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**AATA NEWS**

## Maryland Insurance Reimbursement Bill Approved Unanimously



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On Tuesday April 18, H.B. 298, Health Insurance - Licensed Clinical Professional Art Therapists – Reimbursement, was approved by Governor Larry Hogan! The bill passed unanimously through the House (2/24/17) with a vote of 136 to 0 and the Senate (3/28/17) with a vote of 47 to 0 following favorable reports by the House Health and Government Operations Committee and the Senate Finance

Committee. The bill goes into effect on October 1, 2017 and will provide private insurance reimbursement for art therapy services provided by licensed clinical professional art therapists on an equal basis with other mental health professions licensed by the state of Maryland. **READ MORE**

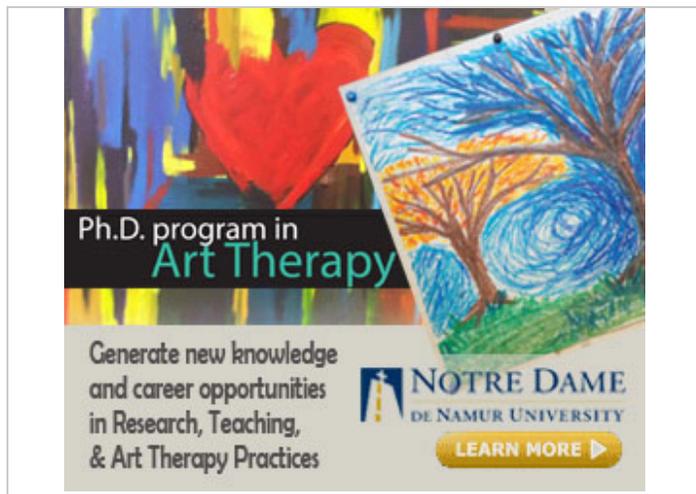
### 2017 Conference: Join us in 'The Land of Enchantment' — Albuquerque, NM



Wendy Wasserman, MA, LMHC, ATR, Local Arrangements Committee Chair

The Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) is excited to host the American Art Therapy Association's 48th Annual Conference in beautiful Albuquerque, New Mexico, November 8-12, 2017.\* Located at an elevation of over 5,100 feet, "The Duke City" is situated between the impressive Sandia Mountains and the scenic Rio Grande Valley. With a city center along historic Route 66, Albuquerque is rich with culture and diversity, offering visitors a true Southwest experience. **READ MORE**

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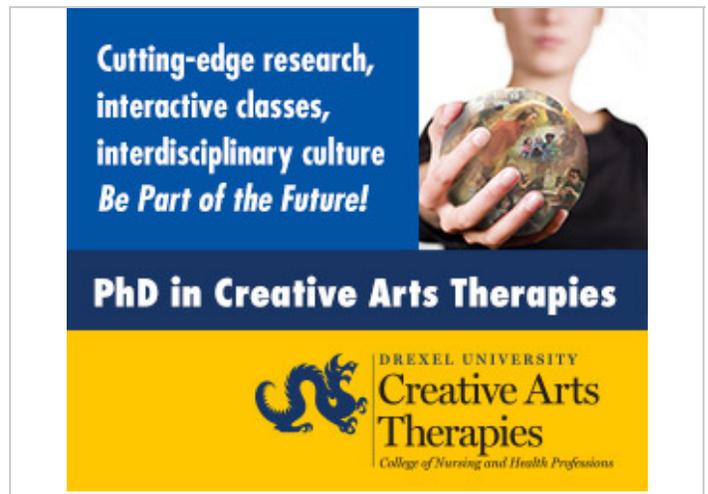


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## Join SAMHSA and AATA for National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day



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The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is hosting the 2017 National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day event on Thursday, May 4. Join SAMHSA, the American Art Therapy Association, the American Psychiatric Association, the American Psychiatric Association Foundation, the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, the National Council for Behavioral Health, and the Annie E. Casey Foundation, as we draw attention to the importance of integrating behavioral health and primary care for children and youth with mental and/or substance use disorders. **The event begins at 7:00p.m. EDT, and SAMHSA will be webcasting live! Click [here](#) to register** for the live webcast, and please note that registration for in-person attendance has been closed.

## Nominate Volunteer Officers and Directors of the Board



Megan Robb, ATR-BC, LPC, NCC, Nominating Committee Chair

The American Art Therapy Association (AATA) has opened nominations for Volunteer Officers and Directors of the Board. AATA's Nominating Committee invites nominations of qualified members to the following positions for a two-year term (2017-2019):

- President-Elect (1)
- Secretary (1)
- Directors (3)
- Nominating Committee (1)

You may submit your own name or a colleague's name for consideration as a nominee. **READ MORE**



### Professional Doctorate of Art Therapy

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## 2017 Call for Honors



Craig Siegel, MA, ATR-BC, ATCS, Honors Working Group Chair

As the Honors Working Group asks for your 2017 Honors Nominations to be submitted by May 1, we would like to once again acknowledge all of last year's nominees. Those of us who are fortunate to serve for this group are

keenly aware of all the great work that is being done by all nominees for the betterment of the American Art Therapy Association, its members, and the profession in general. We are also aware, however, that there are so many additional individuals deserving of recognition that go unnoticed due to the limited number of nominations submitted each year. [READ MORE](#)

## AATA Signs its Support of the Preventive Health Savings Act



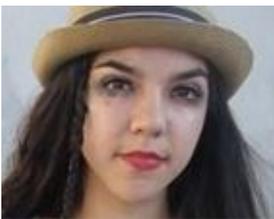
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The AATA joined 117 organizations in signing a [letter](#) sent to the Hill on April 12, 2017 expressing support for the Preventive Health Savings Act. Currently, the way in which the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) “scores” legislation severely constrains the ability of policymakers to accurately assess legislation that would prevent chronic disease and promote behavioral health across the life-course. The Preventive Health Savings Act would permit leaders in Congress to request that CBO estimate the long-term health savings that are possible from preventive health initiatives. The letter, addressed to Representatives Michael Burgess (R-TX) and Diana DeGette (D - CO) and Senators Mike Crapo (R-ID) and Ben Cardin (D-MD), concludes: “We applaud your efforts in sponsoring this important legislation and look forward to joining with you in transforming our nation to one that prioritizes efforts to achieve wellness and wellbeing.”

## AATA Featured Member



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Eugenia Bravo is pursuing her Masters in art therapy at The George Washington University (GWU) and interns at the AATA national office. She values her membership particularly for the resources the Journal provides, which she integrates into her internship and studies, and for the special opportunities available to students, such as scholarships to attend the annual conference. Eugenia is very connected to AATA through her internship at our national office. She says that, since starting with us, she has been “privileged to be immersed in important policy updates and news going on with the AATA” and she “constantly hears of the important work art therapists do to support the profession.”

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### IN THE NEWS

## Why we march: APA joins scientists across the globe



American Psychological Association

The American Psychological Association is proud to be an official partner of the March for Science. On April 22, 2017, we gather together with our fellow scientists and supporters to celebrate scientific research and to speak up for evidence-based policy making. We join together through our shared passion for scientific discovery and our eagerness to communicate these discoveries broadly. [READ MORE](#)

## Second Lady Karen Pence to travel to the Asia-Pacific region to highlight art therapy and recognize military service members



The White House

Second Lady Karen Pence will travel to the Republic of Korea, Japan, Indonesia, Australia, and Hawaii from April 15-25, 2017 with the Vice President. During the trip, Mrs. Pence will highlight her initiative, art therapy, meet with military service members and spouses and participate in cultural activities. Mrs. Pence will arrive in Seoul, Republic of Korea on April 16, where she will spend Easter Sunday with United States and Republic of Korea troops and their families. [READ MORE](#)

## Shedding light on National Autism Awareness Month



Newswise

More than 3.5 million Americans live with an autism spectrum disorder, and prevalence of the condition increased 119 percent from 2000 to 2010, according to the Autism Society. Experts from the George Washington

University are available for comment during April's National Autism Awareness Month. 2017 will mark the sixth consecutive year George Washington University will "Light It Up Blue" for autism awareness on the Foggy Bottom campus. **READ MORE**

## Using art therapy to help children with autism



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Art therapy helps to promote mental and emotional growth through drawing or painting. These lessons are conducted with hopes of moulding life skills and facilitating self-expression. One of the distinctive characteristics of autistic people is their inability to communicate. They cannot express themselves through words. Hence, art is an avenue for self-expression. According to The Art Of Autism, art therapy can also help special needs individuals develop their social skills, enabling facilitators to connect with students. Working together on group projects fosters cooperation, teamwork and a sense of acceptance. **READ MORE**

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