

Thank you all who attended the SW District “Social Hour” meeting. We accomplished a lot in a small amount of time. For those who were unable to attend, we hope to see you at the next meeting. Please remember that meeting dates, times, and locations are located on the IOTA website.

Topic of Discussion: April is OT Month! How can we educate others about OT? We discussed clearly defining OT and having a group come up with a checklist or format to give to other professionals regarding, “when to refer to an OT.” We discussed ideas for public awareness such as; having a booth at the mall, going to senior centers, talking with Dave Bieter, talking with District Mayors, newspapers, and television stations. Doing public education announcements such as; backpack awareness, wearing helmets, health and wellness programs, etc.

Ideas for continuing education workshops: splinting, interventions in school systems, school and outpatient therapy collaboration, home health, mentoring programs, etc.

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