



### Member Spotlight Information

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| <b>Name and credentials</b>                                    | <b>Dori Maxon, PT, MEd (PCS 1995-2005)</b>   |
| <b>Practice setting</b>  | <b>Pediatric Aquatics &amp; Community-Based Wellness</b>   |
| <b>Where do you work?</b>                                      | <b>SNAPkids (snapkids.org), community-based pools</b>  |
| <b>Describe your position of employment?</b>                   | <b>Director of a nonprofit which provides accessible community-based aquatics to children with special needs. Volunteers have unique experiences which help foster respect and inclusion in our communities.</b>   |
| <b>Years of experience in aquatic physical therapy?</b>        | <b>Aquatics overall, 42 years and Aquatic Physical Therapy, 30 years</b>   |
| <b>Current hometown</b>  | <b>Richmond, CA</b>  |
| <b>What do you enjoy doing in your time off?</b>               | <b>Enjoying time with my family, friends, and our dog</b>  |
| <b>What started your interest in aquatic physical therapy?</b> | <b>I started working with special populations in the water as a swim instructor, lifeguard. In grad school in the mid 1980s (before PT school) I did my thesis on Water Exercise for Adults Recovering from Strokes. I continued working in the water while in PT school working for the City Parks and Rec developing programs for children with special needs and worked with adults with MS in the water. When I became a PT, I continued with my passions of working with kids and aquatics and started a nonprofit (outside of my day job in the peds clinic) and continue with it today.</b> |
| <b>What do you enjoy most about aquatic physical therapy?</b>  | <b>As a person, the joy and happiness of the clients. It's a game changer, lifts the spirit, and you know that you're making a difference. We work with tons of volunteers and watching them discover how amazing our kids are, grow in their connections and understanding is heartwarming.<br/><br/>As a therapist, the intellectual challenge of working in a dynamic environment where many of my clients can't reach the floor. It</b>  |

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|   | <b>makes me think, try, and discover and of course learn. In land courses, I have to think about how to adapt to an environment without a floor and be creative with handling techniques to offer experiences, build skills, and confidence. Plus, I know I can keep doing this as I age and continue to contribute.</b>  |
| <b>Why did you become a member of the academy?</b>                  | <b>I want to support the work the Academy is doing, showcase this amazing work environment, connect with colleagues, and promote this area of practice. I really appreciate the journal and the training program you've developed.</b>  |
| <b>Why do you think your membership in the academy is valuable?</b> | <b>I'm so glad the Academy exists and is promoting this unique area of skill and knowledge and the benefits to vast array of clients we can support. I'm totally onboard with the mission and promoting this area of practice. The Academy is unique because our members have a common thread in our treatment though we apply our understanding to a wide variety of populations. The water brings people together and the Academy can have far reaching benefits.</b> |

Please share a pic with us! It can be professional or fun.