

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

Saturday, October 3

TIME	PEDS	ADULTS	MULTI / ACADEMIA
8:00 AM	COFFEE / POSTERS		
	8:00 – 10:00 AM — Special 2-Hour Workshop (PEDS track)		
8:00 AM	The SWITCHED Adapted Toy Program: Using Occupation-Focused, Active Learning Experiences to Promote Critical Thinking Skills (\$30 materials Fee) Level: Introductory/Intermediate <i>Sarah Zimmerman</i> Room - EC006		
9:00 AM	The SWITCHED Adapted Toy Program: Using Occupation-Focused, Active Learning Experiences to Promote Critical Thinking Skills (\$30 materials Fee) Level: Introductory/Intermediate <i>Sarah Zimmerman</i> Room - EC006	Detangle the Barriers: Supporting Textured Hair Through an OT Lens Level: Introductory/Intermediate <i>Taylor Walker</i> Room - EC004	Beyond the Pillbox: Introducing the OT-MAP for Functional Medication Adherence Level: Intermediate. Advanced <i>Laura Landon; Bismah Syed</i> Room - EC005
10:00 AM	Real-World Application of Occupational Performance Coaching in Pediatric OT Level: Intermediate <i>Suja Chandrasekaran; Haven Herndon</i> Room - EC006	Beyond Baby Blues: The Occupational Intersection Between ADHD and Perinatal Mental Health Level: Introductory/Intermediate/Advanced <i>Sophia Larson</i> Room - EC004	Think Bigger Together: Community as Infrastructure for OT Intrapreneurship and Entrepreneurship Level: Advanced <i>Brandy Archie</i> Room - EC005
11:00 AM	EXHIBITS / BREAK		
11:15 AM	I-INSPIRE: Understanding Sensory Integration Practices in Iowa Level: Intermediate, Advanced <i>Jordan Bell; Jennifer Petersen; Katie Funk</i> Room - EC006	SOS—Adult Fall Prevention Training™: A Whole-Person, OT-Driven Solution for Older Adult Fall Prevention at Home, in the Community, and at Work Level: Intermediate	Emerging Occupational Therapy Programs for Community Mental Health Agencies Using a Novel Model of Funding Level: Intermediate <i>Quinn Tyminski; Kailin Lust</i>

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		<i>Gwendolyn R. Pearl</i> Room - EC004	Room - EC005
12:15 PM	EXHIBITS / BREAK		
12:30 PM	JOINT BUSINESS MEETING / TOWN HALL/LUNCH (Room EC 19) Business Meetings for Iowa Occupational Therapy Association, Nebraska Occupational Therapy Association, and Missouri Occupational Therapy Association		
2:00 PM	“What Strategies Can We Try?”: Best Practices and Applications in Treatment of Executive Functioning Difficulties in Children and Adolescents Level: Intermediate <i>Margaret Bassi; Jane Lavelle</i> Room - EC006	Beyond the Scale: Providing Bariatric Care Without Bias — Trauma-Informed, Occupation-Focused Care for Plus-Size and Bariatric Clients Level: Introductory <i>Laura Raastad</i> Room - EC004	NBCOT® National Certification Exam: Information You Need to Know Level: Introductory <i>Nicole Kuhl</i> Room - EC005
3:00 PM	Empowering Families: Occupational Therapy’s Role in Supporting the Mental Health of Children and Their Caregivers Level: Intermediate/Advanced <i>Jessica McHugh Conlin; Aimee Piller</i> Room - EC006	Somatic Attunement: Autism and Intersubjectivity: A Somatic Perspective Level: Introductory/Intermediate <i>Michelle Coletti</i> Room-EC004	Fascia-Informed OT Practice: Anatomy, Function, and New Possibilities Level: Intermediate/Advanced <i>Amy Mayer</i> Room - EC005
4:00 PM	From Evaluation to Community Participation: A Video Case Study of Ayres Sensory Integration® in Pediatric Practice With Mentorship in Action Level: Intermediate <i>Teresa Grueter; Jennifer Petersen</i> Room - EC006	Promoting Self-Determination Through Charting the LifeCourse: Practical Applications for Occupational Therapy Level: Introductory <i>Marie Clark; Lauren Holmes</i> Room - EC004	Occupational Futility: A Framework for Ethical Decision-Making in Occupational Therapy Level: Intermediate <i>Donald Kallembach</i> Room - EC005
5:00 PM	CONCLUSION		