

Adolescents and Adults with Developmental Disabilities SIG Update

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The Adolescents and Adults with Developmental Disabilities SIG has had an excellent response from CSM with new members and volunteers. The first dedicated 2 hour dedicate programming block for CSM 2009 has been planned. will be presented by Lorrie Sylvester PT, MS. At annual conference in San Antonio our presentation on The Continuum of Care for People with Lifelong Disabilities: Exploring the Issues and Roles for Physical Therapists was well received. I encourage any members with interest in presenting to continue to submit proposals for presentations related to Adolescents and Adults with Lifelong Disabilities through Scholar One for future conferences. As a SIG we will continue to explore interests of the group for both future programming and in updating the website.

Continuum of Care for People with Lifelong Disabilities Taskforce Update

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The COCLLD taskforce has continued to forge ahead with activities to meet the goals as discussed in the spring newsletter. We are excited to say that the topic for multisectional programming for CSM 2009 will be the continuum of care in lifelong disabilities, with a panel of experts presenting. At this time multiple documents varying from fact sheets to a white paper are in the stages of the review process for publication. You can look for the white paper to appear hopefully in PT Magazine in early 2009. Follow up CEU articles are also being discussed at this time. Members of the taskforce continue to be busy presenting on the topic of lifelong disability as Nancy Cicirello PT, MPH, EdD and Anne Turner PT, PhD will be presenting this topic at the National Student Conclave this fall. Finally, we expect to see a webpage dedicated to this topic on the APTA website for dissemination of information as documents and resources are finalized.