

# NEWSLETTER

June 2022

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Hello GATA Members,

This month ...

- We're celebrating Pride and Juneteenth!
  - We share updates on our continued move toward art therapy licensure
  - Explore ways to stay connected with the GATA community
  - And ICYMI, early bird registration is now open for the annual AATA conference in Minneapolis! [Click here to register!!](#)
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## Art Therapy Licensure

**As the field of professional counseling continues to narrow its scope, the future of art therapy depends increasingly on state licensure.**

The good news is that AATA has resources and is committed to supporting local chapters in these efforts, so we don't have to navigate this alone. The GATA Board met with Tyler Kirby, AATA's Advocacy & Public Affairs Manager, who helped clarify milestones along the way to licensure.

Tyler can help advise on potential barriers based on other states' experiences and can also support us in drafting a bill. Additionally, one of our members has connected with a potential sponsor for the bill (this is REALLY exciting)!

The first step is establishing a state-wide base of supporters among GATA members and non-members, community stakeholders, and mental health advocates. Please help us by filling out our survey and sharing it with others who love art therapy and may be willing to volunteer.

**[Click here to complete the licensure survey](#)**

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**We need  
your input**

This survey should take about 5 minutes to complete.

Please share the survey with your art therapy colleagues who may not be a member of GATA.

# Things we are celebrating this month

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## June is Pride Month

The advocacy for the LGBTQ+ community is an evolving conversation that requires social action and personal reflection to support and affirm the many different parts/experiences/intersections that create the complexity of identity. Below are resources to learn more:

[\*\*Fifty Years of Atlanta Pride\*\*](#)

[\*\*Pride Month 2022: LGBTQ+ Mental Health Resources\*\*](#)

[\*\*Creating an Inclusive and Equitable Space for LGBTQIA+ Clients\*\*](#)

[\*\*Maintaining Connection with the LGBTQIA Child with Play Therapy\*\*](#)

Use promo code: JUN22 for free access



## GATA is here to support all art therapists

More than ever, the GATA Board wants our chapter to be a place of connection and support. We have created a streamlined process for sharing information among members.

If you would like any news or events highlighted on the GATA website, our social media pages, or in our newsletter, please fill out our media form. To be included in our newsletter, the form should be completed by the first Monday of the month.

[\*\*Click here to submit a media post request\*\*](#)

## Juneteenth

This month we also are honoring Juneteenth, which recognized the events of June 19, 1865, when Union General - Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, one of the last states to inform enslaved African Americans that the Civil War had ended and they were free. This historic moment was two years after the Emancipation Proclamation stated all enslaved people shall be free.

[\*\*Senses of Freedom: The Taste, Sound, and Experience of an African American Celebration\*\*](#)

[\*\*AATA & Juneteenth\*\*](#)