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Speaker Bureau

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**Speaker Topics (Area of Expertise):**

Pediatrics

Entrepreneurship

**Speaker Bio:**

Michelle Atanu, OTR, MOT, is an accomplished occupational therapist specializing in children's holistic development with an inclusive emphasis on family co-regulation and community integration. As the founder of Avilo Pediatric Solutions & Consulting in 2012, she and her team use their expertise in child development, sensory processing, behavior regulation and social-emotional wellness to consult, train and lead communities with solutions to help children thrive. Holding leadership roles such as Standards and Practice Chair for the Texas Occupational Therapy Association, advisory board member for PIMA Medical Institute, and founder of Occupation in Motion, a 501c3 organization, Michelle's impact encompasses a broad scope. As an advocate in her field, Michelle creates space for community solutions, including creating and facilitating the Occupational Therapy Entrepreneurs Symposium during the Texas Occupational Therapy Association's 2024 annual conference, pioneering innovative early childhood and family programs, and engaging in research projects to further her mission to provide community solutions.

Michelle's influence extends to university guest lectures, mentorship, providing professional development training for childhood providers, conference lectures, consulting and educational journal publications, all the while enhancing her field's progress. She founded Minutes with Michelle the OT, which is a social platform of easy-to-read blog posts and quick informational videos to further expand her mission to inspire champions in children and champions for children. Over the past several years, Michelle has provided professional development certification workshops for more than 3,000 childhood providers, has provided therapeutic intervention sessions for more than 600 children and families and has professionally mentored more than 20 university/college students and professionals as an advisor for ongoing development and career growth. Michelle's vision is to continue fostering connections between others and leading communities to become agents of change.

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