

2017 State of the Science Symposium

Friday, March 31, 2017
2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Resilience: Occupational Therapy and its Role in Helping to Adapt to Adversity

The AOTF State of the Science Symposium is designed to summarize current knowledge and evidence on a selected topic, and relate it to best practice and future research in occupational therapy. This year's topic is resilience, the process of adapting well in the face of adversity, trauma, tragedy, threats or significant sources of stress. Occupational therapy focuses on treating parameters that specifically limit daily functioning and participation, and may be uniquely positioned to not only assess, but to positively modify resilience. Because resilience plays an important role in functional recovery and maintenance, OT may be a critical component of care in multiple clinical settings.

The speakers will address the following questions:

- What is our current knowledge on resilience and its role in adapting to adversity in the adult and pediatric population?
- What opportunities exist to conduct further research in order to fill in the gaps in our knowledge?
- What role does occupational therapy play in assessing and modifying resilience in the adult and pediatric populations in order to positively affect functional outcomes and participation?

Presenters:

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Valerie Malhomes, PhD
Chief of Pediatric Trauma and Critical Illness
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Kristie Koenig, PhD, OT/L, FAOTA
Chair and Associate Professor
Department of Occupational Therapy
Steinhardt School of Culture, Education and
Human Development
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