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## AATA NEWS

# New Hampshire Governor Sununu Signs Art Therapy Title Protection Bill into Law



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Today, Governor Chris Sununu's office [announced](#) that Senate Bill 535 is among 70 bills the Governor has signed into law. [SB 535](#) provides title and practice protection, authorizing persons holding a master's or doctoral degree in art therapy to practice professional art therapy in New Hampshire. Effective July 1, 2018, persons who do not hold master's or doctoral degrees in art therapy are prohibited from using the titles "professional art therapist" and "art therapist," in addition to any other words, letters, or abbreviations that may indicate or imply that they are professional art therapists. While the art therapy portion of the bill retained the title, "relative to licensure for the practice of professional art therapy," the licensure provisions of the bill approved by the Senate were removed by the House when it determined there was insufficient time at the end of the legislative session to revise and consider the full licensing proposal. [READ MORE](#)



## Chapter Projects Funded by the 2017 Government Affairs Committee Grants



Clara Keane

Each year, the Government Affairs Committee (GAC) awards grants to chapters to help support their legislative goals. In 2017, grants were awarded to three chapters, the [Southern California Art Therapy Association \(SoCalATA\)](#), the [Arizona Art Therapy Association \(AzATA\)](#), and the [Michigan Association of Art Therapy \(MAAT\)](#). The grants funded printed materials, an art therapy workshop, and an art exhibition, all to promote awareness



about art therapy and draw attention to legislative efforts that are underway, as well as to existing laws.

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## Ohio House Committee Supports House Bill 557 Art Therapy Licensure and Regulation



Molly Kometiani, MA, ATR-BC, LPCC, BATA President



On June 6, HB 557 passed with overwhelming support from the Ohio House Health Committee! The legislature is now in summer recess, but we are looking forward to the House vote in the Fall Session. This process continues to be a group effort, and we want to take the time to thank all who are involved. First, BATA wishes to express utmost gratitude to Representative Marlene Anielski for being the primary bill sponsor for Ohio HB 557 Art Therapy Licensure and Regulation Bill. Under Rep. Anielski's leadership, BATA is excited about continuing to advocate for art therapy licensure to expand access to art therapy services to all Ohioans.

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## Call for Proposals for the Research Roundtable



AATA National Office



The Research Committee is accepting proposals for the Research Roundtable during the AATA's 49th Annual Conference to be held Miami, Florida. The Research Roundtable offers a forum for student, junior, and accomplished researchers to present their research proposals and projects in various phases of completion to an audience of peers, colleagues, and experts. The session will be moderated by experts in quantitative, qualitative, arts-based, and mixed methods research experts.

**Submissions are due August 1, 2018.**

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## Featured Member



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Brenda Maltz MA, RN, LMHCA, ATR is an art therapist at the Madigan Intrepid Spirit Center on Joint Base Lewis McCord (JBLM) in Tacoma, Washington. Contracted by the Americans for the Arts', Creative Forces program, supported through the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs, she works with active duty service members struggling with brain injury, chronic pain, PTSD and other psychological issues. She is a military spouse and a long-time resident of South Puget Sound. As member her local chapter, the Evergreen Art Therapy Association, Maltz has collaborated with other members to increase awareness of the impact of art therapy on active duty service members, veterans and their families in the Puget Sound region.

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NBC News

Ohio lawmakers have proposed a bill that would require teachers, counselors and health care professionals to notify parents if their child identifies as transgender or is questioning their gender identity. "If a government agent or entity has knowledge that a child under its care or supervision has exhibited symptoms of gender dysphoria or otherwise demonstrates a desire to be treated in a manner opposite of the child's biological sex, the government agent or entity with knowledge of that circumstance shall immediately notify, in writing, each of the child's parents and the child's guardian or custodian," the legislation states. **READ MORE**

**Modern Medicine Isn't Always the Answer for Veterans**

JD News

With more research being done on combat-related injuries, military medicine officials are exploring other options for treatment. Low lighting, artwork and less traffic are all part of the set-up. Visitors to the Intrepid Spirit Recovery Center aboard Camp Lejeune are greeted with an ambience uncommon to other medical centers. Uncommon is just one word to describe the clinic, which takes a 360-degree approach to combat injuries, according to director Capt. Tom Johnson. **READ MORE**

**Senior Living Facility Employees Benefit from Art Therapy**

Workforce

The Elder Care Alliance personalized its wellness program to the unique needs of its workforce is a truly novel way — ditching the wellness program of the tech startup bro and creating an art therapy program. Management at the nonprofit knew that it needed to do something novel to address the issues its workforce was facing, including stress, burnout and turnover, said with Rosemary Jordan, vice president of business development and strategy at Elder Care Alliance. Jordan leads the team that launched the Create Art at Work program. **READ MORE**

**Minority Mental Health Month**

Mental Health America

July was designated as Minority Mental Health Awareness Month in 2008 to bring awareness to the unique struggles that underrepresented groups face in regard to mental illness in the United States. While the term "minority" is traditionally associated with racial, ethnic, or cultural minorities within the U.S., Mental Health America is focused on expanding this term to include individuals from a wide-range of marginalized and underserved communities, including those who may identify as part of the the LGBTQ+ spectrum, refugee and immigrant groups, religious groups, and others who are often overlooked. **READ MORE**

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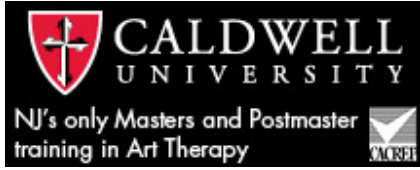


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