

NEW CONNECTIONS ACADEMY EMPLOYEE LIST
Academic Year 2026-2027

Principal

Amanda Cook - *M.Ed., M.A.*

Lead Teacher

Julianne Robey - *B.S*

Classroom Teachers

Bridget Porter - *M.Ed*

Greg Krasick - *B.A.*

Kristen Houle- *M.S.*

Konrad Klysz - *M.A.*

Richard Ciccone - *M.A*

Shirley Wilkinson - *B.A.*

Classroom Substitute

Tara Maley - *M.A.*

P.E. Teacher

Matthew Henning - *M.A.*

Program Assistants

Ashley Masud

Hannah Sylvan

Jason Mussar - *B.A.*

Jennifer Stengel

John Van Alstin

Keena Lewis - *A.A*

Lisa Giudice - *A.A*

Loretta Steurer

Sheila Smith

Reading Specialist

Cindy Dillon- *M.A.*

Senior Restorative Intervention & Supports (RIS)

John Nelson (*at CAE, CDS, NCA, and SC*)

Joel Lightbourne - *CTRT-E*

Intervention Specialists (RIS)

Anthony Bryan - *A.A*

Stephanie McDonough

Richard Schreiber - *B.A.*

Program Interventionist (RIS)

Carissa Santiago - *A.S*

School Nurse- Ext. 131

John LaVere – *R.N.*

Medical Consultant

Michael Greenbaum *M.D.*

Clinical Director/Licensed Clinical Psychologist

Kelly Dunne - *Psy. D*

**Clinical/Autism Consultant/
Licensed Clinical Psychologist**

Christina Bailey - *Psy. D.*

Therapists

Andrew Slany- *Ph.D.*

Bria Temple- *M.Ed*

Christopher Lujan- *M.A.*

Farrah Beidas- *M.A.*

Madi LoConte- *LSW*

Matthew Geisler- *Ph.D.*

Morgan Bensky- *M.A.*

Nicole Trujillo- *LCPC*

Rayhane Baniardalan- *M.S.*

Valentina Weidner-*B.A.*

Ying-Ruey Chuang - *Ph.D., LCP, NCSP*

Art Therapist

Lyndsey Hedger - *ATR-BC, LCPC*

Music Therapist

Taylor Stengren - *MM, LPMT, MT-BC*

Speech Therapist

Alisa Halfman - *MHS, CCC-SLP*

Mary Olandese - *CCC-SLP*

Occupational Therapist

Douglas Cruz - *MS, OTR/L*

Sara Buresh - *OTR/L*

Transition Coordinator

Rachel Merke - *B.A.*

Vocational Counselor

Amanda Boyd - *Ph.D., CRC, LCPC*

Job Coach

Ciara Hartema - *M.A*

Business Manager

Tia Fox - *BSHA* - Ext. 122

847-359-8300 (South Campus) - Ext. 222

Administrative Assistant

Ahilyn Ramirez - Ext. 121