Meeting Clients Where They Are: Strategies to Adapt Directives and Materials
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Learning Objectives

Clients
- Knowing your population
- Understanding a client’s ability as well as their goals

Directives
- Understand the need to adapt the directive to meet the client's abilities while encouraging them to discover their own potential

Materials
- Making adaptations to materials for ease of use and to further personal growth
- Being willing to change materials to fit the needs of the client

Cognitive

Merriam Webster’s Medical: A branch of psychology concerned with mental processes (as perception, thinking, learning and memory) especially with respect to the internal event occurring between sensory stimulations and the overt expression of behavior
Clients

Ethics Guidelines can be found on websites for AATA and ATCB and your Local Governing Body.

Always follow HIPAA Guidelines.

Always be aware of your boundaries and theirs.

Cognitive Impairment

- Dementia
- Developmental Delays
- Intellectual Delays
- Mild Cognitive Impairment
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Stroke
- Amnesia
- Substance induced
- Motor skill issues

Clients

- Who are your clients?
- Groups or Individuals
- What are their goals?
- How can those goals be met?
What kind of timeline do you have to work in?
Do you observe only?
Do you create along side?

Directives
Open ended
Fluid
Easily adaptable
Relatable
Relative

What is the purpose of the directive?
Assessment
Expression
Starting point
How do you work with those who cannot understand simple words?

Materials
Accessible
Appropriate
Adaptable
Materials
Be easily found
Cost effective yet good quality
Variety of size handles
Kneaded erasers
Painters tape
Paint boards
Sandpaper

Try to shop local
Recycle: Cardboard, Tape rolls, Styrofoam trays, cardboard tubes
Box chain stores
Online companies

Client work
The following work is shared for educational purposes and is not intended for distribution.
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Out of respect for the clients

Hand on Art
Paper
Pencils or crayons
Sunglasses/play glasses
Lotion/Coconut oil
Cotton balls
Gloves/mittens
Person Picking Apples from a Tree

Draw an apple tree

Draw a person picking apples from the tree.

Questions???

Thanks for your participation!