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Biography:

Sandra Shaheen is a clinical psychologist and is board certified in Pediatric Neuropsychology. She has broad training in medical, psychiatric, developmental, and educational disorders which benefit from neuropsychological assessment and consultation. She earned advanced degrees from Harvard University and Tufts University, following which she was on the training staff in Neuropsychology at Children's Hospital, Boston for 18 years. She holds an appointment as Instructor in Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School.

A recent past president of the Massachusetts Neuropsychological Society (MNS 2009-2011), Dr. Shaheen is currently active as Co-chair of the public response team for the MNS professional affairs initiative. She testified for MNS on the role of neuropsychologists in return to play decisions after sports concussion, She has represented her profession in various initiatives aimed at providing easier access to mental health for Massachusetts residents.

Dr. Shaheen has special interests in learning and developmental disorders, pediatric tumor, seizure, neurofibroma, and other medical conditions, and adaptation to college and young adult challenges in these groups. In addition to MNS, the International Neuropsychological Society, Society for Pediatric Psychology, National Academy of Neuropsychology and the Massachusetts Psychological Association. She is a supporter of Asperger's Association of New England and Mass Brain Injury Association.

Other professional activities include forensic work in cases of birth injury, toxic exposure, and educational advocacy. She coordinated the Statewide Head Injury school consultation program in Massachusetts, and has taught assessment courses at Tufts University and Emmanuel College. Theoretical interests include the role of lower brain centers in higher order thinking, plasticity and improving cognitive skills through practice, and understanding age related deficits in cases of injury or trauma.

As a parent, Dr. Shaheen established after-school enrichment programs in the visual and performing arts, nature education, and self-regulation through martial arts in several schools. She was appointed as a member of the (local) Massachusetts Cultural Council to help support arts opportunities in her community. She provides assessment, consultation, family and individual child therapy services.

Selected publications and presentations

Shaheen, S. J. "Neuromaturation and behavior development: The case of childhood lead poisoning," *Developmental Psychology*, 1984, 20, (4), 542-550.

Shaheen, S. "Motor Assessment in Pediatric Neuropsychology: Relationships to Executive Function," *Applied Neuropsychology: Child*, (accepted for publication date: April 4, 2014), Psychology Press

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symposium at the 39th annual meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society, Boston, MA, February 2-5, 2011.