- After suffering a shoulder injury and working with an occupational therapist to help her manage shoulder pain, Dana decided that she wanted to make a difference and become an OT herself, to help others the way she was helped!
- Before she received her Masters of Science Degree in Occupational Therapy from Concordia University Wisconsin, Dana worked mainly with children, as a professional photographer. She felt charged by children's positive energy, engagement, and their unstoppable desire to learn! As a pediatric OT (and a mother of two, herself) she decided to continue to work with children and help them achieve their highest potential!
- Dana practiced in a wide variety of settings before starting her own private practice, such as pediatric rehab, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, schools, outpatient clinics, and home health settings.
- Dana finds great meaning in working with clients and their families through meaningful and honest relationships and also providing mentorship and professional guidance to her team, at KidsConnect!
- During her spare time Dana enjoys spending meaningful moments with her family and friends, reading a good book, hiking, and cycling.
- She works in tight collaboration with Developmental Pediatricians, Developmental Optometrists, Mental Health Specialists, and other professionals and community organizations to provide further support as needed.

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