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AATA NEWS

New Video on Art Therapy and Childhood Trauma



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The AATA collaborated with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to create this video to showcase the benefits of art therapy for youth who have experienced trauma. The video was shown as part of the pre-event for SAMHSA's 2018 annual National Children's Mental Health Awareness Event, themed "Partnering for Health and Hope Following Trauma."



Message of Support Following High School Shooting in Santa Fe, TX



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We mourn the senseless loss of life and our hearts are with all those impacted by the mass shooting that took place in Santa Fe High School. Our nation is facing a public health crisis, with the events of Friday morning marking the 41st school shooting in 2018. The AATA will continue to advocate for a path forward toward comprehensive legislative solutions to firearm-related injuries and fatalities and for stronger presence of mental health care providers, such as art therapists, in our schools. Art therapists are trained in trauma-informed care and are well-equipped to support communities hit by tragedy and those who are distressed as a result of these recurring tragic events. Art therapy services are needed not only in the aftermath of a tragedy but also to foster a safe community every day and help prevent violence.

Here are some resources to help understand gun violence and school crises:

- The American Art Therapy Association and the National Institute for Trauma Loss in Children – “[The Value of Art Expression in Trauma-Informed Work](#)”
- National Institute for Trauma and Loss in Children – “[Violence in Schools: What Matters Most](#)” offers information to for understanding school violence and creating a safe environment for learning.
- National Child Traumatic Stress Network – “[Responding to a School Crisis](#)” offers resources following a school shooting for students, family, and school administrators
- American Psychological Association – “[Resources for Coping with Mass Shootings, Understanding Gun Violence](#)”



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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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Kimberly Faulkner, ATR-BC, LCAT, has over a decade of clinical experience working with behavioral health populations and industry professionals. She founded [BlueMonarch Creative](#), LLC “to build environments centered in joy, crafting methods for wellness and community in the workplace and beyond.” She especially values her AATA membership for the professional network and notes, “Being a member of AATA has been instrumental in the transition from my New York professional life to my Northern Virginia experience. Although I am miles away from where I began my practice, it has been heartwarming to meet fellow clinicians who have gone out of their way to share contacts, relevant clinical information and make introductions to local art therapists that I might not have known otherwise.” **READ**

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The Mental Health Care Asian-American and Pacific Islanders Need



University of Redlands

When you find a psychologist, therapist or counselor from a website, and show up for your first appointment, what is the chance of being greeted by someone who looks like you, speaks your language, understands your dialect and appreciates your cultural and traditional beliefs and practices? If you are an Asian-American or Pacific Islander, the odds are not good. Most mental health professionals, however, must at least aim to be culturally competent by keeping some basic information in mind. **READ MORE**

The Forum at Tucson, Arizona, and Strokes for Stroke Event



KTTU-TV

The Forum at Tucson, Arizona, is hosting Strokes for Stroke, a free American Heart Association and American Stroke Association rehabilitation through art program. It inspires stroke survivors to play, be creative and to join others who also enjoy expression through art. With the help of an art therapist, it allows for special focus on techniques that help stimulate brain function and improve hand-eye coordination. Survivors will also have an opportunity to share their stories. **READ MORE**

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