Hi,

I am a German OT working in a Forensic High Secure Hospital. O.T. in Forensic (in Germany) seems to be a profession without a clear frame in this multidisciplinary setting - apart from "to handicrafts" and offering a work place. Together with a colleague - we are writing on a conceptual frame to describe the possible role of O.T. in Forensic setting in Germany (Brandenburg) ... Aiming a clearer view to the possibilities and variety of services of O.T. in this sector - focusing on Occupational Balance.

Has anyone of you experiences in this points? What types of diagnostic instruments would you recommend to handle with as OT (like criminal prognoses)? Do you have ideas how the line between O.T. and work could be created clearly (assessments, ...)? Any recommendations would be great.

Markus

March 28, 2006 11:26 pm

Markus-
I recommend you check out the evidence based practice search on the MOHO website. A few articles have been written about this, and OT and MOHO in forensics has been discussed often on this list- you can find archived copies of these past discussions at [http://www.moho.uic.edu/archived_list_serv.html](http://www.moho.uic.edu/archived_list_serv.html)

In addition, please note that the newest version of the OCAIRS assessment includes an interview specifically tailored to clients in forensic settings. This interview was created by therapists working in this setting. Additionally, the OCAIRS assesses overall occupational participation- a MOHO concept that is aligned with the WHO concepts of disability and participation, and perhaps a concept that has more research and theoretical development than the concept of occupational balance- although I believe occupational participation and successful occupational
participation is what you mean when you speak of occupational balance! You can see information about the OCAIRS in the products section of our website and also in the evidence based practice search.

Best of luck to you-

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April 6, 2006 2:25 am

Hello

I am an OT working in forensic mental health. A colleague of mine finished her dissertation this year "Daily occupations and mental disordered offenders in Sweden". At Uppsala University, the medicine faculty, ISBN : 91-554-6423-8

Mvh/ Carl-Fredrik