

New Developments in Occupational Therapy in the USA

美国OT新进展

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谢谢大家

- With the kind assistance of the American Occupational Therapy Association and Dr. Sun Peng I will provide you with a brief update on developments in OT in the USA

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Agenda 主题

- Greetings from the AOTA
 - Executive Director, Fred Sommers
 - 36,000 Members
- Workforce Trends in the USA
- AOTA Centennial Vision
 - Model Curriculum
 - Research Agenda
 - Practice Priority Areas
 - Public Image Campaign
- Questions

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Greetings from AOTA ...

Helping People of all Ages
"Develop Skills for the Job of Living"



Mr. Fred Sommers
Executive Director

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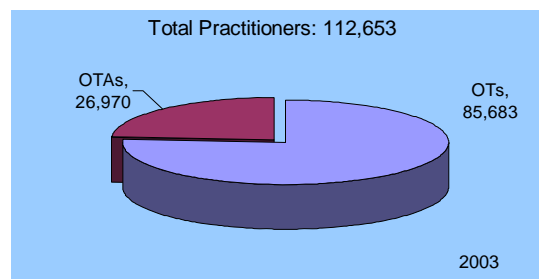
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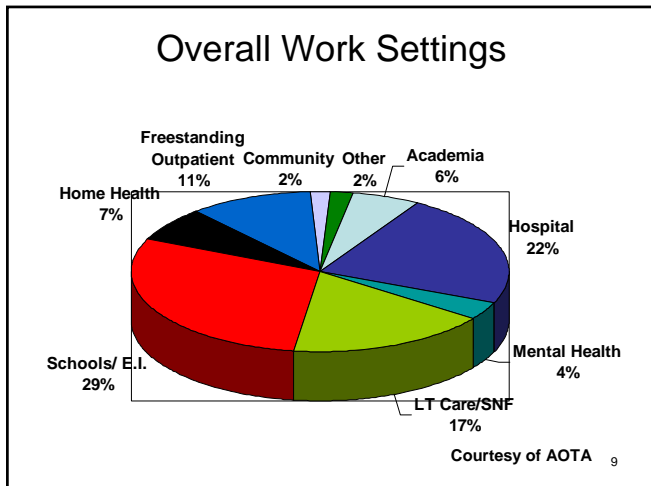
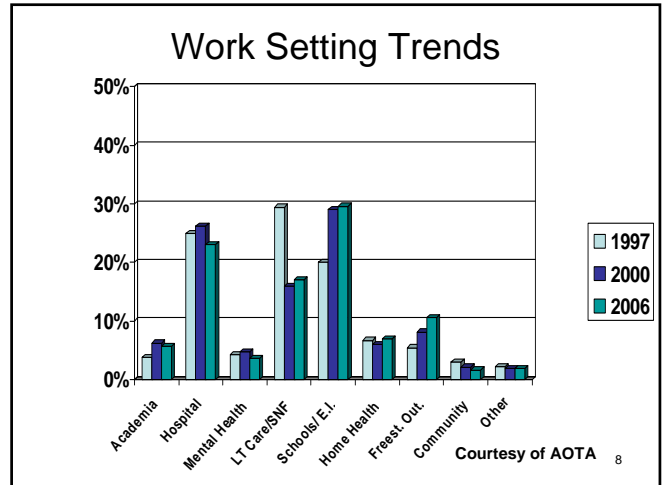
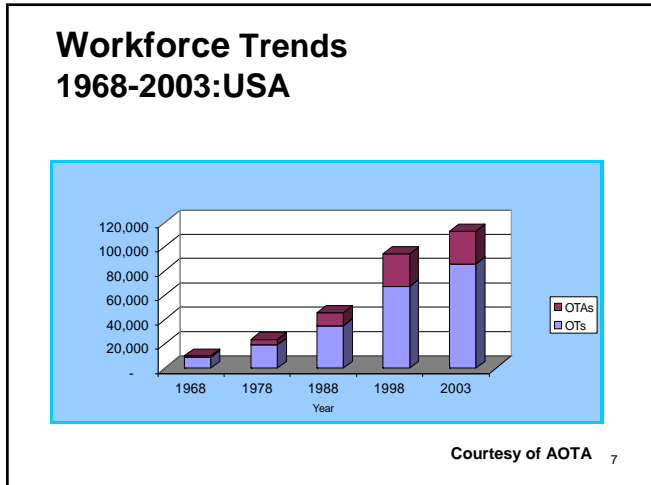
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Occupational Therapy Workforce 2003: USA



Courtesy of AOTA

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What is the Centennial Vision?

- A roadmap for the future of the OT profession to commemorate AOTA's 100th anniversary in 2017
- It will specify concrete benchmarks that demonstrate our forward movement in realizing the vision

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Centennial Vision Statement

*"We envision that occupational therapy is a **powerful, widely recognized, science-driven, and evidence-based** profession with a **globally connected and diverse** workforce meeting society's occupational needs."*

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Develop Model Curriculum

- AOTA Committees are currently working on the final draft versions of the Model Curriculums which will guide the educator through the steps in developing and/or revising a "Model OT/OTA Curriculum."
 - Each model curriculum will include exemplars.
 - Feedback will be solicited from all interested stakeholders via e-mails and forums.
 - Feedback will be incorporated into the final product

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Develop A Research Agenda

- AOTA Research Director position created
 - Susan Lin, ScD, OTR/L
- AOTA / AOTF Research Advisory Panel (RAP) created
- ~ Mission ~
 - to ensure essential collaboration towards the forward momentum of the profession in pursuit of excellence and relevance in science and research 确保密切合作, 针对职业要素, 追求科学和研究的完美结合
- Priority actions
 - Align AOTA / AOTF research priorities with federal agencies' priorities 使OT和国家的研究方向一致
 - Develop data base of current occupational

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2008 Presidential Address

FOCUS AREAS OF THE CENTENNIAL VISION

Mental Health 精神健康
Children and Youth 青少年儿童健康
Work and Industry 就业和工业
Rehabilitation, Disability and Participation
康复, 残疾和参与
Productive Aging 劳动人口老年化
Health and Wellness 健康和完美

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Interventions through the Lifespan

- Examples
 - Sensory modulation and positioning in NICUs
 - Early Intervention
 - School-Based Services
 - Back Pack Campaign & Homework help
 - Community Mobility
 - Aging-In-Place
 - Falls Prevention
 - Hospice

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Interventions Generic to all Ages

- **Examples**
 - Physical Activity with Wii
 - Community Mobility
 - Disaster preparedness, response, & recovery
 - Lifestyle Design
 - Lifestyle Re-design® (see USC website)
 - Home Modification
 - Technology
 - Universal Design

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AOTA's Fact Sheets

- Offer the professional and consumer an overview of occupational therapy's role in a specific domain or practice environment
 - **Children**
 - *OT's Role with Autism*
 - **Home Settings**
 - *Driving and Transportation Alternatives for Older Adults*
 - **School Settings**
 - *OT in Preschool Settings*

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AOTA's Fact Sheets (Cont.)

- **Health Care Facilities**
- **Conditions and Other**
 - *OT: A Vital Role in Dysphagia Care*
 - *OT Services in Ergonomics*

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Image-Building Campaign



全面而充实的生活方式

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AOTA Website



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