American Art Therapy Association
POSITION STATEMENT

ADVOCACY FOR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS AND PERSONS
Effective February 17, 2012

The American Art Therapy Association advocates for outstanding art therapy services to be provided to vulnerable populations and persons as designated by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The American Art Therapy Association supports the inclusion of art therapy services for vulnerable populations and persons in federal and state policies, legislation, regulations, judicial actions, and initiatives, and their appropriate funding and reimbursement.

The American Art Therapy Association supports art therapy services and programs for vulnerable populations and persons as designated by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Vulnerable Populations and Persons are defined by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as including but not limited to the following populations:

a. Infants, children, and adolescents
b. Young adults, older adults, seniors
c. Survivors (military and civilian) of war-related physical and/or psychological trauma
d. Survivors of domestic abuse, other violence, and various types of traumas
e. Survivors of natural disasters
f. People with physical and/or mental challenges
g. Socially/financially disadvantaged persons
h. Uninsured and under-insured persons
i. Tribal people (whether living on reserved tribal land or elsewhere)
j. Homeless people
k. Immigrants
l. Refugees