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AATA NEWS

Milestone Achievement for the Profession: Federal Government Revises Occupational Code for Art Therapists



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On November 28, 2017, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) published a Federal Register notice, "[Standard Occupational Classification \(SOC\) System-Revision for 2018](#)" (82 FR 56271) announcing the federal government's revised occupational codes, including reclassification of art therapists. After delaying for almost a year, the OMB adopted nearly all of the Standard Occupational Classification Policy Committee's (SOCPC) final recommendations made in July of 2016. What does this mean for art therapists? It means that **effective January 1, 2018, art therapists will no longer be classified as recreational therapists** (under code 29-1125) and will, instead, be classified as "Therapists; All Other" (sub-code 29-1125). The AATA has worked for several years to correct this misclassification in the 2010 codes and is very proud of this achievement for the profession. The impact for the profession cannot be understated. The new SOC code will:

- Require federal and state agencies and private employers to redefine job descriptions, pay levels, and hiring guidelines.
- Require insurers to re-evaluate how art therapy services are defined and covered for individual and group insurance plans.
- May open additional approaches for state licensing and regulation.

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Thank you for Participating in Giving Tuesday to Support #ArtTherapyRelief for our Communities!



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"I'm donating because I think art allows us to find beauty and strength in the moments when darkness tries to overcome light."



Thank you to all who participated in this year's Giving Tuesday, on November 28th! With your help, we've raised a total of \$1260 to support art therapy for communities recovering from disasters. In light of increased momentum for the campaign "Art Therapy Relief for our Communities," the AATA will extend the fundraiser through the end of the year, to December 31, 2017. **This means that there's still time to donate directly or to create a personal fundraiser** to assist the AATA in the development of art therapy events for relief and recovery efforts in devastated communities. **READ MORE**



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Conference News: 2018 Call for Proposals



Heidi Tournoux-Hanshaw, MA, LPC-AT-S, ATR-BC, ATCS, Conference Chair

The 2017 Annual Conference in Albuquerque, NM was a huge success, and it's now time to think about our next great adventure in Miami, FL for the 49th Annual Conference to be held October 31 to November 4, 2018! The theme, Honoring Yesterday, Celebrating Today, and Building for Tomorrow, will frame our overall program.

The Call for Proposals is now open. Submissions will be due on February 1, 2018. We invite you to attend a "how-to" webinar on Thursday, December 7, at 12:00 p.m. EST to receive a virtual demo of the online submission site, and learn tips to ensure your proposal is a success! Follow this link <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/162427653> on December 7th to join the webinar. Visit the [Proposal Submission site](#) to learn more. **READ MORE**

Public Comment Deadline Approaching for Revisions to the ATCB Code of Ethics



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The Art Therapy Credentials Board (ATCB) has proposed [minor revisions](#) to the ATCB Code of Ethics, Conduct, and Disciplinary Procedures, and the ATCB Board of Directors invites credentialed art therapists as well as members of the public to review the suggested revisions and send comments by Dec. 15, 2017.

AATA Featured Member



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Wendy Wasserman, MA, ATR, LPCC works at an agency in Albuquerque, New Mexico where she provides art therapy to children, teens and young adults. Wasserman is active in the AATA community; she serves as President-Elect of the New Mexico Art Therapy Association (NMATA) and recently chaired the Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) of the AATA's 2017 conference. She especially values her AATA membership for the Journal resource and the opportunities offered at conference. Ms. Wasserman reflects, "My first AATA conference was in 2014 and was my first time among my peers in AATA. I was quickly welcomed and embraced as a budding Art Therapist. A few years later, in 2017 I had the opportunity to serve as LAC Chair. **READ MORE**

ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS

Art therapy provides inspiration



The White House

Karen Pence writes: "I am leaving New York City today inspired. I had the privilege of spending an hour with Dr. Irene Rosner David, the art therapist who started the art therapy program for victims of the 9/11 terrorist attack. The artwork Irene shared spanned several years. It transitioned from images of ash and debris and fire to those of blue sky and flowers and birds ... images of hope and new beginnings." **READ MORE**

Looking back and moving forward — Supporting our veterans through the arts



HuffPost

Robert L. Lynch writes: "November is Veterans Month, a time to celebrate, honor and reflect on the contributions of the men and women who have served our country in peacetime and in conflict. Earlier this month, I made my way to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center for their 14th Annual Healing Arts Exhibit and Symposium, where I was met by the champion of this effort, Captain Moira G. McGuire, and had an opportunity to explore the art on display." **READ MORE**

These photos of the Washington Capitals visiting sick kids will make your day better




Washingtonian

The Washington Capitals made their annual visit to MedStar Georgetown University Hospital on Monday as part of the NHL's "The Biggest Assist Happens Off the Ice" program. Team members joined patients and their families in the hospital's Tracy's Kids art clinic to squirt paint at a canvas, doodle around a small table and autograph gifts including blankets, posters, and Capitals Kids Club kits, which are provided by Capitals fans through the team's Kids Club kit donation program. The Caps sported purple jerseys, part of the Hockey Fights Cancer campaign, which seeks to unite the hockey community in its efforts to raise money and awareness toward a cure. **READ MORE**


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