



A Summit on the Future of Recreational Therapy
San Antonio, TX | October 17-20, 2025
Schedule at a Glance

Registration Open (At Morgan's Sports) 11:00a-2:00p

Friday, October 17, 2025

Morgan's Sports Event | 5025 David Edwards Dr, San Antonio, TX 7823

Daily Theme: ATRA Gives Back Day: Powered by Purpose

11:15a-11:45a	Shuttle service for attendees from Hotel to Morgan's. Shuttle leaves the hotel at 11:15 AM (limited, pre-paid in advance)	
12:00-2:00p	Designing Wonder: A Guided Exploration of Morgan's and the Power of Universal Inclusion (0.2 CEUs) - At Morgan's Wonderland	
2:00-2:30	Short walk from Morgan's Wonderland to Morgan's Sports Complex. 15-20 min walk on level, flat ground.	
2:30-4:30p*	Session: Bridging Possibility: Adaptive Equipment, Experiential Learning, and Strategic Partnerships in Uncertain Times (0.1 CEUs)	Session: United For Impact: Statewide Partnerships For Para Athlete Development (0.1 CEUs)
4:30-5:30p	Dinner on Own (Food Trucks onsite at Morgan's Sports)	
5:30-7:30p	Friday Night Lights: Adaptive and Inclusive Sports and Outdoor Expo at Morgans Sports (0.2 CEUs) (open to the public)	
7:30-8:00p	Shuttle service for attendees to hotel. Shuttle leaves Morgan's Sports at 7:30pm (limited, pre-paid in advance)	

At this time, ATRA San Antonio registered attendees are invited to the Morgan's Sports day. Please join the waitlist if you are interested in a single-day registration, openings are not guaranteed. The Friday Night Lights event at Morgan's Sports is open to the public to attend.

* Sessions will be offered twice during this block, attendees will attend each session once. Sessions will be located at Morgan's Sports Complex

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Registration Open 7:00a - 4:00p

Exhibitors Open 10:00-5:00p

Saturday, October 18, 2025		The Future of Advocacy and Practice Theme			
Daily Theme: ATRA Gear Day	Ballroom ABC General & Feature Sessions	Minuet Room	Patio Room	Renaissance (2nd Floor)	Cavalier
8:30-10:00a	Navigating Change: The Impact of 2025 Federal Shifts on Disability Services and Recreational Therapy-Dawn DeVries				
10:00-10:30a	Board Installation				
10:30-11:00a	Break with Exhibitors				
11:00-12:00p	2025 Trends and Issues in Older Adult Settings for RT Practitioners: Educational topics with interactive discussions to inform today's practice into the future! – Kaitlin Mueller et al.	Reviving State Affiliations in Recreational Therapy: The ASTRA Blueprint for Rebuilding – Dr. Beth Anne Dietrich, Ed.D et al.	If You Build It, They Will Benefit: Advancing Recreational Therapy in Schools – Angela Wozencroft et al.	NCTRC and the CTRS Credential - The Future of Advocacy – Robin McNeal et al.	
12:00-1:30p	Lunch on Own				
1:30-3:00p	The Future of Practice: Medicaid Waivers - Paving the Way for Sustainable RT Services – Ashley Bowen et al.				
3:00-3:15p	Transition Break (15 minutes)				
3:15-4:15p	Forging a New Path: Fostering Veteran Reintegration Through Tactical Partnerships in Adaptive Sports – Nicole Entrup et al.	D&D – Developing and Discovering Prosocial Skills – Stephanie Lynn Salters et al.	Disorders of Consciousness: Diagnostic Overview and Treatment Implications for RT – Katy Mayer	“Communitas and Liminality Reimagined”: Renewing Overnight Programming for the Future of Recreational Therapy – Ben Rivet	
4:15-5:00p	Break with Exhibitors				
5:00-7:00p	Awards Ceremony & Exhibitors Social				

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Exhibitors Open 7:30-5:00p

Sunday, October 19, 2025		The Future of Education and Research Themes			
Daily Theme: University & RT Gear Day	Ballroom ABC General & Feature Sessions	Minuet Room	Patio Room	Renaissance (2nd Floor)	Cavalier
8:00-9:30a	The Current and Future State of Recreational Therapy Education – Brent L. Hawkins et al.				
9:30-10:00a	Poster Presentations Break				
10:00-11:00a	Building Bridges that Last: An Innovative Academic-Practice Partnership in Community-based Recreational Therapy and Adaptive Sports – Patti Craig et al.	In the Zone: Where Theory Meets the Leisure Ability Model – Emily Higgins et al.	Evaluating the RT Playbook: A Series of Online Educational Videos Focused on Recreational Therapy Assessments – Lauren Bade	Research Institute 1 –	
11:00-12:30p	Lunch on Own				
12:30-2:00p	How Do We Advance the Evidence Base for RT Practice? – Gena Bell Vargas et al.				
2:00-2:30p	Exhibitors Break				
2:30-3:30p	"Breaking Barriers: Advancing Group Programming in Recreational Therapy with Evidence-Based Strategies" – Laura Kelly	Recreational Therapy Grant Writing & Collaboration for Research Success – Aurora Verlin et al.	Research Institute 2 –	Research Institute 3 –	
3:30-3:45p	Transition Break (15 minutes)				
3:45-4:45p	Recreational Therapy at the NIH: A Focus on Progressive Multifocal Leukoencephalopathy (PML) – Stefan Ellington et al.	From Concept to Reality: Implementable solutions for incorporating EBP into your practice area – Valerie Lazzara Mould	Research Institute 4 –	Research Institute 5 –	CARTE Brief Overview & Site Visitor Training – Tim Passmore

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Exhibitors Open 7:30-5:00p

Monday, October 20, 2025		The Future of the Profession Theme			
Daily Theme: Texas Farewell Day: Boots & Blazers	Ballroom ABC General & Feature Sessions	Minuet Room	Patio Room	Renaissance (2nd Floor)	Cavalier
8:00-9:00a	ATRA in Action: 2025 Edition – Brent Wolfe				
9:00-9:30a	Break with Exhibitors				
9:30-10:30a	ET in RT: Where Technological Wonder Meets Human Vulnerability – Susan Purrington	NeuroDrive: Integrating Golf-Based Interventions for Neurodevelopmental Disorders in Recreational Therapy – Lilli Higgins	Supporting Emotional Resilience: Addressing Climate Emotions through Nature – Alexis Ashworth	Documenting the Dose of Therapeutic Recreation Services through FITT: Frequency, Intensity, Time and Type – Kristin Greenlee et al.	The Use of Recreation Therapy with Transplant Patients – Ashley Robinson et al.
10:30-11:00a	Break with Exhibitors				
11:00-12:00p	Nature Based Therapeutic Interventions for Veterans Using Federal Lands – Sean Gartland et al.	Framing the future: Advancing recreational therapies scope of practice – Brent Wolfe et al.	Cultural Awareness in Recreational Therapy: Identifying Mental Health and Suicide Risk Across Ethnic Groups – Brittany Mays et al.	Seeing Self Through Art: A/r/tography as a Leisure Resource for Self-Expression and Resilience in Recreational Therapy – Christina J Coleman et al.	Breaking Barriers: A Holistic Approach to Adaptive Sports in Recreational Therapy – Rita Penniman et al.
12:00-1:30p	Lunch On Own + Take A Student to Lunch				
1:30-3:00p	Social Prescribing Movement: How Does it Interact with Recreational Therapy Practice? – Betsy Kemeny et al.	Unlocking RT's Value: How Documentation Systems Are Changing the Game – Tye Callan Thompson et al.	Rewriting the Playbook: Integrating Health and Wellness Practices into Adaptive Sports to Promote Sustainable Independence – Nicole Entrup et al.	The impact of stress and trauma on quality of life; and the opportunity to offer healing through evidence-based Recreational Therapy – Holly A Eichner	School Based Recreation Therapy for Children and Youth with Diverse needs – Linda Martin et al.
3:00-3:15p	Transition Break (15 minutes)				
3:15-4:15p	From Reflection to Action: The Future of RT Starts Here – Brent Wolfe				