

Matthew Brooks Dodson, OTD, OTR/L, CBIST



Dr. Matthew Dodson, OTR/L, CBIST, is a master clinician and subject matter expert in head injury evaluation, treatment, and program design for both civilian and military populations.

As a nationally board-certified occupational therapist (OT), he has over 15 years and 20,000 hours of neurorehabilitation experience at patient care, administrative, and consultant levels. He is also a Certified Brain Injury Specialist Trainer, the highest level of professional brain injury certification offered by the Brain Injury Association of America.

Dr. Dodson received his training in neurorehabilitation from the country's top-ranked OT program at Washington University in Saint Louis, School of Medicine, graduating in 2006.

From 2009-2013, he built and managed outpatient OT Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) programming at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. After working as a *Best Practices* consultant for the Department of Defense (DoD), he then worked as a program development consultant for over 25 different brain injury and psychological health rehabilitation programs in the U.S., Asia, and Europe for the DoD (2013-2018).

As the owner of Colorado-based Braintrust Services, he delivers clinical rehabilitation services to a wide spectrum of clientele both in-person and virtually. Additionally, he is an accomplished author, conducts workshops across North America on head injury and cognitive rehabilitation, has an active forensics practice, and provides consultation services to a variety of health care and non-profit organizations.

Dr. Dodson is known for an accessible communication style and ability to translate complex medical and scientific concepts to the layperson. His areas of expertise include evaluating severely disabled clients with nuanced brain conditions affecting work capacity, quality of life, and long-term rehabilitation outcomes. These concerns are frequent topics of his more than 50 professional presentations, as well as multiple workshops, publications, and online education courses.

Dr. Dodson has received certificates of appreciation and achievement from the U.S. Army Surgeon General and the U.S. Army Medical Specialty Corps for his service to the military. He also co-authored an award-winning publication describing the role of OTs in addressing the impact of executive dysfunction on work capacity. Additionally, he has a certification in Change Management focused on rehabilitation program evaluation and development. In addition to being the Vice President of the Colorado Occupational Therapy Association, he currently serves as a cognition and return to work expert on the Brain Injury Association of America's Concussion Specialist Certification Committee. Additionally, he is participating in separate evidence reviews of executive function, working memory, computerized cognitive rehabilitation, and caregiver cognitive education for the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine.

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Curriculum Vitae
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1. Contact Information

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2. Present Position

Occupational Therapist and Owner 2014 – present
Braintrust Rehabilitation and Consulting

3. Education

Clinical Doctorate in Occupational Therapy 2006
Washington University in Saint Louis School of Medicine
Program in Occupational Therapy

Bachelor of Arts in Exercise Science 2002
University of North Carolina at Wilmington

4. Licenses and Certifications

National Board Certification for Occupational Therapy #222743 Exp. 2022
Colorado Occupational Therapy License #0004071 Exp. 2022
Certified Brain Injury Specialist Trainer; Brain Injury Association
of America #21226 Exp. 2022
Change Management; Prosci, Inc. Obt. 2018

5. Employment History

Program Development and Evaluation Consultant 2014 – 2018
Defense Centers of Excellence in Traumatic Brain Injury and Psychological
Health
Engility, Inc./Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC)

<u>Best Practices Consultant</u> Defense Centers of Excellence in Traumatic Brain Injury and Psychological Health <i>Dynamics Research Corporation, Inc.</i>	2013 – 2014
<u>Supervisor, Outpatient Traumatic Brain Injury Occupational Therapy</u> <i>Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, MD</i> <i>Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Tacoma Park, MD</i> <i>National Intrepid Center of Excellence, Bethesda, MD (interim OT lead 2010)</i>	2009 - 2013
<u>Occupational Therapist, Community Practice Programs</u> <i>Washington University in St. Louis, School of Medicine, Program in Occupational Therapy</i>	2007 - 2009
<u>Occupational Therapist, Residential Traumatic Brain Injury Program</u> <i>Transitional Learning Center, Galveston, TX</i>	2007

6. Program Evaluation and Development Consultations

United States Army Rehabilitation Programs

United States Army Special Operations Command
 Ft. Belvoir Traumatic Brain Injury Clinic
 Ft. Bliss Traumatic Brain Injury Clinic
 Ft. Carson Traumatic Brain Injury Clinic
 Ft. Hood Traumatic Brain Injury Clinic
 Joint Base Lewis-McChord Traumatic Brain Injury Clinic
 Warrior Adventure Quest Resiliency Program
 Strong Bonds Relationship Building Program
 Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program
 Substance Abuse Program Prevention Program

United States Navy Rehabilitation Programs

Jacksonville Naval Hospital Traumatic Brain Injury Clinic
 Okinawa Naval Hospital Traumatic Brain Injury Clinic
 Suicide Prevention Program
 Psychological Health Outreach Program

United States Marine Corps Rehabilitation Programs

Marine Corps Martial Arts Center of Excellence
 Force Fitness Instructor Program
 Marine Corps Martial Arts Program Training Program
 Aquatics Maximum Power-Intensive Training Program

United States Air Force Rehabilitation Programs

Baseline Psychological Testing of Recruits AF 203 Testing Program

Department of Defense Rehabilitation Programs

Walter Reed Inpatient Neurobehavioral Unit
Afterdeployment.com Telehealth Program
Lifearmor Telehealth Program
Military Kids Connect Telehealth Program
Sesame Workshop Telehealth Program
T2 Education and Training Telehealth Program

Civilian Programs

Craig Rehabilitation Hospital. Englewood, CO.
Brain Injury Alliance of Colorado. Denver, CO.
Matheson Education and Training Solutions, Inc. Bedford, NH.
REBOOT Combat Recovery, Inc. Ft. Campbell, KY.
Center for Occupational Therapy Education Workshop. Ft. Collins, CO.
Colorado State University Program in Occupational Therapy. Ft. Collins, CO.
4est., Inc. for Retired Contact Sport Athletes. Dallas, TX.
Marriage Champs. Dallas, TX.

7. Professional Publications

Dodson, M., Percy, T., Kyi, M., Wadley, M., Deeker, K., and Mathson, L. (in submission). Use of Item Response Theory to Develop a Return to Work Measure for Acquired Brain Injury: The Employment Feasibility Checklist. *Work, A Journal of Prevention, Assessment, and Productivity in the Workplace*.

Knobloch, L., Matheson, L., Owens, J., and Dodson, M. (2019). Evaluating the Effectiveness of REBOOT Combat Recovery: A Faith-Based Combat Trauma Resiliency Program. *Military Psychology, 31*(4), 306-314.

Matheson, L., Dodson, M., and Wolf, T. (2011). Executive dysfunction and work: Tying it all together. *Special Interest Section Quarterly Work & Industry, 25*, 1. American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc.

Wolf, T., and Dodson, M. (2011). Performance-based work assessment: A cognitive/perceptual approach. In B. Braveman & J. Page (Eds.), *Work: Promoting Participation & Productivity through Occupational Therapy*, (pp. 283-303). Philadelphia: FA Davis.

Cooper, Ror., McCue, M., Schein, R., Cooper, Ros., Spomer, M., Dodson, M., et al. (2011). Assistive technology for people with traumatic brain injuries. In Zasler, N., Katz, D., and Zafonte, R. (Eds). *Brain Injury Medicine*. New York: Demos Medical Publishing.

Dodson, M. (2010). A model to guide the rehabilitation of high-functioning individuals after mild brain injury. *Work, A Journal of Prevention, Assessment, and Productivity in the Workplace, 36*, 449-457.

Dodson, M., and Matheson, L. (2007). The effects of brain injury on worker competence. Continuing education article. *OT Practice*, 12(7), ce1-ce6.

8. Congressional Report Co-authorship

Senate Armed Services Committee Report 114-255 (FY 2017). (2017). The present state of behavioral health services and suicide prevention programs provided by the DoD to Service members in the reserve component. Washington, DC.

Office of the Secretary of Defense, Office of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation. (2017). Defense Centers of Excellence 2017 Annual Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury Program Evaluation and Improvement Interim Report. Washington, DC.

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113-291). Sections 728 (b)(1), (b)(4), and (b)(7). (2017). Report on Improvements in the Identification and Treatment of Mental Health Conditions and Traumatic Brain Injury Among Members of the Armed Forces. Washington, DC.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Center for Injury Prevention and Control; Division of Unintentional Injury Prevention. (2015). Report to Congress on Traumatic Brain Injury in the United States: Epidemiology and Rehabilitation. Atlanta, GA.

9. National Policy Standards Reviewing Responsibilities

Wheeler, S., and Acord-Vira, A. (2016). Occupational therapy practice guidelines for adults with traumatic brain injury. Bethesda (MD): American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA). 47p.

10. Workshops Presented

Cognitive Rehabilitation for Practicing Clinicians, for Matheson Education and Training Systems, LLC.

February 21-22, 2020 – Las Vegas, NV.

October 4-5, 2019 – Bedford, NH.

September 13-14, 2019 – Vancouver, BC.

June 14-15, 2019 – Corner Brook, Newfoundland, NL.

April 11-12, 2019 – Toronto, ON.

February 22-23, 2019 – Las Vegas, NV.

February 19, 2014. GRADE Meta-analysis Technique: Evaluating the Evidence and Making Recommendations, for the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury. Silver Spring, MD.

September 13-14, 2011. Occupational Implications of Combat-exposed Mild Traumatic Brain Injuries: Evaluation and Treatment. National Intrepid Center of Excellence. Bethesda, Maryland.

11. Continuing Education Course Authorship (online)

Dodson, M. (2016). Concussion Functional Interview and Treatment. Allied Health Continuing Education Course. Medbridge, Inc. ([link](#))

Dodson, M. (2016). Concussion Symptoms and Evaluation Challenges. Allied Health Continuing Education Course. Medbridge, Inc. ([link](#))

Dodson, M. and Showers, M. (2106). Concussion: Return to Work and Performance Based Testing. Allied Health Continuing Education Course. Medbridge, Inc. ([link](#))

12. Academic and Professional Presentations

April 22, 2021. Basic Principles of Cognitive Rehabilitation. Colorado State University Program in Occupational Therapy. Ft. Collins, CO. (x2)

October 16, 2020. Occupational Therapy Care Provision and COVID. Panel. Colorado Occupational Therapy Association 2020 State Conference. Ft. Collins, CO.

May 26, 2020. Cognitive and Psychological Effects of Post-Intensive Care Syndrome (PICS). Covell Care and Rehabilitation. Ft. Collins, CO.

March 4, 2020. Explaining the Role of Cognition in Occupational Performance for Clients and Students. Center for Community Partnerships at Colorado State University. Ft. Collins, CO.

February 18, 2020. Understanding the Brain and Brain Injuries. University of Colorado Health System, Behavioral Health Symposium. Ft. Collins, CO.

January 21, 2020. The Role of Cognition in Supporting Vocational Rehabilitation Outcomes. Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (Region III), Colorado Department of Labor and Employment. Ft. Collins, CO.

January 15, 2020. Performance-based Testing: Weekly Calendar Planning Activity. Craig Hospital. Englewood, CO.

October 22, 2019. Multidisciplinary Empowerment in Cognitive Rehabilitation. Fort Collins Family Vision Performance Center. Ft. Collins, CO.

October 12, 2019. Functional Brain Health and Aging: What You Can Do! Elderhaus Program. Ft. Collins, CO.

July 30, 2019. Peer Mentor Program Evaluation Plan Briefing. Brain Injury Alliance of Colorado. Denver, CO.

May 29, 2019. Performance-based Testing: Dynamic Complex Assembly Task. Craig Hospital. Englewood, CO

May 28, 2019. Clients and Cognition. Covell Care and Rehabilitation. Ft. Collins, CO

April 26, 2019. Work Hardening and Conditioning for Traumatic Brain Injury. Matheson Education and Training System, LLC. Bedford, NH.

November 5, 2018. Program Evaluation for Occupational Therapists. Colorado State University, Program in Occupational Therapy. Ft. Collins, CO.

October 6, 2018. REBOOT Research: Why it Matters and What it Says. 2018 REBOOT Combat Recovery Summit. Clarksville, TN.

September 19, 2018. Program Evaluation for Practicing Therapists: Demonstrating Your Effectiveness. Veterans Administration Central Office. Washington, DC.

February 24, 2015. Writing for Government Deliverables. *Program Evaluation and Efficacy Support Services* contract. Engility Corporation. Clarendon, VA.

June 11, 2014. Recent PTSD Research Assessed from the Perspective of Design and Analysis with Chris Crowe, PhD. State of the Science seminar series for the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury. Silver Spring, MD.

February 19, 2014. Evidence-based Synthesis Processes. State of the Science seminar series for the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury. Silver Spring, MD.

February 19, 2014. Constructing Research Questions. State of the Science seminar series for the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury. Silver Spring, MD.

November 18, 2013. Occupational Therapy and Knowledge Translation. Dynamics Research Corporation. Clarendon, VA.

March 22, 2013. Telerehabilitation in Work-Oriented Neurorehabilitation: Conserving Financial Resources for the Long Haul, Reserving Employer & Family Participation, and Providing Profitable Programming with Leonard Matheson, PhD. 8th Annual Scripps Brain Injury Rehabilitation Conference. Carlsbad, CA.

January 31, 2013. Trauma Beyond the Trenches: How and Why mTBI is Different. 1st Annual Walter Reed National Military Medical Center Trauma Symposium: "Total Force Medicine for the Warfighter." Bethesda, MD.

November 9, 2012. Grand Rounds: Identifying Functional Performance Deficits in Individuals with mild Traumatic Brain Injury. National Institutes of Health, Department of Rehabilitation Medicine. Bethesda, MD.

May 3, 2012. Targeting Functional Deficits from mTBI in the Presence of Chronic Comorbidities. Walter Reed TBI Staff Lecture Series presented jointly by the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center and the Department of Veterans Affairs (broadcast to 30 sites). National Intrepid Center of Excellence. Bethesda, MD.

March 22, 2012. The Unique Challenges of Mild Head Injury: Clients, Families, and Providers. Brain Injury Association of America Caregiver Education Seminar. Washington, DC.

February 19, 2012. Working with Active Duty Service Members as a Civilian OT. Washington University in Saint Louis, School of Medicine, Program in Occupational Therapy. Saint Louis, MO.

January 25, 2012. mTBI at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. Balboa Naval Hospital. San Diego, CA.

December 7, 2011. Orientation to FORCE:TBI Treatment Program and Collaboration Opportunities. Neuropsychological Health Service, Walter Reed Military Medical Center. Bethesda, MD.

December 2, 2011. mTBI Care at WRNMMCB: The FORCE: mTBI System. Maryville University Occupational Therapy Program. Bethesda, MD.

October 27, 2011. Working with Active Duty Service Members as a Civilian OT. Washington University in Saint Louis, School of Medicine, Program in Occupational Therapy. Saint Louis, MO.

September 13, 2011. mTBI and Executive Dysfunction: Who, When, Why, and How. Walter Reed National Military Medical Center Combat-exposed mTBI Workshop. National Intrepid Center of Excellence. Bethesda, Maryland.

July 20, 2011. mTBI Care at Walter Reed: FORCE: mTBI Treatment System. National Occupational Therapy Advisory Council for the Veterans Administration. Washington, DC.

June 1, 2011. Rehabilitating the Upper Reaches of Executive Functions. Clinical Research Consortium moderated by Epic Rehabilitation, Inc. Washington, DC.

May 12, 2011. Exploring Outpatient Occupational Therapy Care at Bethesda: Mild Head Injury. Integrated Department of Occupational Therapy. National Naval Medical Center. Bethesda, MD

May 4, 2011. Identifying Rehabilitation Needs in Mild Head Injury: When and How. Clinical Research Consortium moderated by Epic Rehabilitation, Inc. Washington, DC.

February 17, 2011. Envisioning Cognitive Rehabilitation. Army Surgeon General's Symposium on TBI Vision Rehabilitation. National Intrepid Center of Excellence. Bethesda, MD.

December 7, 2010. The Role of Occupational Therapy at NICoE. National Intrepid Center of Excellence. Bethesda, MD.

November 5, 2010. Improving Clinical Awareness: Identification and Treatment of Mild Brain Injury. Maryland Occupational Therapy Association State Conference. Baltimore, MD.

November 16, 2010. The Role of Occupational Therapy at NICoE. National Intrepid Center of Excellence. Bethesda, MD.

September 1, 2010. He's Fine...or is he? Detecting and Treating mTBI in the Service Member. Army Surgeon General's Symposium on TBI Rehabilitation. National Intrepid Center of Excellence. Bethesda, MD.

August 11, 2010. Grand Rounds: Mild Cognitive Deficits and their Impact on Rehabilitation and Participation. National Rehabilitation Hospital. Washington, DC.

April 1, 2010. Boots on the Ground: Cognitive Rehabilitation from the Trenches with Inbal Eshel, MA, CCC-SLP. Walter Reed TBI Staff Lecture Series presented jointly by the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center and the Department of Veterans Affairs (broadcast to 30 sites). Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Tacoma Park, MD.

September 25, 2009. Mild Brain Injury: The Functional Impact of a Unique Injury Etiology. 15th Annual Neuroscience Patient Care Conference of the Neuroscience Group of Northeast Wisconsin. Neenah, WI.

April 25, 2009. Translating Research into Clinical Practice: A Measurement Model for Acquired Brain Injury and Return to Work with Tim Wolf, OTD, OTR/L. Poster. American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference and Expo. Houston, TX.

April 24, 2009. Two years of Clinical Development: ITEM-OT, The Identity Through Employment Model. Poster. American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference and Expo. Houston, TX.

October 19, 2007. Washington University Community Practice: Contemporary service provision. Poster. Missouri Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference. Saint Charles, MO.

July 2007 to June 2009. Occupational Therapy: Improving the Ecological Validity of Medical Interventions in Internal Medicine (12-lecture series). Washington University School of Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine. Saint Louis, MO.

April 21, 2007. New Client-centered Approaches to Work Rehabilitation of Persons with Acquired Brain Impairment. Panel Presentation. American Occupational Therapy Annual Conference and Expo. Work Programs Special Interest Section Annual Program. St. Louis, MO.

April 20, 2007. The Identity Through Employment Model for Occupational Therapists: A New Model to Guide Return to Work for those with Mild Brain Injuries. Poster. American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference and Expo. St. Louis, MO.

13. Honors and Awards

- 2014-2018: Certificates of Merit and Excellence, DRC/Engility Corporation
- 2012: Quarterly Author's Award, AOTA
- 2011: Certificate of Appreciation, US Army Medical Specialty Corps
- 2011: Certificate of Appreciation, United States Surgeon General
- 2011: Certificate of Achievement, Department of the Army
- 2008: Certificate of Appreciation for Service to the AOTA Special Interest Section Community
- 2006: Finalist, Hope Center for Neurological Disorders, Scientific Development Award

14. Professional Leadership

May 2021 – current. Computerized cognitive rehabilitation: Systematic Review workgroup. American Congress of Rehabilitation Cognitive Rehabilitation Task Force. Reston, VA.

April 2021 – current. Care Partner Cognitive Rehabilitation Toolkit workgroup. American Congress of Rehabilitation Cognitive Rehabilitation Task Force. Reston, VA.

January 2021 – current. Vice President, Colorado Occupational Therapy Association. Denver, CO.

- May - *ongoing* 2021 – Chairperson, State Association Bylaw Update Committee
- May – Oct. 2021 – Chairperson, Recognitions Committee
- May – Oct. 2021 – Chairperson, Nominations Committee

April 2020 – current. Attention and working memory evidence review workgroup. American Congress of Rehabilitation Cognitive Rehabilitation Task Force. Reston, VA.

April 2020 – current. Executive function evidence review workgroup. American Congress of Rehabilitation Cognitive Rehabilitation Task Force. Reston, VA.

April 2019 – current. Concussion Specialist Certification workgroup, principal author of Concussion Recovery Phases, Concussion Return to Work, Concussion Return to Duty, and Concussion Cognitive Rehabilitation chapters. Academy of Certified Brain Injury Specialists. Vienna, VA.

September 2012. AOTA Leadership Development Program for Managers. Bethesda, MD.

March – May 2012. Expert Panel Workgroup. Congressional Report on Traumatic Brain Injury Rehabilitation. Center for Disease Control, Division of Injury Response. Washington, DC.

April – June 2010. Development Workgroup. Occupational Therapy at the National Intrepid Center of Excellence. Tacoma Park, MD.

January 2007 – December 2007: Chair, Chairperson Nominations Committee. AOTA Work Programs Special Interest Section. St. Louis, MO.

April 2006 – May 2008. Communications Liaison. AOTA Work Programs Special Interest Section. St. Louis, MO.

15. Professional Association Memberships

2004 – 2008; 2011 – present:	Member, AOTA
2011 – present:	Member, North American Clinical Research Consortium
2012 – 2018:	Member, North American Brain Injury Society
2016 – 2019:	Member, American Evaluation Association
2018 – present:	Member, Occupational Therapy Association of Colorado
2019 – present:	Member, Brain Injury Association of America