Justice-Based Occupational Therapy: Advancing Occupational Justice Through a Collaborative Network

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BACKGROUND
Justice Based Occupational Therapy (JBOT) assembled an international network of OTs and key stakeholders to promote justice reform. The goals of JBOT are to:
- Explore the role of occupational therapy in justice-based practice, teaching, and research, identifying which information is critical for sharing with a wider audience
- Disseminate resources to articulate the role of occupational therapy in justice-based practice (Jaegers et al., 2020a).

In early 2020, we identified four needed actions: advocacy/policy, education, resources, and research to advance occupational justice. In this study we sought to compile activities related to occupational justice during 2020-2021 to describe actions taken.

DESIGN
- Descriptive study design
- Using qualitative approach JBOT defined constructs for coding artifacts into the four main action categories: advocacy/policy, education, resources, and research.

RESULTS
- The four focus areas of JBOT were substantially represented within JBOT and the OT community in the form of 56 artifacts. Solutions (n=26), Concerns (n=17) and other feedback were suggested.
- Findings indicate the overarching theme of occupational justice is becoming more prominent in legislation, practice, and education.

Examples of Artifacts

CONCLUSION: We found forward momentum of justice-related advocacy/policy, education, resources, and research and the need for exploration of sustainability. A powerful influence on occupational therapy has been exhibited in one year by way of needed actions identified by JBOT, however, wider spread dissemination is needed for maximizing impact.