Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from the AOTF Institute for the Study of Occupation and Health, the programmatic arm of the American Occupational Therapy Foundation. As we plan our research and education programs to be held at the 2009 Annual Conference and Exposition of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) we continue to advance AOTF's mission through connections to key organizations and initiatives. This month's AOTF Institute Cooperation Spotlight features Healthy People 2020 of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). We are grateful to our colleague Wendy E Braund, MD, MPH, MSEd, Senior Clinical Advisor, HHS Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, for her cooperation and guidance in realizing this spotlight, and we look forward to working with her and her colleagues to connect the AOTF Institute and its constituency to the planning of Healthy People 2020.

This fall, please look for more spotlights uniquely focused on AOTF Institute programs. In the meantime, we thank you again for subscribing to Research Resources and for encouraging your colleagues to learn about the AOTF Institute through this monthly publication and its associated news alerts; remember that previous issues of Research Resources are available on our blog and there you can also listen to the proceedings of the 2008 AOTF Institute Research Colloquium.

And thank you as always for your support as the AOTF Institute helps to advance occupational therapy through programs of research, education, and leadership, and to promote a society in which individuals, regardless of age or ability, may participate in occupations of their choice that give meaning to their lives and foster health and well-being.

Sincerely,

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**AOTF Institute Cooperation Spotlight: Healthy People 2020**

**About Healthy People**
Healthy People provides science-based, ten-year national objectives for promoting health and preventing disease. Since 1979, Healthy People has set and monitored national health objectives to meet a broad range of health needs, encourage collaborations across sectors, guide individuals toward making informed health decisions, and measure the impact of our prevention activity. Currently, Healthy People 2010 is leading the way to achieve increased quality and years of healthy life and the elimination of health disparities. Every ten years, the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) leverages scientific insights and lessons learned from the past decade, along with new knowledge of current data, trends, and innovations. Healthy People 2020 will reflect assessments of major risks to health and wellness, changing public health priorities, and emerging issues related to our nation's health preparedness, prevention, and health information technology infrastructure.
About DATA2010: National Data for Healthy People 2010 Objectives
DATA2010 is an interactive database system developed by staff of the Division of Health Promotion Statistics at the National Center for Health Statistics, and contains the most recent monitoring data for tracking Healthy People 2010. Data are included for all the objectives and subgroups identified in the Healthy People 2010: Objectives for Improving Health. The objectives are organized into 28 focus areas, each representing an important public health area. Data can be searched by focus area, data source, and specific objectives within focus areas. Data can be searched by focus area, data source, specific objectives within focus areas, population groups, or key words, which makes DATA 2010 an invaluable resource for research and benchmarking.

Development of Healthy People 2020
The Healthy People process is inclusive; its strength is directly tied to collaboration. The development process strives to maximize transparency, public input, and stakeholder dialogue to ensure that Healthy People 2020 is relevant to diverse public health needs and seized opportunities to achieve its goals. Since its inception, Healthy People has become a broad-based, public engagement initiative with thousands of citizens helping to shape it at every step along the way. Drawing on the expertise of a Secretary's Advisory Committee on National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Objectives for 2020 and public input, Healthy People will provide a framework to address risk factors and determinants of health and the diseases and disorders that affect our communities. The Health People 2020 vision, mission, overarching goals, and framework will be released in late 2008-early 2009, and the final 2020 objectives with baselines and targets will be released in 2010.

Participate in the Development of Healthy People 2020
Public participation will shape Healthy People 2020. Its purpose, goals, organization, and action plans. HHS seeks input from communities and stakeholders through public meetings across the country and public comment periods. As a national initiative, Healthy People's success depends on a coordinated commitment to improve the health of the nation. Interested individuals can stay informed about Healthy People 2020 by subscribing to the Healthy People list serv and by offering comment through the Healthy People web site. Additionally, interested individuals are invited to participate in the July 30 web-based meeting of the Federal Advisory Committee and the next in-person meeting of the Federal Advisory Committee on September 4-5 in Washington, DC. Please see the HP 2020 website for information and to register.

AOTF Institute Program Spotlight
AOTF Dissertation Research Grant Program Deadline Nears
Application deadline August 1.

AOTF Revises Scholarship Application Process
The American Occupational Therapy Foundation (AOTF) awarded more than 50 deserving occupational therapy students with scholarships in 2008. Corporate partners, state associations, memorial scholarships, endowments, and Kappa Delta Phi all helped to fund the more than sixty scholarships offered last year.

This year, AOTF has changed the application process. The due date for the applications has been moved up to November 7, 2008. The application and instructions will be posted to the AOTF web site on August 1, 2008. Occupational therapy students must have completed at least one full year of upper level courses, transcripts are no longer requested, and references and program directors' statements will be submitted online. Applicants must be AOTA members. For details and instructions, including information on scholarships for occupational
This national student conclave (November 14-16, 2008, suburban Chicago, Illinois) was created by AOTA and NBCOT exclusively for occupational therapy and occupational therapy assistant students. It is designed entirely for students' unique needs giving them an insider's view of the profession; access to, and tips from, some of the nation's top employers; and a jump on career skills.

Publication Announcements

Report on Special Needs Assessment for Katrina Evacuees (SNAKE) Project

This report from the National Organization on Disability (NOD) confirms "traditional response and recovery systems" in the United States are ill-equipped to handle the needs of the disabled, elderly, and medically dependent. Using Hurricane Katrina as a case study, the NOD paints a picture of what it was like for the 23.2 percent of the New Orleans population that is disabled. The report also gives numerous recommendations to improve disaster response and recovery in special needs populations.

Bioethics and the Brain

This is the first single-author book on what has come to be known as bioethics and the brain.
as neuroethics. Walter Glannon, PhD, Canada Research Chair on Medical Bioethics and Ethical Theory, University of Calgary, uses a philosophical framework that is fully informed by cutting edge neuroscience as well as contemporary legal cases to give readers an introduction to neuroethics. Glannon describes the state of the art in neuroscientific research and treatment, and gives the reader an up-to-date picture of the brain. Glannon then looks at the ethical implications of various kinds of treatments.


**Conference Announcements**

**Assessment of Neurological and Behavioral Function Conference:** "Building the NIH Toolbox" Research in Cognition, Sensation, Emotion and Motor Function

The NIH Toolbox initiative seeks to assemble brief, comprehensive assessment tools that will be useful to clinicians and researchers in a variety of settings, with a particular emphasis on measuring outcomes in longitudinal epidemiologic studies and prevention or intervention trials across the lifespan. This conference is October 27, 2008, Bethesda, Maryland. Additional details and registration information is available. If you have any questions please contact Maggie Heydt, director of communications.

**AABSS Annual Meeting**

The twelfth annual meeting of the American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences, (AABSS), February 5- 6, 2009 in Las Vegas, Nevada, offers a forum for participants to share research, ideas for professional development, and academic concerns in all areas of the behavioral and social sciences. Paper presentations or workshops that deal with the broad range of subject matter of relevance to behavioral and social scientists are being sought and are due October 20, 2008.

**First World Congress on Spina Bifida Research and Care**

Physicians, nurses, occupational therapists, and other healthcare professionals will gather in Orlando, Florida March 15-18, 2009, at the First World Congress on Spina Bifida Research and Care to showcase and translate research to improve healthcare for those living with Spina Bifida. The Spina Bifida Association (SBA) is accepting abstracts until October 1, 2008 in the multidisciplinary fields that deliver care and conduct research relevant to the Spina Bifida community.

**Altered Standards of Care and Surge Capacity Conference: Mass Casualty Management in Times of Crisis**

This conference, Washington DC, October 27-28, 2008, will bring together influential medical and public health leaders to teach preparedness planners at the federal, state, regional, and community levels how to plan for and support surge capacity in healthcare systems. Planners also will learn how to develop altered standards of care to meet mass casualty needs during all-hazard and hazard-specific emergencies. The conference will highlight best practices for preparedness in disasters, terrorism attacks, and pandemic diseases.

**AHRQ's 2008 Annual Conference: Promoting Quality... Partnering for Change**

The conference will bring together the best of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's research and provide examples of how that research is being implemented at all levels in health care.
obesity among adults. Active Living, the Built Environment, and the Policy Agenda

The Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law has published a special issue, funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, featuring articles on the impact of biking, trails, land-use policy, school planning and related topics on physical activity. Free access to the June 2008 special issue can be accessed on the ALR web site.

Web-Based & Related Resources

Disability and Health Journal Abstracts Now Online

Abstracts of the second (April, 2008) and third issue (July, 2008) of the peer-reviewed Disability and Health Journal are now available online.

Annual Conference of ALR Seeks Abstracts and Nominations

Active Living Research, (ALR), a program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, will hold its annual conference, Active Communities for Youth and Families: Creating Momentum for Change, February 18-20, 2009 in San Diego, California. The conference will accelerate the understanding of how evidence-based policies and environmental changes can help promote active living and prevent childhood obesity. ALR is seeking abstracts on research about children and adolescents at greatest risk for obesity—African-American, Latino, Native American, Asian American and Pacific Islander children and youth living in low-income communities. Abstracts with an international focus also encouraged as well. The abstract submission deadline is Wednesday, July 30, 2008, 1:00 p.m. PDT. Also a part of the 2009 Annual Conference, the "Translating Research to Policy" award will recognize innovators who have successfully harnessed research to impact policy and environmental changes. The nomination deadline is Wednesday, August 27, 2008, 1:00 p.m. PDT.

NIH Summit on The Science of Eliminating Health Disparities

Join the NIH Institutes, Centers, Offices, and their many partners engaged in research on minority health and health disparities to: highlight the research progress of the NIH on health issues among racial/ethnic minority and medically underserved populations; increase awareness and understanding of disparities in health, showcase best-practice models in research, capacity-building, outreach, and integrated strategies to eliminate health disparities; identify strengths and gaps in health disparities research; and network and dialogue with the nation's leading experts on minority health and health disparities. This free summit is December 16-18, 2008, National Harbor, Maryland. A pre-Summit NIH grant writing workshop is scheduled for December 15: This workshop will cover R01-R03 process and the K award process. The abstracts are due August 15, 2008.

NCHS 2008 Data Users Conference

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