

# American Therapeutic Recreation Association Call for Presentations 2006 Mid-Year Professional Issues Forum

A collaboration between the  
American Therapeutic Recreation Association  
and the  
Therapeutic Recreation Symposium for the Southwest

March 17 - 20, 2006 - Plano, Texas (Dallas Metro Area)

**Please forward your proposal to:**

**[2006midyearcall@atra-tr.org](mailto:2006midyearcall@atra-tr.org)**

No later than September 1, 2005

“**Connecting Recreational Therapy Professionals**” is an exciting and a tremendous learning opportunity for recreational therapists, students, educators and allied health professionals from around the world to come together to advance the practice of recreational therapy.

Educational sessions are presented in individual concurrent sessions, selected from proposals submitted in response to this Call for Presentations by a blind peer review (anonymous author). 90 and 180 minute sessions are available, as well as all day or half day pre-conference intensives. Topics address issues facing professionals including public policy, treatment interventions and management issues.

**The purpose of ATRA’s Conference is to:**

- 1.) Provide quality educational sessions to meet professional development requirements.
- 2.) Strengthen relationships and understanding of client and professionals’ needs/priorities.
- 3.) Contribute to the knowledge and skills of professionals.
- 4.) Enhance recreational therapy practice by equipping professionals, students and educators with innovative program and treatment interventions.
- 5.) Celebrate the contribution of individual members and ATRA to the advancement and development of the recreational therapy profession.

**Important topics for individual sessions:** New Treatment Interventions and Strategies; Development of Recreational Therapy Competencies; Critical Thinking for the Future of the Profession; Involvement in Research and Outcomes Measurement; Access to and Advocacy of the Profession; Curriculum Development and Higher Education; and Evidence-Based Practice and Outcomes.

**For Speakers:** Speakers will be offered a partial waiver of conference registration. Waivers are awarded on the basis of a 90 minute session, and will be divided among the number of presenters for each session. Speakers will pay for their own meals, lodging, transportation, CEUs, handouts and registration (minus the waiver). Speakers are requested to provide 100 copies of handouts at their session for conference attendees.

**Acceptance of Presentations:** The Program Committee will review all complete proposals with presenters notified via email by December 2005. To ensure quality outcomes of the ATRA Annual Conference, presenters will be chosen based on experience with facilitation of professional sessions and ability to demonstrate expertise or competence in the area to be presented. Sessions not previously presented are particularly encouraged, as well as sessions that engage and involve participants.

**Proposal Format:** All information MUST be included for consideration.

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1. *Title of Session:* Limit of 10 words
2. *Speakers:* please include name, credentials; address; day and evening phone numbers; email address.
3. *Professional vitae* or *Biographical summary* for each speaker: three page maximum highlighting subject matter competency.
4. *Indicate where and when this presentation was previously given.* Briefly explain why this session should be repeated at a national conference.
5. *References:* include two references for each speaker that can verify subject matter competency.

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1. *Title of Session:* Limit of 10 words
2. *Brief Session Description:* Limit 30 words. If your proposal is accepted, this will be inserted into the program to describe your session.
3. *Learning Outcomes:* Three outcomes should be provided that are measurable and indicate what the audience will learn by participating in this session. "Participants will be able to . . ."
4. *Outline of Session:* Content and methodology. Please be brief yet descriptive.
5. *Mode of Presentation:* Indicate whether the presentation will be lecture, discussion, panel or interactive.
6. *Resource List:* Please provide a list of books or journal articles related to your topic.
7. Please indicate the appropriate *competency area* of your topic:
  - a. Foundations of Professional Practice (theories, models for service delivery, standards of practice, advocacy)
  - b. Assessment (resources/tools, skills, process)
  - c. Planning Interventions and Programs (protocols, goal writing, family involvement, assistive devices, planning process/interventions)
  - d. Implementing the Treatment Plan (interventions, group dynamics, leadership, interdisciplinary team, documentation, modalities)
  - e. Evaluation of Clients and Programs (research, resources, regulations, outcomes)
  - f. Organizing and Managing Services (staffing, quality improvement, regulations, supervision, budgeting, ethics and marketing)
  - g. Support Competencies (diagnostic groups/populations, human development, functional abilities, cultural diversity, professional development)
8. *Skill Level* your session is most relevant for: Basic, Intermediate or Advanced.
9. *Service Delivery Area* your session focuses on:

a. Aquatic Therapy	b. Community Inclusion
c. Developmental Disabilities	d. General Medicine/Oncology
e. Geriatric/Long Term Care	f. Mental Health/Wellness/Addictions/Corrections
g. Pediatrics	h. Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
i. School Systems	
10. *Session Length:* 90 minutes, 180 minutes, Half Day Intensive (4 hours), Full Day Intensive (6 - 8 hours)
11. *Audiovisual Equipment* requested: Please list only the equipment that you are sure you will need. ATRA will provide an overhead projector, VCR/TV, slide projector, flip chart, microphone (please specify cordless microphone if needed). Due to costs, **ATRA does not provide LCD projectors or laptop computers.** Individuals may rent or bring their own, but technical assistance will not be available.
12. *Room style:* Rooms will be set theater style (in rows) in most cases. If another arrangement is needed (i.e. tables, classroom, open space for an activity, etc.), please indicate this on your proposal.
13. *Limit to the number of Participants:* Please limit only if absolutely necessary as limits are difficult to accommodate and enforce on-site.

**Please submit your proposal and required information as a Microsoft Word attachment via email to: [2006midyear@atra-tr.org](mailto:2006midyear@atra-tr.org) by September 1, 2005 to receive full consideration. Notification will be sent to all individuals submitting a proposal by December 2005.**