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## AATA NEWS

### The AATA Board of Directors Propels the Profession Forward with New Mission and Vision Statements



Cynthia Woodruff, AATA Executive Director, and Donna Betts, PhD, ATR-BC, AATA President

On Aug. 29th, 2016, the AATA Board of Directors unanimously approved new Mission and Vision statements for the Association. The statements articulate the AATA's purpose and inform goals and objectives set forth in the strategic plan. The AATA mission statement was last updated in 2008. The new statements reflect AATA's momentum and future direction. We are pleased to announce the Association's new Mission and Vision statements. [READ MORE](#)

### The American Art Therapy Association Supports the Family First Prevention Services Act



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The American Art Therapy Association (AATA), alongside groups such as the American Psychological Association and other mental health and support service programs, recently signed a letter to the Senate in support of [H.R. 5456](#), The Family First Prevention Services Act. The Act would provide federal investments in evidence-based prevention and early intervention to keep more children safely with their parents and family caregivers and out of foster care, as well as support states and communities in responding to the national opioid crisis. Specifically, it would allow states to access federal funding under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act for quality mental health and substance abuse prevention and treatment services and in-home parent skill-based programs. Furthermore, H.R. 5456 aims to better ensure family-based care for children who need foster care by building on the current law's policy and specifying that children should be placed in the least restrictive, most family-like setting appropriate for their special needs.

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- [This year's SVA MPS Art Therapy conference features Pablo Helguera. Click here to join us on September 23, 2016!](#)



## AATA Featured Member

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Kelly Darke, ATR, M.Ed., BFA, has always considered herself to be an artist. She regards art making as personally therapeutic, an experience she shares with others in the hopes that they, too, can benefit. The ability to share and connect with other art therapists is important to her and Kelly has exemplified this idea by holding a number of active roles in the AATA and in the Michigan Association of Art Therapy (MAAT). While attending Wayne State University (class of 2009), she served as President on the Students of the MAAT board. Kelly went on to serve as the MAAT Publications Chair from 2009-2012. Today, she continues to participate as a member of the AATA's New Media Shared Interest Group.

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## Call for Artwork Deadline Extended to Oct. 31, 2016

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The AATA, in partnership with Dover Publications, Inc., is creating a coloring book that will help raise public awareness of the art therapy profession. It will be illustrated solely by **AATA credentialed professional members**, showcasing their talent while providing their unique perspectives on the benefits of art therapy. Importantly, this book will promote an accurate and consistent message of art therapy as a regulated mental health profession, because the AATA will oversee written content included in the book, including the title and introduction, and ensure all content is relevant to the AATA's mission and vision. [READ MORE](#)



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## Connecting Art Therapy and LGBTQ Youth: The Florida Art Therapy Association's Partnership with the Orlando Youth Alliance



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The [Florida Art Therapy Association](#) (FATA) is continuing its "Art From the Heart" campaign by partnering with the [Orlando Youth Alliance](#) (OYA) to bring art therapy to LGBTQ youth in Orlando. On Sept. 16, 2016, FATA and the OYA will host a night of "Art From the Heart," during which LGBTQ youth from the community can make art that will become part of a digital mosaic to be presented to the [LGBTQ Center of Central Florida](#) (The Center). [Donate](#) now to support the event and help the FATA reach their \$1000 goal – proceeds from the fundraising campaign will go toward art supplies for the event and donations to the OYA and The Center.

## Seeking Nominations for the Accreditation Council for Art Therapy Education (ACATE)



Dana Elmendorf, ATR-BC, LPC, Chair of ACATE

The Accreditation Council for Art Therapy Education (ACATE) is currently seeking nominations for positions beginning November 2016. Expected vacancies will require art therapy educators, art therapy practitioners and a public member. Please consider nominating someone that you believe will work tirelessly to promote best practices for art therapy educational programs. Members of ACATE will be at the forefront for implementation of the new accreditation standards and will help to educate all art therapy education stakeholders. For more information, including position descriptions, roles and time commitments, visit the [ACATE webpage](#).

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### IN THE NEWS

## United States Surgeon General appeals to America's clinicians to 'Turn the Tide' on the prescription drug epidemic



Department of Health and Human Services

In a historic first, the U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek H. Murthy has sent a letter to 2.3 million American health professionals, asking them to lead a national movement to turn the tide on the nation's prescription opioid epidemic. "I know solving this problem will not be easy," Dr. Murthy writes. "We often struggle to balance reducing our patients' pain with increasing their risk of addiction. But, as clinicians, we have the unique power to help end this epidemic." [READ MORE](#)

## A photographer captured homeless men and women as they dream to be seen



The Huffington Post

When Romanian photographer Horia Manolache first came to San Francisco, the first thing he noticed was the city's significant homeless population. Researchers estimate that the total number of homeless adults and children residing in San Francisco in 2013 was 7,350. Statistics from 2015 showed a slight increase to 7,539, while a 10-year survey of data noted a 7 percent increase overall in the number of homeless individuals in San Francisco. Manolache has worked previously on projects that took him up and down San Francisco's streets, encountering those suffering from homelessness along the way. "I began to be familiar with the people that I saw everyday," he explained in a statement. "I began to speak with them." **READ MORE**

## Symbolic art pieces express outrage on gender violence



The East African

An exhibition called "One in Three: What Does It Take for You to Be Outraged?" at the Nairobi National Museum is exploring the wide and complex nature of gender-based violence. One in Three is a creation of the Art Program of the World Bank Group. There are no images of battered faces, bruised bodies and haunted eyes. Instead, the art program aims to address broader issues of physical and symbolic violence against women through hard facts and symbolic art. The title draws from statistics by UN Women, which estimates that 35 percent of women worldwide have experienced physical or sexual violence. **READ MORE**

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