

Pennsylvania State Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure Newsletter

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Meet Our Newest Board Members

Kerri Hample, OTD, OTR

Kerri Hample is an occupational therapist with eight years of experience, primarily working with children. Presently, she is the director of placement with Austill's Rehabilitation Services, Inc. in Exton, Chester County. She graduated from Thomas Jefferson University with a bachelor's degree in occupational therapy.

While a student at Thomas Jefferson, Hample served as the Student Occupational Therapy Association president. Occupational Therapy promotion and awareness was an interest area at that time and continues to be a strong area of interest in her professional life. She earned her Clinical Doctorate Degree from Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions in August 2006.

Much of Hample's doctoral work focused on providing cutting-edge services in schools and early intervention settings. Mentoring and recruiting therapists to school-based practice with Austill's keeps her passionate about the possibilities occupational therapy has to offer for both the consumer and the therapist.

Hample frequently presents modern school-based service delivery concepts both locally in southeastern Pennsylvania and at the state level. She has worked with children in outpatient settings as well as in school and home environments.

She also has been a guest lecturer at several area certified occupational therapy assistant and registered occupational therapy programs and looks forward to further opportunities to work with students and practicing occupational therapists.

Hample lives in Lancaster County with her husband, Brian, and their children. The family enjoys swimming, boating, visiting amusement parks, and just being together. Her four-year-old son and one-year-old daughter keep the family busy and always ready to explore new firsts!

Christine L. Hischmann, MS, OTR/L, FAOTA

Christine Hischmann has been practicing in occupational therapy for over 30 years. During that time, she has held positions as clinician in mental health settings, as an educator and as department director.

Currently, Hischmann is employed as the director of occupational therapy at Clarks Summit State Hospital in Lackawanna County. Prior to joining the occupational therapy (OT) department at Clarks Summit in 2001, Hischmann was assistant professor in the occupational therapy department at College Misericordia, where she served as department chair from 1996-99. At that same college, she was a founding member of the OT program in 1982.

Hischmann earned both Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Occupational Therapy from Temple University.

During her long professional career, she has provided service and leadership to numerous local, state and national occupational therapy organizations. Her roles have included service as vice chair of the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE). She also was a member of that council for seven years and accreditation evaluator for 17 years. During this time, Hischmann served on the first ACOTE team to visit an OT program in Scotland for accreditation evaluation.

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Additionally, she served in a variety of capacities in the Pennsylvania Occupational Therapy Association. Hischmann is especially proud to have received the highest honor awarded by the association, the Award of Outstanding Achievement, and to have been named a Fellow of the American Occupational Therapy Association in 1999. Subsequently, she was also named to the Temple University Gallery of Success in 2006.

Hischmann's professional interests focus on mentoring, falls assessment, intervention and prevention, and research on the effectiveness of OT interventions with persons with severe and persistent mental illness. She has published and presented papers at the state and national levels.

Hischmann and her husband, Bill Lambert, also an occupational therapist, live in Falls, Wyoming County. Their interests include traveling, especially to national parks, hiking, canoeing and restoring their 150-year-old farmhouse.

Linda G. Trabucco, Esq.

Linda G. Trabucco, JD, BSN, was recently appointed to the Pennsylvania Occupational Therapy Board.

Trabucco earned her Juris Doctorate degree from Widener University in 1986 and a BSN degree from Gwynedd Mercy College in 1979. As a trial lawyer, her career focused primarily on the defense of physicians and medical care institutions in a wide variety of litigation matters.

Trabucco served from 1995 to 1999, and again from 2000 to 2006, as a Public Member on the Pennsylvania Speech, Language and Hearing Board. She presently serves on the Governor's Health Policy Board and, in that capacity, she served as the co-chair of the Steering Committee for the Pennsylvania State Health Improvement Program Plan. Trabucco also serves on the Chester County Medical Educational Facilities Board.

Trabucco resides in Chester Springs, Chester County, with her husband and three children.

The Right-to-Know Act and Home Addresses

The Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs is sensitive to its licensees' concerns about personal privacy. However, the Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Act mandates release of information contained in a "public record" stored by that agency if a member of the public requests it.

The bureau will take all reasonable steps to safeguard personal information contained in your licensure records. We realize that many of you use home addresses on the licensure records maintained by the bureau. However, given the uncertainty over what the Right-to-Know Act requires, neither the bureau nor the board that issues your license can guarantee the confidentiality of the address shown on your licensing record.

Therefore, if you have a personal security concern, we recommend that you consider what many of our licensees have already done: use a business address or post office box number as the official address on licensure records.

Also, with the License 2000 computer system, you may indicate to the board an address for release to the public that may be different from your home address.

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