

## **Enabling Independence and Integration in the Community: A Call for OT & OTA Workforce Action**

**Saturday, October 19, 2013 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

### **WHO SHOULD ATTEND:**

All occupational therapists, occupational therapy assistants, occupational therapy educators, and OT/OTA students interested in occupational therapy practice or fieldwork in Illinois — especially those who are interested in community reintegration, forensics, mental health, addictions, and integration of physical and behavioral healthcare — will benefit from this discussion.

Those who work in Long Term Care, schools, or home health, with persons in high school through older adults have knowledge and experience relevant to the day's discussion.

Professionals accustomed to helping individuals who have traumatic brain injury, Asperger's, autism, diabetes, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, congestive heart failure, or obesity, are encouraged to attend and add to the discussion.

### **PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:**

This introductory session will provide a forum for practitioners to participate in the creation of a shared vision for occupational therapy's role in supporting persons with mental illnesses and other co-morbid conditions in their community re-integration efforts.

This professional development opportunity will also introduce occupational therapy practitioners to new opportunities in mental health practice in Illinois, and identify strategies to prepare and encourage OT practitioners and students to consider mental health practice in Illinois.

There is no charge for this event!  
Occupational Therapy practitioners  
may earn 6 CEUs for attending

### **REGISTRATION**

708.235.7589 or Email [mellxson@govst.edu](mailto:mellxson@govst.edu)  
Registration will be accepted  
on the day of the event

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### **PROGRAM**

- 8:30 – 9 a.m. Registration  
9 – 9:15 a.m. Welcome and Introduction  
9:15 – 10 a.m. *The Illinois Mental Health System of Care: Description, Key Issues, Strengths, Challenges, and Opportunities*  
10 – 10:30 a.m. *Perspectives: Consumers Speak About Transitioning from Nursing Homes to a Life in the Community*  
10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Break  
10:45 – 11:15 a.m. *Perspectives: Panel Discussion of Occupational Therapy in Long Term Care*  
11:15 – noon *Perspectives: Panel Discussion of Occupational Therapy and Community Re-integration*  
12:15 – 1 p.m. Lunch – boxed lunches will be available for purchase  
1 – 1:15 p.m. *Immediate/Priority Need: Moving Individuals out of Nursing Homes and Institutes for the Mentally Diseased*  
1:15 – 2 p.m. Group Discussion and Questions  
2:00 – 2:30 p.m. *Immediate/Priority Need: Forensics*  
2:30 – 3 p.m. *Perspectives: Panel Discussion of Occupational Therapy and Forensics*  
3 – 3:30 p.m. Group Discussion and Questions  
3:30 – 4 p.m. Wrap up and future planning

### **GUEST SPEAKERS**

**Katherine Burson MS, OTR/L, CPRP**  
Statewide Director of Rehabilitation Services  
Illinois Department of Human Services,  
Division of Mental Health

**Laura Barrett Bombe, MS, OTR/L**  
Director of Rehabilitation  
Chicago Read Mental Health Center

**Ray Cendejas, COTA/L**  
Alexian Brothers Housing and Health Alliance

**Jeanenne Dallas, MA, OTR/L**  
Instructor and Academic Fieldwork Coordinator,  
Program in Occupational Therapy  
Washington University School of Medicine

**Kathryn Melin Eberhardt, MAEd, COTA/L, ROH**  
Academic Fieldwork Coordinator  
South Suburban College

**Brad Egan, OTD, MA, OTR/L**  
Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy  
Midwestern University

**Melanie T. Ellexson, DHSc, OTR/L, FAOTA**  
Associate Professor—Coordinator DrOT Program  
Governors State University

**Anderson Freeman, Ph.D.**  
Deputy Director for Forensic Services Illinois  
Department of Human Services  
Division of Mental Health

**Debra Ferguson, Ph.D.**  
Deputy & Chief of Clinical Operations Illinois  
Department of Human Services  
Division of Mental Health

**Brenda Hampton**  
Deputy Director of Systems Rebalancing  
Illinois Department of Human Services  
Division of Mental Health

**Lisa Iffland**  
Program Chair for the Occupational Therapy Assistant  
program, Wright College

**Celeste Januszewski OTR/L**  
Adjunct Faculty, University of Illinois at Chicago

**Robin A Jones, MPA, COTA/L, ROH**  
Director, Great Lakes ADA Center  
University of Illinois at Chicago

**Joyce B. Lane, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA**  
Affordable Care Act Lead, Chicago Loop chapter of  
the Organizing for Action

**Tara Thompson Merlo, MPH, OT/L**  
Occupational Therapist, Memory Care Corporation

**Kristy Perez COTA/L**  
Occupational Therapy Assistant, Glantz-Richman  
Rehab Associates

**Carole Schwartz M.S., OTR/L**  
Senior Policy Advisor, IL Dept. on Aging

**Sarah Walsh, MOT, OTR/L**  
Instructor and Academic Fieldwork Coordinator  
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