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AATA NEWS

DC Council Chairman Mendelson Introduces Art Therapy Licensure Bill (B23-250)



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The AATA is proud to announce that Washington D.C. Council Chairman Phil Mendelson and three co-sponsors introduced B23-0250 – *Professional Art Therapist Licensure Amendment Act of 2019* on April 2nd. B23-250 would define a scope of practice, provide title protection, and create a Professional Art Therapist License (LPAT) under the Board of Professional Counseling. [READ MORE](#)



One Week Remaining to Apply for AATA Scholarships



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The American Art Therapy Association champions individual members who are making an impact in our profession and community. Every year we recognize members who are elevating the field, and we support the next generation of art therapists who will transform the profession. This is your opportunity to honor colleagues and recognize the unsung heroes and visionaries of the field or take the next step in your career by applying for a scholarship or joining the Association's leadership. **Read below and find more information on [MyAATA](#) for opportunities in the following categories (listed by application deadline): Scholarships (May 1), Nominations (June 3), Honors (June 17), Research (June 17), and Government Affairs (June 17).** Please

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Consider marketing opportunities at the American Art Therapy Association's Annual Conference. AATA's special 500th Anniversary conference will be held October 30 to November 3, 2019, in the middle of America's Heartland in Kansas City, Missouri! We anticipate more than 1,100 attendees at this year's conference. There is a discounted Early Bird rate for Exhibit booths that expires on April 30, so be sure to act fast to save! **READ MORE**

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Featured Member



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Kortney Malone, MPS, LMHC, is a Creative Arts Therapist and Licensed Mental Health Counselor at Otis R. Bowen Center in Syracuse, Indiana, a community mental health center, and is pursuing her ATR credential. She works with people of all ages, often presenting with trauma and substance use. In collaboration with the Elkhart Art League and the Elkhart County Victim's Assistance Division at the Elkhart County Prosecutor's Office, Malone developed Survive to Thrive, a series of six workshops to support those affected by sexual harassment or violence. Malone says she chose to keep the Survive to Thrive program separate from her employment so that she can "be more open and relate with others about my own personal experiences with sexual assault in my early and mid-20's, while in undergrad and shortly after I graduated." **READ MORE**

ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS

Kidsburgh: Art Therapy Helping Young People Deal With Eating Disorders



KDKA-TV

A study at the University of Pittsburgh found that participants who most frequently checked social media throughout the day had 2.6 times the risk of reporting eating and body image concerns compared with those who checked least frequently. Social media, or media in general, do not cause an eating disorder, but research shows they can influence a person's dissatisfaction, eating patterns and self-image. **READ MORE**

For School Shooting Survivors, Trauma Has No Time Limit



The Washington Post

Alex Rozenblat can still hear the cries of a wounded boy calling for help as she hid from the gunfire that killed 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School last year. Talking to therapists at the school in Parkland, Florida, didn't help. Each session had a different counselor, and she found herself rehashing traumas she had already expressed. She would rather turn to her friends, who understand what she went through. **READ MORE**



PhD Program in Art Therapy

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Shirley Ryan AbilityLab showcases patient art at new exhibit at Hotel Chicago



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Hotel Chicago West Loop partners with Shirley Ryan AbilityLab to showcase more than 30 pieces of art by patients with functional impairments. Art therapy at Shirley Ryan AbilityLab leverages the creative process to help improve the physical, mental and emotional well-being of patients. Individual and group sessions, led by board-certified art therapists, promote functional independence by facilitating a mind-body connection, reducing stress and anxiety, and encouraging self-expression. **READ MORE**

SVA Art Therapy Alumnus Julia Volonts Receives A 2019-2020 Fulbright Award



SVA

Congratulations are in order to Julia Volonts (MPS 2017 Art Therapy). She is the College's first institutionally endorsed Fulbright Award recipient, receiving the prestigious grant to research art therapy practices in Latvia and working out of Rīga Stradiņš University from September 2019 to May 2020. Volonts will be focusing on response art, which is art making by therapists to process their clinical work, specifically examining how art therapists in Latvia can use response art to process trans-generational trauma impacting the cultural identity of

the country. [READ MORE](#)

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