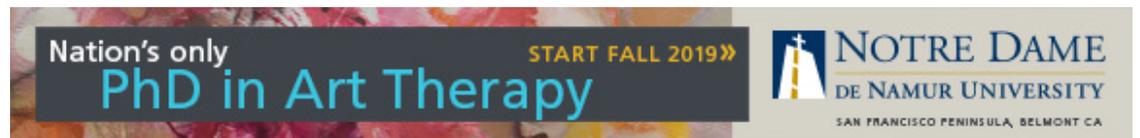


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## AATA NEWS

### Vote with Art Therapy in Mind: The AATA Guide for Election Day 2018



AATA National Office

As mental health professionals, art therapists are connected with the needs of the communities they serve. You may already be a champion for your clients in your community to ensure they get the care they need. Similarly, Election Day is an opportunity to be a champion for your clients and for the values that are core to our profession.



The American Art Therapy Association (AATA) has prepared this nonpartisan guide to help ensure that candidates and elected officials alike hear the concerns of our members and the communities you serve. We also want to provide you with some relevant websites and resources, in case you need specific assistance with voting. Voting data shows that people are less likely to vote during midterm elections. Empowering others to vote is just as important as casting your own ballot!

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### The AATA Stands Firmly in Support of the Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Communities in Response to the Administration's Proposed Definition Change



AATA National Office

The American Art Therapy Association (AATA) firmly rejects a reported proposal by the Trump/Pence Administration to redefine sex in civil rights law to eliminate anti-discrimination protections for transgender people. The new definition proposed by the Department of Health and Human Services in a memo reported by The New York Times on October 21, 2018, would redefine sex in Title IX of the Civil Rights Act as either male or female, based on a person's sex organs at birth. The claim that this definition would be "grounded in science" ignores findings of decades of scientific research widely accepted by the medical community. **READ MORE**

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



We couldn't be more excited to head to Miami for the 49th Annual Conference! There will be so many opportunities to learn, network, catch up with friends, and let your creativity run wild. Check out these reminders as you pack your bags, finalize your transportation plans and schedule, and add those finishing touches to your costumes.

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## Sunrise Reviews Commence in Connecticut and Nebraska



AATA National Office

The AATA is pleased to share that state agencies in Connecticut and Nebraska have approved applications to conduct studies on into the need to regulate art therapy. These comprehensive studies to determine the need and the appropriate level of regulation of a profession, commonly referred to as "sunrise reviews," are prerequisites for the legislature to consider licensing a new profession and are now required at varying degrees in [14 states](#). The news of these accepted sunrise review applications comes on the heels of the [first completed sunrise review in Virginia](#), a year-long study that led to the determination by the Board of Health Professions that distinct licensure for art therapists is necessary to protect the public from harm and from fraud. **READ MORE**

## Featured Member



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Lacy Mucklow, MA, ATR-BC, LPAT, LCPAT, ATCS, works with families of military service members in partial hospitalization and inpatient units as well as with a wider clientele in private practice. She reports that "Being part of AATA has helped me stay connected with other art therapists, be available to mentor other art therapists-in-training, and to stay abreast of the latest developments in the art therapy field." She especially values the AATA Journal and the Art Therapist Locator tool, which has not only brought clients to her practice but also helped her find art therapists she can refer clients to when needed. **READ MORE**

## ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS

# Doctors, Patients Sing Art Therapy's Praises, So Why Isn't There More Support?



WBOI-FM

Paulina Nieto, who grew up in Columbus, Indiana, was only 2 months old when she started to have heart problems due to a narrow artery. "When I was about 6 months old, I had surgery to open the artery and that helped for a while until I started having problems again," said Nieto. She had her first heart transplant when she was two and her second when she was 16. [READ MORE](#)



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# Initiative Brings Portraits Highlighting Mental Illness to Newark Penn Station



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New Jersey Transit, in partnership with the Mental Health Association of Essex and Morris unveiled a public art project at Newark Penn Station to bring awareness to the impacts mental illness has on families. Five black and white portraits makeup the new public art space on track one at Newark Penn Station. [READ MORE](#)



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