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Illinois Department of
Human Services,
Division of Mental
Health

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

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 health care. If you work in Long Term Care, schools, or home health, with persons high school through older adult your knowledge and experience are relevant to the day's discussion. If you are accustomed to helping individuals who have traumatic brain injury, Asperger's, autism, diabetes, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, congestive heart failure, or obesity, "Live Life to the Fullest", your experience applies.

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.
- ◆ Introduce occupational therapy practitioners to new opportunities in mental health practice in Illinois.
- ◆ Identify strategies to prepare and encourage OT practitioners and students to consider mental health practice in Illinois.

Guest Speakers:

Katherine Burson MS, OTR/L, CPRP,
Statewide Director of Rehabilitation Services
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Laura Barrett Bombe, MS, OTR/L
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Guest Speakers Continued:

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PROGRAM

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