

FULL DAY INTENSIVES: P1 and P2

Friday, March 17, 2006 8:30a - 4:30p

P1 Dementia Practice Guideline Competency Training (.7 CEUs)*Trainer to be announced*

Working as a recreational therapist with individuals who have dementia and Alzheimer's Disease can be challenging, especially when you encounter behavioral problems. This all day intensive will provide you with extensive training in using ATRA's *Dementia Practice Guideline for Recreational Therapy*, by Linda Buettner and Suzanne Fitzsimmons.

After completion of this course and passing a competency exam with a score of 70% or higher, you will receive a Certificate of Training. ATRA members who complete and pass the course will be listed on ATRA's on-line *Dementia Practice Directory*. The competency certificate and training are valid for 3 years. Join us for a day of learning to use interventions to minimize challenging behaviors, and thus, enhance the quality of life of individuals with dementia.

P2 Leadership Development (.6 CEUs)*M. Conway Callahan, MPA, CFRE, CTRS & S. Ballard, M.Ed., CTRS*

This pre-conference institute will focus on the development of effective leadership skills and competencies. Presented by recognized expert in leadership development and an ATRA Past President, this institute will explore leadership characteristics, and challenge participants to develop their skills.

HALF DAY INTENSIVES: P3

Friday, March 17, 2006 1:00 - 4:30p

P3 Writing Measurable Functional Outcome Goals (.3 CEUs)*L. Reddick, MA, TRS/CTRS, CCLS and M. Keogh Hoss, Ph.D., CTRS*

This session will help participants identify functional outcomes associated with specific client needs. Participants will have hands-on practice for measurable functional outcome goal writing for their client population.

OPENING CONFERENCE EVENTS

Friday, March 17, 2006 5:00 - 9:00p

5:00 - 7:00p KEYNOTE ADDRESS (.15 CEUs) - WHERE ARE WE GOING? A PUBLIC POLICY & RT MEDICARE PROJECT UPDATE*Peter Thomas, JD - ATRA's Lobbyist on Capital Hill*

Join Peter Thomas to hear the latest and greatest on healthcare legislation and trends, and find out what ATRA is doing about it on behalf of recreational therapists. You won't want to miss this informative public policy update, that will help you understand where the profession is going.

7:00 - 9:00p ATRF WELCOME RECEPTION

Come prepared to network with other conference attendees while supporting the American Therapeutic Recreation Foundation. A silent auction will be offered by college and university TR clubs to promote efficacy research that demonstrates recreational therapy outcomes.

CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

Saturday, March 18, 2006

8:30 - 10:00a (.15 CEUs) Treatment Network Sessions

Community Inclusion Treatment Network - A. Kazin, MA, CTRS & Lynda Mitchell, M.Ed., CTRS
Geriatric Treatment Network - B. Best-Martini, MS, CTRS
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Treatment Network - D. Boleyn, CTRS & K. Parker, CTRS
School Systems and Developmental Disabilities Treatment Network - D. Sterner, CTRS & K. Carson, CTRS
Aquatics, General Medicine/Oncology, Mental Health & Pediatrics Treatment Networks - V. Scott, CTRS

10:30a - 12:00p Educational Sessions (.15 CEUs)

Active Leisure: Pilot Testing an Intervention for People with Schizophrenia - B. McCormick, Ph.D., CTRS & G. Frey, Ph.D.
Behavioral Interventions for Obsessive Thoughts & Compulsive Behaviors in Children with Medical Illness - K. Perkins, M.Ed., CTRS
Peer Connections for New Amputees - E. Fernandes & L. Edwards, CTRS
Recreational Therapy in Skilled Nursing Facilities - D. DeVries, MPA, CTRS
Evidence to Back the Claims - T. Passmore, Ed.D., CTRS

12:00 - 2:00p LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**2:00 - 3:30p Educational Sessions (.15 CEUs)**

AA & Individuals with Mental Retardation & Developmental Disabilities - What is Age Appropriate? K. Carson, CTRS
Physical Activity Behaviors of Adults with Brain Injury - S. Driver, Ph.D.
Developing Recreational Therapy Calendars in Long Term Care Settings - N. Richeson, Ph.D., CTRS & C. Carmichael, CTRS
JCAHO Topics: Competency Assessment & Tracer Methodology - M. Armstrong, MS, CTRS & R. Vroman, MS, CTRS

2:00 - 5:30p Educational Sessions (.3 CEUs)

Understanding the 12 Steps & Integrating Them into Recreational Therapy Services - C. Cooke, Ed.D., CTRS

4:00 - 5:30p Educational Sessions (.15 CEUs)

Expanding TR Services - Supportive Services Program - L. Waite, CTRS
Religion & Spirituality as Cultural Resources for Older Minority Adults - S. McKenzie, Ph.D., CTRS & B. Hayslip, Ph.D.
Outdoor Skills Camp with Recently Discharged SCI Participants - D. Rogers, Ph.D., CTRS & L. Harris, Ph.D.
State Advocacy - H. Sedletzec, CTRS

CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

Sunday, March 19, 2006

8:30 - 10:00a Educational Sessions (.15 CEUs)

Community Inclusion Institute: Inclusion & the Therapeutic Recreation Process - A. Kazin, MA, CTRS
ATRA: You, Your Profession - A. Zwanzig, CTRS
WHO & ICF: Advancing RT Practice, Research & Education - D. Howard, Ph.D., MSW, CTRS (3 hour session)
Cultural Competency - J. Keller, Ed.D., CTRS
The Why & How of Sensory Integration - S. Fisher, CTRS & L. Riddle, OTR, MS

CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

Sunday, March 19, 2006

10:20 - 11:50a Educational Sessions Con't (.15 CEUs)

Community Inclusion Institute: A Paradigm Shift for Therapeutic Recreation - J. Jordan, Ph.D., CTRS
Student Institute - K. Kensinger, Ph.D., CTRS & J. Green, MSRS, CTRS
WHO & ICF Con't (3 hrs.) - D. Howard, Ph.D., MSW, CTRS
ATRA Congress Work Session - D. Baumann, MS, CTRS & T. Skalko, Ph.D., CTRS
Unique Considerations for Persons who are Deaf in Mental Health Settings - J. Coco-Ripp, Ph.D., CTRS

12:00 - 2:00p ATRA Congress & Membership Luncheon (.15CEU) - Federal Public Policy Team, Chapter Affiliate Representatives, ATRA Board of Directors**2:20 - 3:50p Educational Sessions (.15 CEUs)**

Community Inclusion Institute: Blaze Sports - Wendy Gumpert
If We Can Do It, You Can Do It - Students and the RT Medicare Project - E. Hoff, A. Kendra, K. Nugteren, J. Dunnington
Animal Assisted Therapy as a Multi-Disciplinary Therapeutic Modality - F. Stoppelmoor, MA, CTRS, K. Hapgood, K. Mounts
Process Improvement: a Survey of Models -M. Keogh Hoss, Ph.D., CTRS

2:20 - 5:50p Educational Sessions (.3 CEUs)

Best Solutions for Falls Prevention - B. Best-Martini, MS, CTRS

4:20 - 5:50p Educational Sessions (.15 CEUs)

Community Inclusion Institute: Accessible Golf - D. Dempsey, MS, CTRS, L. Morgan, MS, CTRS & A. Kazin, MA, CTRS
A TR Program for International Refugees - J. Boor, J. Gearig, T. Gras & N. Olson
Teaching Tips - V. Scott, CTRS
How to Achieve Coverage and Reimbursement in 2006 - T. Passmore, Ed.D., CTRS

CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

Monday, March 20, 2006

8:30 - 10:00a Educational Sessions (.15 CEUs)

Stages of Motivational Readiness for Change - J. Hodges, Ph.D., CTRS & N. Johnson
Public Policy: Affecting Change at the State & National Levels - D. Baumann, MS, CTRS, T. Skalko, Ph.D., TRS/CTRS & L. Morgan, MS, CTRS
School, School... Golden Rule - J. Griffin, CTRS
Why Water? Aquatic Therapy in Rehab - L. Gargiulo, CTRS, ATRIC

8:30a - 12:00p Educational Sessions (.3 CEUs)

Recreational Therapy Private Practice - H. Sedletzec, CTRS

10:30a - 12:00p Educational Sessions (.15 CEUs)

How to Tell Stories that Change Lives, J. Coco-Ripp, Ph.D., CTRS
ATRA Team Leaders - V. Scott, CTRS
Have Wheelchair will Travel - K. Eden, CTRS
Meditation in Motion: Benefits of Tai Chi (Limit 30): D. Estringel, CTRS

12:15 - 2:15p Closing Luncheon and Endnote Address (.15 CEUs) Mental Management - Lanny Basham**CONFERENCE LOCATION INFORMATION**

The 2005 Mid-Year Professional Issues Forum is being held in the Dallas, Texas Metro area at the Marriott at Legacy Center in Plano - close to Dallas and the Legacy Center shopping area. Join us for an educational, empowering experience in good ole' Texas.

ACCOMMODATIONS The Marriott Dallas/Plano at Legacy Town Center is approximately 28 miles away from Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFW), and 18 miles from Love Field (DAL). The hotel is located at: 7120 Dallas Parkway, Plano, Texas 75024.

Special Hotel Rates for Attendees: \$89 per night for single, double, triple or quad occupancy. Check in is 3:00p, and check out is 12:00p.

Reservations should be made by **February 24, 2006** to receive the ATRA room rate and ensure availability. Be sure to mention **ATRA** to receive this reduced room rate. Call 972.473.6444 or 1.800.228.9290 to book your room. Please notify ATRA if you have any problems booking a hotel room.

TRANSPORTATION Daily, overnight and valet parking are available. Self-parking is currently \$6/night, and valet parking is \$10/night. From the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, a taxi ride costs approximately \$60 one way - hook up with other attendees to save money on transportation to the hotel or rent a car as cheaper options. Also, shuttle transportation information will be included with your confirmation. Complimentary transportation is offered by the hotel within a 3 mile radius. Within walking distance to restaurants, shopping and nightlife.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS/PACKAGES

A full package registration includes breaks, ATRF Social, ATRA Congress & Membership Luncheon, Closing Luncheon and educational sessions (except for P1-3). **Daily registration** includes events for the day, breaks and luncheons as scheduled. **Guests** may purchase event tickets on-site at the ATRA Registration Desk. **Additional fees apply for all conference attendees for:** Pre-Conference Intensives, CEUs and social events offered on-site.

SPECIAL SERVICES Individuals who require special services (i.e. special diet, wheelchair transportation, large print handouts, interpreter, educational assistance, etc.) should notify ATRA in writing no later than **February 17, 2006**.

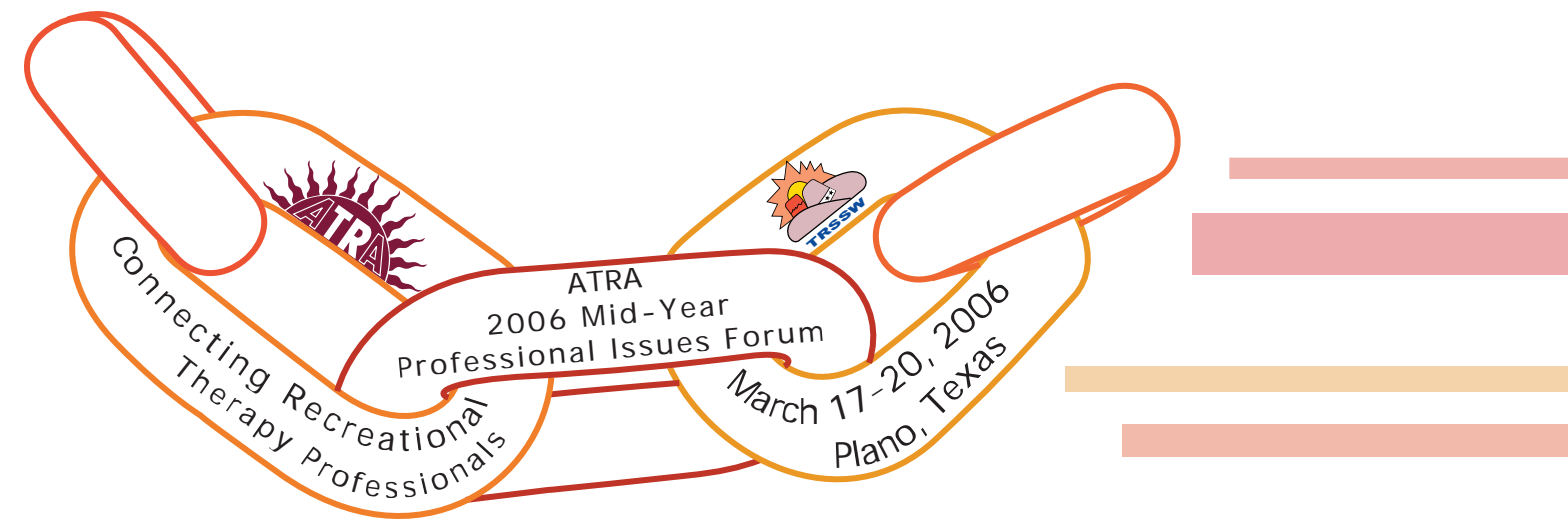
RECOMMENDED DRESS Casual business attire is recommended for the ATRA Conference. **Please bring a sweater or jacket as temperatures vary and are difficult to control.**

CHILDREN ATRA welcomes children at the conference, however, conference educational sessions are designed for a professional audience. Please do not bring children to educational sessions.

CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY Refund requests for conference registration, minus a \$50 processing fee, will be honored if received in writing by ATRA through **February 24, 2006**. Refunds will not be made for no-shows.

CONFIRMATION Registrants will receive written confirmation from the ATRA office. If you have not received confirmation within two to three weeks after registering, please call the ATRA office at 703.683.9420 to check the status.

PAYMENT Full payment is required in order to receive your name tag on-site. Purchase order payments are due on-site if not paid prior to your arrival at the conference.

**ATRA REGISTRATION**

This is a national conference and we anticipate high attendance. Please allow a minimum of one hour to check in at the registration desk prior to attending any sessions. Registration hours are noted on the calendar on the opposite page.

JOIN ATRA TODAY to receive the discounted membership rate to attend the conference. Membership categories and information can be found on ATRA's website at www.atra-tr.org.

Please note: this program is subject to change. Presenters, session titles, presentation times and days may be adjusted. A final program will be provided on-site.

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2006**

1:00 - 8:00p ATRA Board of Directors Meeting

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2006

8:30a - 8:00p ATRA Board of Directors Meeting

10:00a - 12:00p Materials Distribution

2:00 - 4:00p Volunteer Training

4:00 - 6:00p Registration Open

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2006

7:30a - 5:30p Registration Open

8:30a - 4:30p Full and Half Day Pre-Conference Institutes

8:30a - 4:00p Obesity Clinical Practice Guidelines Team

8:30a - 4:30p Leadership ATRA Class of 2006

5:00 - 7:00p Opening Event -Keynote Address (.15 CEUs)

7:00 - 9:00p ATRF Welcome Reception

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2006

7:30a - 6:00p Registration Open

8:30 - 10:00a Treatment Network Sessions (.15 CEUs)

10:30a - 12:00p Educational Sessions (.15 CEUs)

12:30 - 2:00p Lunch on Your Own

2:00 - 3:30p Educational Sessions (.15 CEUs)

4:00 - 5:30p Educational Sessions (.15 CEUs)

5:30 - 6:30p Team Meetings (TBA)

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2006

7:30a - 6:00p Registration Open

8:30 - 10:00a Educational Sessions (.15 CEUs)

10:20 - 11:50a Educational Sessions (.15 CEUs)

12:00 - 2:00p ATRA Congress & Membership Meeting (.15 CEUs)

2:20 - 3:50p Educational Sessions (.15 CEUs)

4:20 - 5:50p Educational Sessions (.15 CEUs)

MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2006

7:30a - 2:45p Registration Open

8:30 - 10:00a Educational Sessions (.15 CEUs)

10:30a - 12:00p Educational Sessions (.15 CEUs)

12:15 - 2:15p General Session and Luncheon (.15 CEUs)

Registration Form

2006 ATRA Mid-Year Professional Issues Forum

• March 17 - 20, 2006 • Plano, Texas •

Name _____
Name for Badge _____ Are you a CTRS? Yes No
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Daytime Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____
Organization _____
Title _____

Special Needs _____

Special Diet _____

Roommate Needed? Yes (Indicating yes will add you to the Roommate list which will be distributed 2/17/06).

Are you a presenter? Yes (Be sure to deduct speaker waiver from Total Payment).

	Before 2/10/06	Before 2/24/06	On-Site/After 2/24/06
Full Package			
Professional ATRA Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$195.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$230.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$265.00
Student ATRA Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$155.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$155.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$155.00
Professional Non-Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$345.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$380.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$425.00
Student Non-Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$245.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$245.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$245.00

Daily Package: Please check day(s) of attendance:	Saturday <input type="checkbox"/>	Sunday <input type="checkbox"/>	Monday <input type="checkbox"/>
	Before 2/10/06	Before 2/24/06	On-Site/After 2/24/06
Professional ATRA Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$110.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$130.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$180.00
Student ATRA Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00
Professional Non-Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$205.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$225.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$305.00
Student Non-Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$80.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$80.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$80.00

Pre-Conference Intensives • Friday, 3/17/06	Add on to Full Package		Institute Only/Daily		Student Rate	
	Member	Non-Member	Member	Non-Member	Member	Non-Member
P1 Dementia Practice Guideline	<input type="checkbox"/> \$180.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$270.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$215.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$325.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$180.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$270.00
P2 Leadership Development	<input type="checkbox"/> \$90.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$145.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$125.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$70.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$90.00
P3 Goal Writing (1/2 Day)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$95.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$70.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$115.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00

CEUs and Transcripts \$20.00 ATRA Member \$35.00 Non-Member

ATRA Membership: Visit the ATRA website for other membership categories.

I want to join ATRA! Please list amount: \$ _____ - \$115 Professional

I am renewing my membership.

Total Fees Enclosed: \$ _____

Method of Payment

Check or Money Order Enclosed (Payable to ATRA in US Dollars)

Purchase Order # _____ (a copy of the PO must accompany this registration form).

Credit Card Visa MasterCard Discover

I authorize payment for the items listed above:

Name on Card: _____

Credit Card Number _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

Mail to: American Therapeutic Recreation Association - 1414 Prince Street, Suite 204 Alexandria VA 22314

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2006 ATRA Mid-Year Professional Issues Forum

March 17 - 20, 2006
Plano, Texas

Join us in the Lone Star State for the 2006 ATRA Mid-Year Professional Issues Forum to connect recreational therapy professional. Hosted by ATRA and the Therapeutic Recreation Symposium for the Southwest (TRSSW), the Mid-Year Conference will focus on advocating, advancing and connecting the profession of recreational therapy.

The Recreational Therapy Medicare Project will continue to be an important topic addressed at the Forum. The RT Medicare Project is aimed at raising recognition of recreational therapy as a viable therapy option in order to ensure access to individuals receiving Medicare benefits in inpatient healthcare settings. Currently, Medicare beneficiaries are often denied access to medically necessary and appropriate recreational therapy services. In addition, there is inconsistent and often an inaccurate interpretation of regulations by Medicare Fiscal Intermediaries. For these reasons, the Recreational Therapy Medicare Project was established to assure that Medicare beneficiaries have access to recreational therapy through legislative action. Only through regulatory and statutory changes can (and will) recreational therapy be recognized in all inpatient healthcare settings.

In addition to this focus on advancing our field, a wide variety of educational sessions will be offered to further develop clinical competencies and leadership skills. Attendees will gain a wealth of information from nationally recognized experts in the field of recreational therapy.

Of special note: since this is a collaborative conference between ATRA and TRSSW, individuals who live in the states of Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and Louisiana will qualify for the ATRA member rate, regardless of their ATRA membership status.

CONFERENCE

OBJECTIVES:

Participants will be able to:

1. Discuss a variety of new ideas that have professional relevance and have been selected by recreational therapy practitioners. Attendees will leave armed with ideas and solutions that can be implemented in their practice.
2. Document earned CEUs necessary for recertification and professional development. Sessions will enhance knowledge, skills and abilities related to professional practice.
3. Identify current initiatives and programs aimed at advancing the practice of RT at the local, state and national levels.
4. Describe how to improve and update quality services for clients. Sessions are designed to challenge and stretch your thinking to include new possibilities and ideas.
5. Articulate the benefits of networking with other healthcare professionals, while reconnecting and reenergizing yourself for practice. Explore the many facets of the profession, while enhancing your journey and contacts.

For detailed session descriptions, visit the ATRA website at www.atra-tr.org/continuingeducation/ and go to the 2006 Mid-Year Professional Issues section. Detailed descriptions and information are available for download or on-line viewing.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS (CEUs)

ATRA has been reviewed and approved as an Authorized Provider of CEUs by the International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET). CEUs can be earned for each numbered session in the ATRA Mid-Year Program. Actual amount of credit awarded will be based on complete educational sessions attended.

Up to 18 hours (or 1.8 CEUs) can be earned, with additional CEUs available for Pre-Conference Intensives. When you register on-site, specific information will be provided to you on the CEU process. Please be aware that it is your responsibility to follow this procedure in order to receive continuing education credit. Exceptions to the on-site policy are not made.

Please note: NCTRC does not pre-approve any continuing education. NCTRC has not reviewed or approved of the content of these materials, and does not endorse or sponsor any of the activities of the American Therapeutic Recreation Association.

