

2026 JOINT CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Building Community: Harnessing the Power of OT in the Heartland
Kansas City | October 2–3, 2026

Track key: PEDS ADULTS MULTI / ACADEMIA

Friday, October 2

TIME	PEDS	ADULTS	MULTI / ACADEMIA
7:30 AM	REGISTRATION		
8:00 AM	WELCOME (Room EC 19)		
8:15 AM		Leading Differently: Strategies for Supporting and Empowering Employees with ADHD in the Workplace Level: Introductory/Intermediate <i>Ashley Adams</i> Room - EC005	Making Professional Reasoning Visible: How OT Faculty Recognize, Describe, and Assess Student Development Level: Intermediate, Advanced <i>Justine Eckhoff</i> Room - EC004
9:15 – 9:30 AM	EXHIBITS / BREAK		
9:30 – 10:30 AM	Engaging Occupational Therapists in Community-Based Asthma Care for Children and Families Level: Introductory <i>Lindsay Spell</i> Room - EC006	Why "Independent" Patients Fail at Home: Functional Cognition and Chronic Disease Self-Management (VIRTUAL) Level: Intermediate <i>Gordon Tsubira</i> Room - EE05	Retrospective Analysis of Factors Influencing First-Time Board Certification Pass Rates and Subsequent Integration of Exam Prep Software in an OTD Curriculum Level: Intermediate <i>Crystal Gateley</i> Room - EC004
10:45 AM	KEYNOTE (Room EC 19) AOTA President - Arameh Anvarizadeh, OTD, OTR/L, FAOTA		
12:00 PM	LUNCH / POSTERS (Room EC 19)		
1:30 PM		Management of the Chronic Minimally Active Upper Extremity Post-Stroke Level: Intermediate <i>Sue Sandahl; Monica Radcliffe</i> Room – EC005	Operationalizing Occupational Justice in OT Education: Preparing Practitioners to be Justice-Oriented Level: Intermediate <i>Julia Henderson-Kalb; Elizabeth Kramer; Cindy Villanueva</i> Room - EC004

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2:30 PM	Cut Documentation Time in Half: Practical AI Tools for School-Based Ots Level: Introductory <i>Kami Bible</i> Room – EC006		The Development of Therapeutic Use of Self Using Improvisation Principles: A Hands-on Workshop Level: Introductory <i>Margaret Bassi</i> Room - EC004
3:30 PM	EXHIBITS / BREAK		
4:00 PM	A Way Forward: Understanding the Journey of Children with Mental and/or Behavioral Health Concerns Level: Intermediate <i>Brittney Stevenson; Tiffany Bolton; Catherine Suchocki</i> Room - EC006		Growing the OT Workforce in the Heartland: Collaborative Strategies for Rural and Emerging Practice Level: Intermediate <i>Melissa Kimmerling</i> Room - EC004
5:00 PM	ADVOCACY GATHERING / Reception (Room EC 19) Join us for advocacy highlights from all 3 states: Candice Mullendore, MS, OTR/L (Nebraska) Ashley Adams, MOT, OTR/L (Iowa) Lindsay Bright, OTD, OTR/L (Missouri) Maria Lindbergh, MOT, OTR/L, ECHM (Missouri)		