based intervention. Since 2006, she has moved to the PNW and circled back around to school-based therapy after a stint in adults and early intervention.

During her tenure at Salem Keizer school district, Minaz pioneered the concept of whole school interventions, along with bringing forth OT's role in the MTSS model. Her keen sense of curiosity has kept her learning and asking the critical questions on how best to serve our students while removing barriers to allow access to their education.

Today, she hopes to share with you some of the small wins they have found implementing MTSS in a large district. One classroom, One teacher, One school at a time!