

Special Topic Forum – VIRTUAL

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DATE AND TIME
Thursday, September 4,
2025
 5:30pm – 7:00pm

- Session will be recorded with the exclusion of breakouts.
- The recording will be available approximately 2 weeks following.
- PDUs will be entered into your OTAC account. (Be sure to complete the post-event questionnaire to be eligible for PDUs.)

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Wednesday, September 3,
2025

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Building a Therapeutic Relationship During a Client Evaluation Using a Trauma-Informed Lens (1.5 PDUs)

This presentation is designed for all OT practitioners to apply across all practice areas.

Presenters Ingrid Leu, OTD, OTR/L, CTIS, and Bianca Callier, OTD, OTR/L, CTIS

How do you gather a medical background and an occupational profile of a new client when the circumstances that brought them to you were traumatic? This presentation will pull concepts from the “Trauma-Informed Educator Certification” training course by the Community Resilience Initiative hosted by OTAC and apply them to the occupational therapy (OT) process, specifically evaluation. Through small group workshops, there will be an opportunity to learn how to apply trauma-informed care concepts and incorporate our OT lens to build emotionally safe therapeutic relationships.

Learning Objectives

Participants will learn how to:

- maintain a therapeutic relationship.
- create a consistently safe and supportive emotional environment.
- establish a therapeutic relationship utilizing concepts from the trauma-informed educator certification course.

Fee Members \$19 | Nonmembers \$29



Ingrid Leu, OTD, OTR/L, CTIS, is the associate vice president of education and director of occupational therapy at Exodus Recovery where she oversees OT services across inpatient and outpatient psychiatric programs in Los Angeles County. Leu leads staff training and program development to improve quality of care and expand access to meaningful, occupation-based interventions for individuals with serious mental illness. She also teaches psychosocial practice and community programming in the MSOT program at Stanbridge University.



Bianca Callier, OTD, OTR/L, is a doctoral graduate of occupational therapy from West Coast University, Center for Graduate Studies. She demonstrates her passion for leadership serving on the OTAC Membership Committee as well as having held a three-year term as OTAC Region 2 director. Callier attends the OTAC Annual Conference regularly and is dedicated to advocating for the work of our state association by encouraging others to join as members, become leaders, and participate in OTAC-sponsored events. She is an educator, aquatic OT, and is passionate about creating culturally inclusive programming through infusing a trauma-informed approach into her practice.

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