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Dear Dr. Massanari:

In 2012, the Regional Resource Center Program (RRCP) released a document entitled *Key Principles of Early Intervention and Effective Practices: A Crosswalk with Statements from Discipline-Specific Literature*. The American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) comments about the RRCP document are as follows:

AOTA is cited throughout the document, and there is a designated section entitled *A Crosswalk with the American Occupational Therapy* [sic] *Position Statements*. However, input from AOTA was not solicited or provided during the paper's development or review.

In addition, the RRCP document refers to "AOTA Position Statements." However, the majority of this content is from a 2006 article published in AOTA's practice magazine (Pilkington, 2006). This article is not an AOTA official document, and "…the opinions and positions expressed by contributors are their own and not necessarily those of *OT Practice's* editors or AOTA" (AOTA, 2006, p. 1). Therefore, opinions expressed by Pilkington in the 2006 article, and used to develop the RRCP document, should not be construed as those of AOTA. Finally, due to the date of publication, this issue of OT Practice is no longer retrievable.

AOTA has recently published several resources regarding evidence-based occupational therapy practice in early intervention. These include systematic reviews published in the July/August 2013 special issue of the *American Journal of Occupational Therapy: Special Issue on Occupational Therapy and Early Intervention/Early Childhood* (AOTA, 2013; Case-Smith, 2013; Case-Smith, Clark; & Schlabach, 2013; Howe & Wang, 2013;

Kingsley & Mailloux, 2013) and the Occupational Therapy Practice Guidelines for Early Childhood: Birth through 5 Years (Clark & Kingsley, 2013). These resources help to articulate how evidence-based interventions within the scope of occupational therapy practice support the development of the child and help to build family capacity.

Sincerely,

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