

## **October is Occupational Therapy Month!**

A time to celebrate the profession & catalyze our commitment to promote occupational therapy all year long!

## 10 simple ways to do your part to promote OT

**Celebrate with colleagues!** Make a plan now to gather for coffee, lunch, a drink after work! Or... plan a workplace celebration or open house and invite your boss, CEO, your MPP to join in the celebrations. Get your October date set now – plan ahead!

**Make a plan to broadcast it's OT Month in your local media!** Yes, you can! Local radio, TV and community newspapers and their websites are always looking for local content. Why not make it about OT? We make it easy – see <u>Tips & How to Contact your Local Media to Promote OT Month</u>.

**Commit to visit the OTOntario website.** Make sure you get to know <u>OTOntario</u>! It's a great resource to share with clients, families, volunteers & management as is the <u>Find-an-OT online tool</u> which helps people find private OTs. Don't forget to view our new <u>animated videos</u>!

**Change up your email signature & voicemail message for OT Month!** This is such an easy way to "do your part to promote OT" during OT Month *and* always! Why not include "Learn more about occupational therapy at <u>www.OTOntario.ca</u>". See other suggestions on the <u>OSOT website</u>.

**Watch for our OT Photo Contest** which will launch in September with a deadline of October 31st. We hope this can be a fun, VISUAL way to promote and celebrate our profession! Our goal is to attract photos of real life seniors in everyday occupations. Think about it – we all know a senior!

**Browse OSOT's** <u>Promotional Resources pages</u> to plan your promotions. Use our photos, posters, quotes, flyers, promotional products – they're all yours to use. Plan your posters, bulletin boards, email flyers now so you're ready! <u>Order promotional products</u> NOW!

**Listen to OSOT's new** *Leadership in mOTion* **podcast series.** OT Month is about celebrating OT too, so make a commitment to give yourself an OT inspiration break. We're releasing a weekly podcast during October that reminds us we're *all* leaders from whatever chair we lead from.

**Engage in OSOT's Social Media OT Month promotions!** Promoting OT on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>LinkedIn</u> and <u>Twitter</u> is so easy for you to support – just share our posts with your networks...let's see how far we can push our messages! Follow us on social media & watch for our new OT promoting videos!

**Recruit a colleague to OSOT membership!** Strengthening our membership base is a terrific way to ensure we can enhance promotion of our profession. Commit to talk to your colleagues about <u>the value of OSOT</u>. Why not share our new <u>What would it Take? Recruitment video</u>.

**Connect with your Professional Network and share that it's OT Month.** Start an annual tradition of communicating with your network of suppliers, referral sources, etc. – they could pass along the OT Month message! We've got <u>*Tips for Connecting with your Professional Network*</u>.

**Do your part to promote OT!** Need OT Month ideas? Why not browse our list of successful initiatives shared by colleagues for some <u>inspiration</u>. Don't forget to send us your OT Month your ideas and initiatives. Send them to <u>osot@osot.on.ca</u>.



For more promotional resources visit www.osot.on.ca or the public-facing www.OTOntario.ca