



Occupational Therapy News

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Happenings from the Hill

Jeff Tomlinson, OTR, MSW and Glenn Riddell, our lobbyist from The Riddell Group, are working tirelessly for us in Albany. Here are some of the recent issues

- Funding for Early Intervention – Last year the Article VII Health bill by the executive proposed major changes to the evaluation process in the early intervention program. The proposed changes in the law were defeated by the state legislature after strong lobbying efforts by EI advocates.
- Workmen’s Comp – Bill A. 1396 by Assembly member Zebrowski, co-sponsors Assembly members Weprin, Colton, Benedetto, and multi-sponsor Assembly member Walter, amends the Workers’ Compensation law to allow payment for treatment services by Occupational Therapy Assistants provided under the Workers’ Compensation Program. Currently the Workers’ Compensation law only covers services provided by an Occupational Therapist. The bill will amend subdivision 1 (e) of section 12-b of the workers’ compensation law.
- Athletic Trainers – Bill S4499C relates to the licensure of Athletic Trainers which would allow ATs to treat individuals with orthopedic injuries in a health care organization. To read more about this bill go to <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2015/S4499>

Up & Coming!

OTs Walk with NAMI

On Saturday, May 13th OTs will walk with the National Alliance on Mental Health. Participants will meet at the South Street Seaport Promenade at 9:00am. The walk begins at 10:00am.

Elections Are Now Open

NYSOTA Board Elections are now open! We have several seats open so please go to our website and vote! From the home page go to the “About Us” tab and select Election 2017 and cast your ballot.

Spring CE Day at Suffolk Community College

Join NYSOTA for an all-day CE event at Suffolk Community College! Registration is now open. Check out the NYSOTA website for details and to register.

- **An Activity Based Approach to Facilitating Self-Regulation, Problem Solving and Interpersonal Skills**
- **Falls Prevention for Hospitalized Older Adults: What the Evidence Tells Us and How to Make it Happen**
- **Preparing the New Generation of Professionals: For Coursework, Fieldwork and Beyond**

Registration is Open for NYSOTA Annual Conference 2017

NYSOTA 2017 Annual Conference will be held at The Desmond Hotel in Albany, NY. To register please go to the NYSOTA website! Hope to see you there and to celebrate 100 years of Occupational Therapy.

NYC Disability Pride Parade

NYSOTA has signed up for the NYC Disability Pride Parade! Come walk with us on July 9th at Union Square in NYC. Gathering in Union Square Park at 10:00am, parade begins at 11:00am. Festival to follow at Madison Square Garden Park from noon to 3:00pm. Register by emailing legislation@nysota.org

100th Anniversary Celebration Clifton Springs, NY!

Clifton Springs, N.Y. is the birthplace of Occupational Therapy when Eleanor Clarke Slagle, George Edward Barton, Adolph Meyer, Susan Johnson, Thomas Kidner, Isabel G. Newton and Susan Tracy met to discuss the value of activity in promoting recovery. This year, in conjunction with The Annual Sulphur Springs Festival, there will be a tribute to Occupational Therapy. This is a weekend long festival including a parade in the middle of town. The parade will be on Saturday, June 3 at 6:00pm. NYSOTA will have a contingent of folks including NYSOTA President, Gloria Lucker leading the OT section; a parade float from SUNY Orange OTA program and lots of other OT practitioners for many parts of New York State. Enjoy a wonderful day of OT pride!!!!

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DID YOU KNOW?

That currently NYSOTA has 379 active OT members, 322 students and 120 OTA members. However, there more than 15,000 licensed practitioners in New York state. That is a very poor percentage. If we had 2500 members we could significantly lower (if not eliminate) the fee for continuing competency hours taken through NYSOTA.



Membership is vital to the life of our organization! Every success achieved in Albany to protect and promote the Occupational Therapy profession benefits every practitioner whether you are a member of NYSOTA or not. So please help us help you by joining your professional organization so we can be financially solvent and continue protecting and promoting our profession.

Did you know that for \$19.95 per year a NYSOTA member can enjoy discounts at thousands of local and national places? Check out the Member Rewards link under "My Profile" on the website.

Did you know that every NYSOTA Board Member is Chair of a Committee? To see the list of board members and committees go to the website and click on "About Us"; then select Board Members or click on the "Network" tab.

Did you know NYSOTA maintains a job board specifically for OT practitioners? You won't have to browse through hundreds of irrelevant job postings ever again! Sign up today for alerts and notifications when a job you may be interested in is posted! Check it out [here](#).

THINGS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

Spring CE Day was held at SUNY Orange



Jeff Tomlinson, OTR, MSW, began the day with a comprehensive report on the Legislative Bills and issues facing our profession.

Jill Holland, OTR, continued the day with a very informative workshop on the use of Yoga in a therapeutic setting across the life span.

Spring CE Day was held at Erie Community College



What a successful day spent with colleagues and friends! Thank you to the presenters and members who joined us for Me Moves, Models for Recovery, Advances in Regenerative and Anti-Aging Medicine, and Handwriting Instruction: The Best of Everything.