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**AATA NEWS**

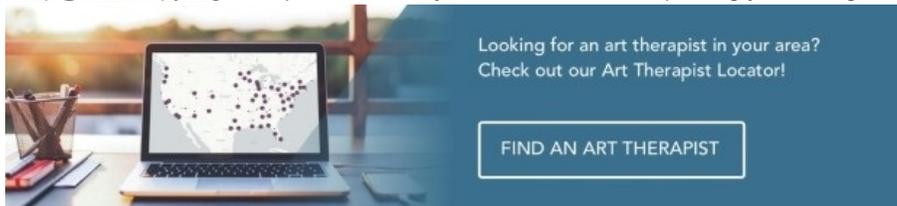
## AATA Launches New Interactive Art Therapist Locator



AATA National Office

The AATA is excited to announce our new and improved [Art Therapist Locator](#)! Take some time this week to check out this new tool. Finding art therapy services is now easier than ever, with a mobile-friendly map that can help clients, members of the public, and other professionals connect with art therapists in their communities.

The locator helps AATA members promote their private practices, highlight professional qualifications, and expand access to their clinical work. [Fill out the form](#) under the Career Center section on MyAATA to list your practice. **You must be an AATA member to be included on the Locator – renew your membership today to ensure that your listing remains active.** Please contact [membership@arttherapy.org](mailto:membership@arttherapy.org) with questions, or if you need assistance updating your listing.



## 2018 Conference News: Be More than Just an Attendee — Enhance Your Experience



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



Now that early bird registration is open for the AATA's 49th Annual Conference to be held in Miami from Nov. 4-6, 2018, we wanted to share some ideas to add value to your conference experience.

It goes without saying that most people attend the AATA conferences to **learn new things and expand their knowledge**. With 230 educational sessions offered on the program in Miami, that's an easy item to check off your list. Another reason people attend the AATA conference is to **network and meet art therapists**.

Last but not least, **making art, and expressing creativity** is another reason attendees keep coming back to the AATA conferences year after year. [READ MORE](#)



## Recognize Esteemed Colleagues and Explore Scholarship and Research Opportunities



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The AATA is pleased to announce a range of opportunities to volunteer on behalf of the profession, recognize colleagues for their accomplishments, and apply for a variety of scholarships and research funding. We are accepting nominations for Volunteer Officers and Directors of the Board, nominations for honors awards, applications for annual scholarships and for the new Research Seed Grants, as well as nominations for the new Governmental Affairs Award. We encourage you to take the time to explore details for each of these opportunities outlined below. [READ MORE](#)



## Featured Member



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Claudia Itzel Márquez, MFT Associate, recently graduated from Loyola Marymount University with a degree in Marriage and Family Therapy with a specialization in Art Therapy. During her studies, she interned with the Helen B. Landgarten Art Therapy Clinic, working with children, adolescents, and adults, and working in a high school setting through a Department of Mental Health contracting agency. As a student member of the AATA, Márquez was granted the Cay Drachnik Minorities Fund in 2017 to help cover the costs of her conference attendance. "At the AATA conference, I connected with and met art therapists of color. It was inspiring to learn about the work that many of them are doing as educators, researchers, and art therapists. I hope to continue connecting with and learning from others in the field," says Márquez. [READ MORE](#)

## ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS

### For 1st Time, SAMSHA's Annual Children's Mental Health Event Focuses on Trauma



ACEs Connection

It is both remarkable and natural that the theme of the 2018 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's May 10 Children's Mental Health Awareness Day event was "Partnering for Health and Hope Following Trauma". It was remarkable to hear "ACEs" and "trauma-informed" roll off the tongues of all the federal officials (some seasoned, some new appointees in the Trump administration). And natural as the awareness of ACEs science grows at lightning speed ... at least it feels that way. [READ MORE](#)

### Art Access Receive \$23K Grant From the NEA



Deseret News

Art Access in Utah has been awarded a \$23,000 Art Works grant from the National Endowment for the Arts for its art therapy program for survivors of sexual abuse. The gallery's program offers art therapy experiences to further healing and aims to start community dialogue around issues of sexual violence, especially as it intersects with issues of disability. [READ MORE](#)

### Michigan Community Working to Bring Art Therapy Programs to DeVos Art Museum



WJMN-TV

Art can be described in many ways — inspiring, relaxing, a form of expression — but it can also be therapeutic. In fact, several organizations in the Marquette, Michigan, community are currently working together expand art therapy services. Angel Duncan, a nationally known art therapist, says, "I was at the DeVos Art Museum training a whole group of people from diverse backgrounds on how to engage persons living with Alzheimer's disease, and bring fine arts programs to them." [READ MORE](#)

### UTA Study Finds Art Therapy Helps Veterans Cope With Trauma



University of Texas at Arlington via EurekAlert

Researchers at the University of Texas at Arlington have found that 98 percent of veterans participating in the University's Artopia program consider that art therapy helped them cope with service-related trauma or disability. "Texas has one of the highest populations of veterans in the U.S. and very little accredited art therapy support," said Amanda Alexander, UTA associate professor of art education and leader of the UTA program. "We decided to develop art therapy workshops and measure symptom relief and healing for men and women dealing with service-related trauma or disabilities." [READ MORE](#)

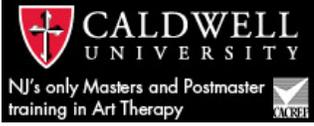
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