

Dr. Wood graduated Summa Cum Laude from North Carolina State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Microbiology. She attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill receiving her Doctorate in Pharmacy with Highest Honors. Dr. Wood completed her Postdoctoral Residency at The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. While a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at MD Anderson and Adjunct Clinical Professor at The University of Houston School of Pharmacy, Dr. Wood became a national speaker and expert in Oncology Pharmacy.

In 2004, Dr. Wood's 22 month old son was diagnosed with autism and she resigned from clinical practice to develop and oversee a full-time home ABA program for him, which she continues to direct today. Dr. Wood is President and Scientific Advisor for Families for Effective Autism Treatment (FEAT) – Houston. She serves as a resource for individual families and organizations seeking to better understand the research behind the success of Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) and how it can be successfully utilized to acquisition skills, address challenging behavior, and improve quality of life.

Based on her experience as a parent and leader in the local autism community, Dr. Wood has become a local and statewide speaker on issues facing families and children with autism. Her reputation as an effective and motivational speaker to multiple audiences including parents, community leaders, educators and healthcare professionals earned her the invitation to serve as a Faculty Member and Board Member of the Lonestar LEND (Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities) which is a collaboration between The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, Baylor College of Medicine, Texas Woman's University, University of Houston and University of Houston – Clear Lake. The LoneStar LEND program, funded through a \$2.9 million grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), is the first program of its kind in Texas and one of 43 LEND programs located at universities or major children's hospitals across the United States. During the two years she served as the Lead Family Faculty Member, Amy contributed to LEND's mission of preparing future leaders in the diagnosis and treatment of ASD/ND, increasing the rate of accurate diagnosis of ASD/NDs in Texas, empowering families to be an active participant in their child's treatment plan and improving ASD/ND service delivery and systems. In this capacity, she also educated professionals from a variety of disciplines about all aspects of having a child on the autism spectrum from the family's perspective. She continues to serve on multiple advisory boards including The Texas Autism Academy and the Special Needs Parents Advisory Committee at The Woodlands United Methodist Church.