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## AATA NEWS

# AATA Celebrates National Mentoring Month with the New MyAATA Mentor Match Service



AATA National Office

January is National Mentoring Month, an annual recognition and celebration of mentors and the impact that they have on their mentees. The AATA wants to make it easier for professional art therapists to begin mentoring relationships, so we launched the all-new MyAATA Mentor Match program, an easy-to-use, online service for mentors and mentees to find each other. By sharing the insights they've gained from years of experience, Mentors help Mentees jumpstart their careers, build their professional network, and, ultimately, achieve their professional and personal goals. **READ MORE**

## Conference News: 2018 Call for Proposals



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

Time is running out to get your conference proposal submitted for the 2018 AATA Conference to be held in Miami, FL, from 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.



To review the 2017 Conference Program to include abstracts, handouts, and collect your Continuing Education Certificate visit <https://www.xcdsystem.com/aata/proceedings2017/>.

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## Early Bird Registration for Arts Advocacy Day 2018, March 12-13, Ends Tomorrow!



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Arts advocates from around the nation will be gathering from March 12-13, 2018 in Washington, DC to participate in [Arts Advocacy Day: The National Arts Action Summit](#). The event will include advocacy training and networking, followed by the Congressional Arts Kickoff, during which participants can meet with Members of Congress and Senators to discuss the impact of the arts on their communities.



The AATA encourages members and art therapists to attend. Early Bird [registration](#) is open now through January 26, 2018. Each year the AATA participates as a National Partner in this important day to lift up the arts. [Read about](#) our involvement last year. This year, the AATA will be hosting a reception for attending members to continue networking and sharing their experiences as advocates. Be on the lookout for details about the date and location of the reception in upcoming issues of *Art Therapy Today*.

## Featured Member: Straja Linder King, 2017 Distinguished Clinician Award Recipient



AATA National Office



Straja Linder King, ATR-BC is the 2017 recipient of the Distinguished Clinician Award — General Services. This honor is conferred on a Professional member of the Association in recognition of significant contributions to work with clients, rather than service to the Association or contributions to the field of art therapy in general. In their nomination letters, colleagues recognize Linder King for her dedication to her clients and creative approach to her practice. [READ MORE](#)

### ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS

## New Hampshire Senate hears testimony, debates licensing art therapists



Miami Herald

New Hampshire lawmakers are considering licensing art therapists as a way to combat the state's mental health crisis. Therapist Susan Reidl testified before a Senate committee Wednesday in Concord to endorse a proposed bill to license art therapists. WMUR-TV reports Democratic state Sen. David Watters, of Dover, filed the bill on behalf of an art therapist in Dover. Watters says those advertising themselves as art therapists should have credentials. [READ MORE](#)

## Readout of Second Lady Karen Pence visit with creative arts therapists in Israel



The White House

In Jerusalem, Second Lady Karen Pence participated in a discussion with a group of creative arts therapists from across Israel, including representatives from YAHAT, the Israeli association of creative and expressive therapies. Mrs. Sara Netanyahu, wife of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, joined Mrs. Pence for the discussion. Six sections make up the association, which are art therapy, dance and movement therapy, drama therapy, music therapy, psychodrama, and bilio-therapy. The creative arts therapists work in a variety of

capacities, including with children, Holocaust survivors and Alzheimer’s patients, and at academic institutions.

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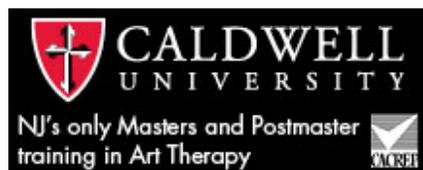
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