



2017 Fall Conference Learning Objectives

Friday, September 22, 2017

Dr. Keinee Austin, OTD, MPA, OTR/L

Facilitating Leadership Practices: Empowering and Inspiring Occupational Therapists to Perform Successfully

- Explain the importance of leadership in occupational therapy.
- Identify various leadership styles.
- Discuss the significance of employee engagement and job satisfaction.
- Describe the contents of an evidence-based leadership program for occupational therapists.
- Discuss leadership best practices for optimal performance.

Jason Vice, MS, OTR/L

Safe Driving for Individuals with Low Vision and Brain Injury

- Identify common diagnoses that limit driving performance for individuals with low vision.
- Identify how driving performance is impacted by visual deficits.
- Describe the role of the general practitioner in safe return to driving.
- Describe the role of the low vision specialist in safe return to driving.

Sherry Kolodziejczak, MS, OTR/L

AARP Driver Safety Programs: CarFit, Smart Driver Course and We Need to Talk (WNTT)

- Participants will be able to discuss the CarFit program.
- Participants will be able to discuss the Smart Driver Course.
- Participants will be able to discuss the WNTT program.
- Participants will be able to discuss the distinct value of occupational therapy with these programs.

Catie Etko, OTS

The Lyme Maze: Navigating the Road from Diagnosis to Recovery

- Identify signs and symptoms of Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses, and describe examples of individual variance in presentation.
- Describe the effects of this disease on occupational performance and quality of life.
- Describe the healthcare climate regarding Lyme disease, and discuss approaches to advocacy for undiagnosed or misdiagnosed patients.



Saturday, September 23, 2017

Brandon Seigel

Next-Gen OTs: Crushing Your Career Goals!

- Identify key healthcare environment challenges impacting the occupational therapy profession.
- Identify key strategies for creating an effective “new grad OT” resume and cover letter.
- Understand core communication strategies for interviewing, employment, follow up, etc.
- Learn what is negotiable and how to negotiate a compensation benefits package while empowering a solid relationship between employee/employer.
- Develop a strategic career plan for your first five years as and OT.

Chuck Willmarth, CAE

Health Care Reform Implementation and State Health Policy: Opportunities and Challenges Facing the Occupational Therapy Profession

- Understand the status of health care reform implementation at the state and federal levels in light of legislation to “Repeal and Replace” the Affordable Care Act.
- Identify key policy issues that may impact coverage of occupational therapy on the small group and individual markets as well as Medicaid.
- Understand recent policy issues at the state level that impact the profession.

Rachel Ashcraft, MS, OTR/L and Valley McCurry, MBA, OTR/L

Government Affairs Update: What OTs Need to Know and Next Steps Moving Forward

- At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to describe the impact of essential health benefits on client access to OT.
- At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to identify 3 ways to advocate for occupational therapy services within the state of Alabama.
- At the conclusion of this session, participants will understand the difference between legislation and regulation as relates to reimbursement.

Deek Cunningham, MS, OTR/L

Elsie McKibben Lecture – My Occupational Journey: Coming Full Circle

- Recall the history of OT in mental health practice.
- State the meaning of occupation as it relates to addressing psychosocial factors.
- Understand how psychosocial factors can be addressed in a community-based setting.



Sunday, September 24, 2017

Dr. Donna Wooster, PhD, OTR/L, Jeanne Cunningham, OTS, Blair Johnson, OTS, Ali Jordan, OTS, Kristen Tanner, OTS, and Kara Whitehead, OTS

Fathers' Perspectives of Leisure/Play Participation with their Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder

- Identify fathers' perceptions of how leisure/ play activities are impacted with a child with ASD.
- Describe current research related to leisure/play participation in children with ASD.
- Discuss frustrations and needs of fathers of children with ASD and potential OT interventions.

Brandon Seigel

Optimizing Early Intervention Outcomes Through Interdisciplinary Collaboration

- Understand and describe the scope of practice for OT, PT, SLP, and Infant Development Specialists and how their specialties bring value to the early intervention interdisciplinary team.
- Understand and implement strategies on how an interdisciplinary team can collaborate to achieve a global goal.
- Understand and describe two key components of communication that are required to have a successful interdisciplinary collaboration.
- Explore the evolution of early intervention and how the role of an occupational therapist has changed and the impact of a routines-based approach.