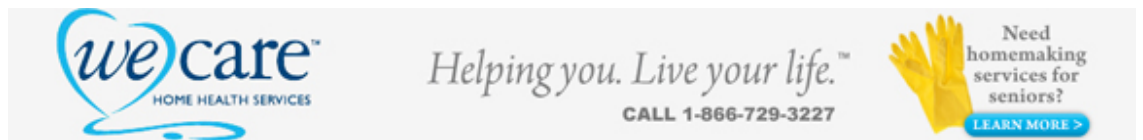


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## AATA NEWS

# Delaware Art Therapy Licensure Bill to be Signed into Law Tomorrow, September 8, 2017



AATA National Office



AATA representatives and Delaware art therapists will proudly witness the signing of the art therapy licensure bill S.B. 43 into law tomorrow, September 8, 2017. Jennifer August, MCAT, ATR-BC shares details about the advocacy journey she and other art therapists in Delaware underwent with strong support from the AATA to achieve this success for the profession. Their story demonstrates the value of leveraging each interaction with the state legislature as an opportunity to promote art therapy legislation and to educate decision makers about how a given bill may improve the local mental health care landscape. [READ MORE](#)

## A Message from the AATA in Advance of Hurricane Irma



AATA National Office

AATA extends our thoughts and hearts to the communities who have already felt the devastating impact of Hurricane Irma and to those who brace for its approach. Even as the AATA works with the South Texas Art Therapy Association (STATA) and Louisiana Art Therapy Association (LATA) on the initial relief efforts to support their communities in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, we stand ready to support our chapters — the Florida Art Therapy Association (FATA), the Georgia Art Therapy Association (GATA), and the South Carolina

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## Annual Meeting of the Membership to Take Place on November 9, 2017



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Attention, AATA Members! This year's Annual Meeting of the Membership will take place on Thursday, November 9, 2017, from 8:00 – 9:45 a.m. during the AATA's 48th [Annual Conference](#) in Albuquerque, New Mexico. All conference attendees are strongly encouraged to attend. Voting members must check in at the registration desk before entering. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Seeking Applicants for Executive Editor of the Art Therapy Journal



Michaela Kirby, PsyD, ATR-BC, LMHC, Journal Editor Search Committee Chair

The American Art Therapy Association seeks applications for the position of Editor of *Art Therapy: Journal of the American Art Therapy Association*. The Journal is a peer-reviewed scholarly publication that has a readership comprised of educators, practitioners, and students. Its mission is to inform the readership of research, recent innovations, and critical issues related to art therapy. [Click here](#) to view the full Journal Editor position description and requirements. Please direct any questions to [info@arttherapy.org](mailto:info@arttherapy.org). **The extended deadline for nominations or applications is September 30, 2017.**



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## AATA Featured Member



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Jaana Kilkki, MA, ATR works with adults, in both inpatient and outpatient behavioral health settings, facilitating groups and individual art therapy sessions at Ft. Belvoir Community Hospital in Virginia. In addition to art therapy, Ms. Kilkki utilizes yoga and mindfulness in her work with military personnel and their families. She values her AATA membership because it keeps her connected to art therapists across the nation through its local chapters and annual conference. She recalls, "When I moved from the East Coast to the Midwest following my graduation from Hofstra, I attended the local AATA meeting and was warmly welcomed. This gave me a sense of connection and allowed me to find professional contacts in a new place." **READ MORE**

## IN THE NEWS



## Art therapy in museums

Museum

Throughout the course of history, museums have turned from displays of collections to educational and social institutes. In recent years, museums have introduced various activities like interactive tours, theatrical plays, late-night parties, yoga lessons or workshops to stay in touch with the ever-changing society. In this context, museums expand their practices in to more engaging community programs that depict social issues and have an impact. One of these practices is the art therapy programs. **READ MORE**



## Coloring and drawing could help you boost your mood — But which is more effective?



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In 2015, the mania for adult coloring books was at its peak. It was hard to walk into a bookstore and not find a table piled high with tomes of intricate, ready-to-color mandala designs, city scenes or floral patterns. The publishers often seemed to purport that the activity of coloring could be a form of meditation. While many have since deemed the books a passing trend, they're still easy to find. Curiously, little has been done to scientifically prove whether or not they have any effect on one's mental health. **READ MORE**

## Want to age well? Get creative!



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