#### Fieldwork Success Plans – Part I



Bridget A. Trivinia, MS OTR/L Caryn Reichlin Johnson, MS OTR/L, FAOTA Philadelphia Region Fieldwork Consortium 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Clinical Council Day March 17, 2016

#### Collaboration is Key

- Responsibilities for OT Program and Site
  - Academic Fieldwork Coordinator (AFWC) should collaborate to develop site-specific learning objectives
  - Ensure the fieldwork program has qualified personnel to serve as fieldwork educators
  - Communicate about progress and performance during the placement

#### Objectives

- Understand responsibilities of Academic Program and Fieldwork Site
- Define purpose of Level II Fieldwork
- Identify problems leading to student difficulty during
  Level II Fieldwork
- Understand tools of a successful fieldwork experience
  - 8 Week Schedule (OTAS)/12 Week Schedule (OTS)
  - Site-Specific Learning Objectives
  - Midterm Fieldwork Performance Evaluation (FWPE)
  - Fieldwork Success Plan (Learning Contract)

## Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

- What is FERPA?
  - Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records (U.S. Department of Education, 2016)
  - Schools must have written permission from the eligible student in order to release any information from a student's education record (U.S. Department of Education, 2016)
  - FERPA impacts sharing of information

#### Collaboration is Key

- · Responsibilities of the Academic Program
  - Provide fieldwork educators with information regarding specific didactic coursework and curriculum design
  - Provide fieldwork information on expectations and learning objectives
  - Ensure fieldwork site is equipped to meet curriculum goals
  - Ensure fieldwork site is equipped to provide educational experiences applicable to academic program

### FERPA: What Can't We Share?

- Academic history
- · Previous fieldwork performance
- Medical conditions
- · Learning conditions

#### Level II Fieldwork

- Purpose
  - Develop competent, entry-level, generalist
     occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants
  - Must include in-depth experience in delivering occupational therapy services to clients
  - Focus on application of purposeful and meaningful occupation, research, administration, and management
  - Exposure to variety of clients across life span and settings

#### Level II Fieldwork

- AFWC/OT/OTA Program Responsibilities
  - Ensure there will be no language barrier (verbal or written) between student, client population, fieldwork educator, AFWC
  - Ensure compliance with ACOTE standards
  - Ensure student and fieldwork educator understand formal student performance evaluation form and procedures for review

#### Level II Fieldwork

- Fieldwork Educator Responsibilities
  - Recommended that they be members of professional associations
  - Adhere to AOTA Code of Ethics
  - Have access to current professional resources
  - Structure opportunities for informal and formal reflection

#### Level II Fieldwork

- · Responsibilities of the Fieldwork Site
  - Provide documentation of most recent review conducted by governing entity
  - Ensure fieldwork educators and students understand and comply with:
    - AOTA Code of Ethics
    - Applicable practice guidelines
    - Reimbursement standards for federal, state and local agencies, and third party reimbursement

#### Level II Fieldwork

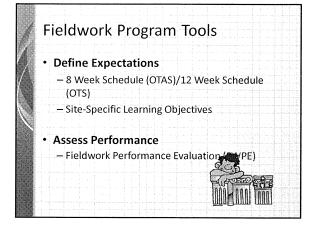
- AFWC/OT/OTA Program Responsibilities
  - Recruit fieldwork educators who have adequate professional qualifications
  - Provide materials for fieldwork educators to support their development of supervisory skills
  - Ensure students are advised of prerequisites

#### Level II Fieldwork

- Responsibilities of the Fieldwork Site
  - May not expand services offered through placement of fieldwork students
  - Provide adequate physical space for clientrelated services
  - Maintain complete client and administrative
  - documentation
  - Provide in-service education for its staff
  - Support research activities
  - Comply with all HIPAA regulations

The strong student is easy ...

What do we do with a challenging student?



Small Group Activity

Let's First Identify

Student Challenges ...

Level II Fieldwork

• Weekly Schedule

- Defines the student's responsibilities

- Overall expectations

- Productivity expectations

- Assignments

- Setting/unit specific

- See sample

# Facilitating Student Success Understanding our respective roles Ensure Fieldwork Program tools are in place Communicate and collaborate with AFWC

Level II Fieldwork —
Overall Expectations

Become an active part of the treatment team.
Achieve entry level competency in documentation: initial and reevaluations, SOAP notes, discharge notes, ADL evaluations, standardized and functional outcome measures established by fieldwork supervisor; caregiver education/interventions.
Implement evidenced-based practice.
Develop strong basic repertoire of activities for use in treatment.
Recognize how theoretical frameworks are applied in treatment.
Identify attributes of self as a therapist.
Give a formal presentation according to established criteria.

#### Level II Fieldwork – Overall Expectations

- · Participate actively in supervision process
- Develop skills to identify clients' need for OT evaluation and skilled intervention services.
- Develop skills in administering evaluations and reviewing results with Fieldwork Educator.
- Be responsible for case management of 120 units of direct patient care.
- Complete all assignments on-time and in a professional manner, using APA references and terminology from the Occupational Therapy Practice Framework: Domain and Practice
- Refer to AOTA Fieldwork Evaluation form and Site-Specific Behavioral Objectives.

## Considerations for Site-Specific Learning Objectives

- How can you measure/evaluate that the student is progressing at midterm and entry-level at final?
  - Who is the student? OTAS or OTS?
  - What is the practice setting?
  - Level of independence?
  - Frequency of performance?
  - Quality of performance?

## Weekly Schedule See Sample

#### Site-Specific Examples

- FWPE (OTS) Item #16
  - Establishes an accurate and appropriate plan based on evaluation results, integrating multiple factors such as client's priorities, context(s), theories & evidence-based practice
  - School setting: Provides behavior-based measurable occupational therapy goals during the IEP meeting that reflect the student's needs and priorities
  - Acute care hospital setting: Develops within 24 hours after evaluation an intervention plan that is achievable within client's length of stay

#### Site-Specific Learning Objectives

- Best Practice
- · Allows for objective scoring of items on the FWPE
  - Descriptors correspond to each criteria on the FWPE
  - Specific to site/unit
- AOTA strongly encourages and expects fieldwork sites to develop in collaboration with academic programs
- See sample

#### Site-Specific Examples

- FWPE/OTAS Item #8
  - Establishes service competency in assessment methods, including but not limited to interviews, observations, assessment tools, and chart reviews within the context of the service delivery setting
  - Mental health setting: Accurately administers the Allen Cognitive Level Screen and the structured intake interview after establishment of service competency
  - Rehab setting: Accurately completes the ADL/mobility assessments using the FIM® scale after establishment of service competency

#### Use the RUMBA Test

- R = Is the objective relevant to the practice setting, and is it an essential entry-level skill for the practice
- U = Is the objective understandable to the student?
- M = Is the objective measurable? Can the performance be measured?
- B = Is the objective behavioral? Can the objective be seen?
- A = Is the objective achievable within the desired time frame?

Fieldwork Perfo	
Areas Assessed	Rating Scale
લ્લFundamentals of Practice લ્લBasic Tenets of Occupational Therapy	<ul> <li>4 – Exceeds expectations</li> <li>3 – Meets standards</li> </ul>
প্ৰEvaluation and Screening প্ৰেIntervention	2 - Needs improvement
AManagement of OT Services	• 1 - Unsatisfactory
व्यCommunication व्यProfessional Behaviors	(AUIA, ZUI4);

#### Give It A Try ...

#### FWPE OTS Item #2

 Adheres consistently to safety regulations. Anticipates potentially hazardous situations & takes steps to prevent accidents for clients & staff members throughout fieldwork related activities

#### **Fieldwork Performance Evaluation (FWPE)**

- Completed at midterm (and final)
- Use Site-Specific Learning Objectives
- Submitted copy completed by fieldwork educator
- Student should do a self-appraisal at midterm (and final)
- Midterm Score (OTS)
  - Satisfactory Performance = 90 and above
- Unsatisfactory Performance = 89 and below Midterm Score (OTAS)
  - Satisfactory Performance = 54 and above
  - Unsatisfactory Performance = 53 and below

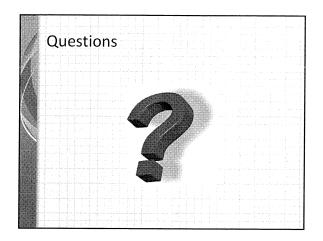
(AOTA, 2014)

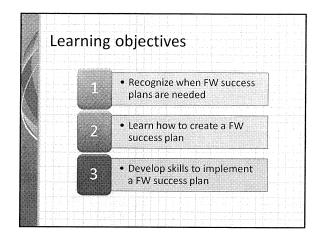
#### Resources Are Available

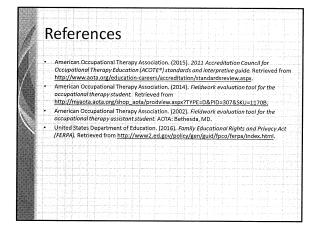
- · Academic Fieldwork Coordinator
- Philadelphia Region Fieldwork Consortium Website www.philaotfwconsortium.org
- AOTA Website www.aota.org

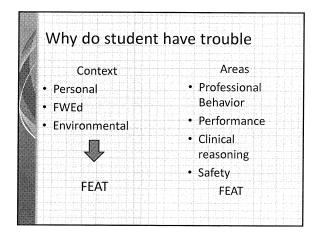
#### Unsatisfactory Performance ... What Do I Do Now?

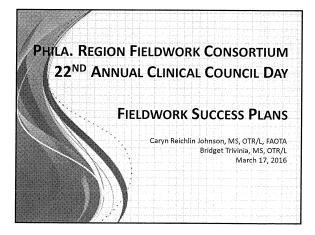
- Contact the AFWC
- Request a site visit
- Collaborate with the AFWC to determine need and parameters of Fieldwork Success Plan

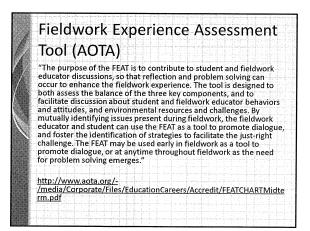


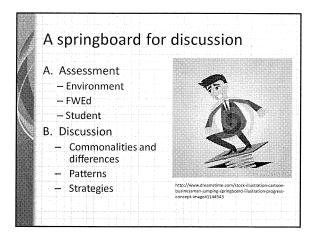


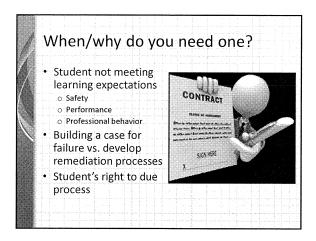


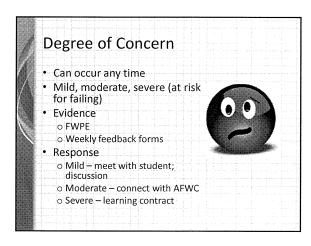


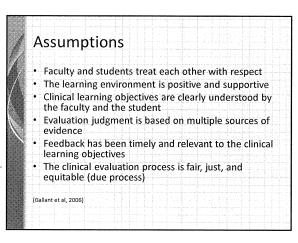




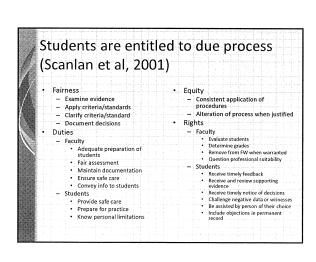


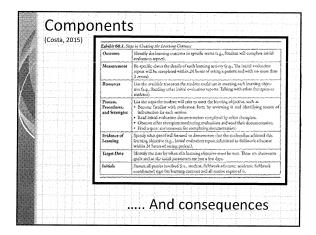


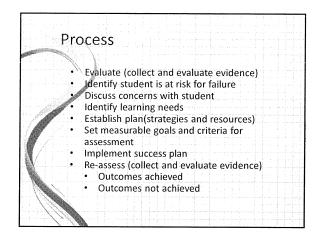


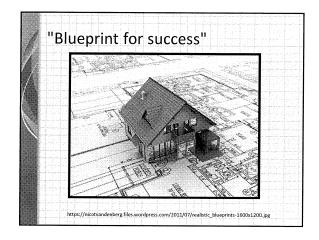


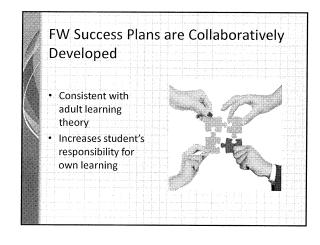
# What is a FW Success Plan? "... a written agreement between teacher and student wish makes explicit what a learner will do to achieve specific learning outcomes." (Gallant et al, 2006) Situated in adult learning theory Learners assume responsibility for the direction and focus of their learning (Knowles et al, 2005)

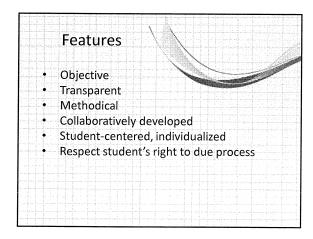


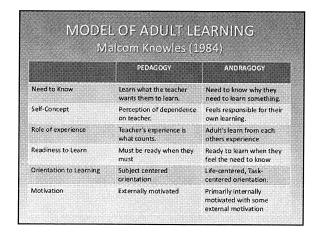


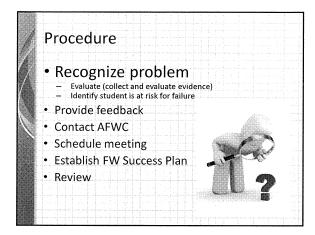


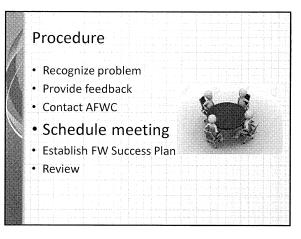


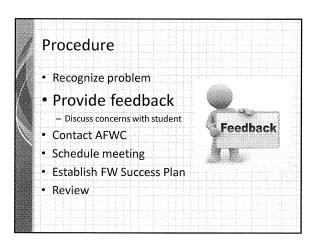


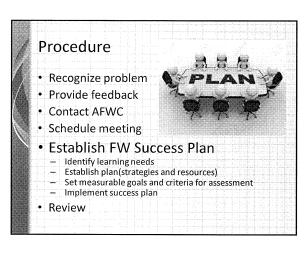


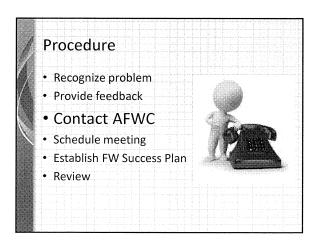


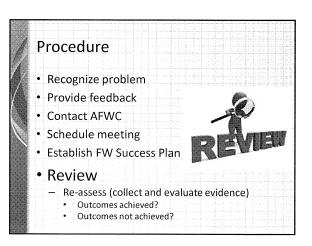


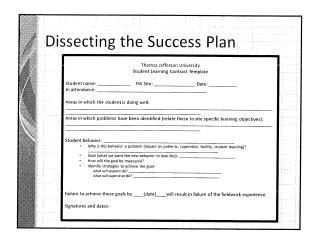








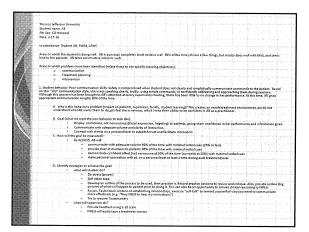




#### A word about safety

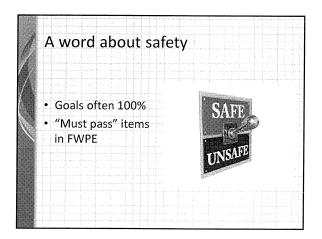
"Unsafe clinical practice is behavior that places the client or staff in either physical or emotional jeopardy. Physical jeopardy is the risk of causing physical harm. Emotional jeopardy means that the student creates an environment of anxiety or distress which puts the client or family at risk for emotional or psychological harm unsafe clinical practice is an occurrence, or pattern of behavior involving an unacceptable risk."

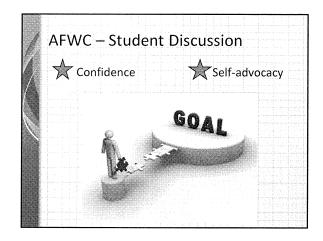
(Scanlan et al. 2001)

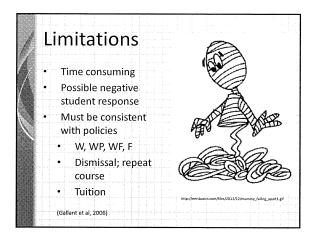


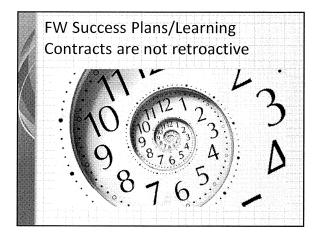
# A word about safety • How many incidents constitute "unsafe practice"? • Is one incident enough, or should there be a pattern? • What type of incident is unsafe, compared to practice that constitutes failure (Scanlan et al, 2001)

Grads to be contidant	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	Teesday	944	Thursday	Friday	FWE4
Vertically identify at linear attachments to Ci prosite beginning of assum 100 cm the time.						
Verterly identify potential configuration to have in a configuration for the first state.						
Occurs with O plan in keep time organized during handling poor to handling potent 100% of the time						
Execute fore pattent handling, incorporating plan for hamping hims organized throughout entire session time of the time						
Communicate process only we change awing all functional transfers (monitors thank of the time						
Coals to be met at \$0 and the coal and the coals at the page		72.017.03				
Confidently expressions of occupational therapy to patients and families and standing class to patient 90 % of the time.						
Confidently provide perions and tamily advention and standing close to patient PPA of the time (meaning, goals of section, post on precedions, display)						
Identify estimated in the control of the control of the time						
Property CO Performs plans that include 3 personal managed (Description for every section 97% of the time						
Provide prepar hand off communication to life, P.f. MD. 3W 1006 of the time with nigh swind constroint forbidding from those status, cognitive status, transfers, relevant martinal changes, of pilan						

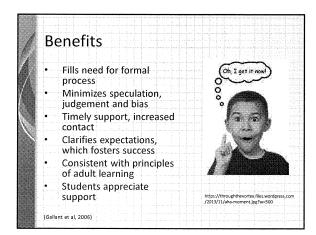


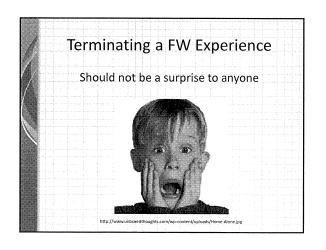


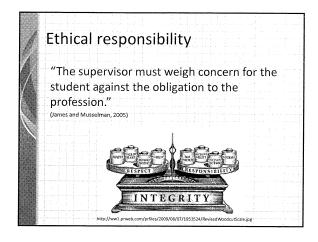












Failing a student "failure" is really just that necessary struggle called learning.

#### Preparation for terminating

- Documentation
- Timing
- Who will say the words
- · Emotional preparation
- Ground rules
- Consequences
- Preserve student's dignity
- · Obtain property of site
- · Only the academic program can assign grade

#### Failure to Fail

- Inexperience, uncertainty,
- · Second-guessing self, blame self
- · Lack of training, administrative support
- Concern for student (personal, financial, etc)
- Inadequate documentation, feedback, timing
- Personal response (stress, emotions, fear of student response)

(Costa, 2015)

#### Follow-up by AFWC

- Student
- FWEd

"Fieldwork educators have often said that failing a student is the most difficult task encountered."

(Costa, 2015, p. 514)

#### Case Story

Emma is a 26 y.o. EMOT student. Her FW placement is in an acute care setting, a primary interest of hers. At midterm she received a 96 (90=satisfactory). During weeks 7-8, the FWEd (Sally) became concerned that Emma was still demonstrating inconsistent performance with transfers (forgetting to lock brakes and check on lines). In addition, Emma was below the expected caseload and did not feel ready to take on more patients. Lastly, Emma had become increasingly resistive to feedback.

#### References

- Costa, D. M. (Ed.). (2004). The essential guide to occupational therapy fieldwork education; Resources for today's educators and practitioners (p. 208). Bethesda, MD: AOTA Press: The American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc.
- Costa, D. (2007), Fieldwork issues. Using learning contracts in fieldwork education. OT Practice, 12(12), 11-12 2p.
- Gallant M, Mac Donald J, Higuchi, KAS (2006). A remediation process for nursing students at risk for clinical failure. Nurse educator 31 (5), pp 223 - 227.
- James, K. L., & Musselman, L. (2006). Commonalities in level II fieldwork failure.
   Occupational Therapy in Health Care, 19(4), 67-81.
- Knowles, M., Holton, E., And Swanson, R. (2005). The adult learner: The definitive classic in adult education and human resource development (6th edition). Boston: Butterworth -Heinemann.
- Knowles, M. S. (1984). Andragogy in action: . San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.
- Scanlan, J. M., Care, W. D., & Gessler, S. (2001). Dealing with the Unsafe Student in Clinical Practice. Nurse Educator, 26(1), 23-27.

ž.		
•		
•		
•		
- -		