

## **WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF OCCUPATONAL THERAPY MISSION STATEMENT**

**Occupational therapy is skilled treatment that helps individuals learn or re-learn daily living and developmental skills, which may include dressing/bathing, feeding, fine motor, and play/hobbies. The primary purpose of occupational therapy is to insure that individuals achieve or maintain their capacities to function in daily activities at a level which allows as much independence as possible.**

**The West Virginia Board of Occupational Therapy regulates and licenses persons providing occupational therapy services to the general public in the State of West Virginia. The Board's purposes are to protect consumers and promote quality of occupational therapy services, and to assure the highest degree of professional care and conduct on the part of occupational therapist and occupational therapist assistants. The Board's duties include licensing occupational therapists and occupational therapist assistants, setting standards for the practice of occupational therapy through regulations and legislation, and receiving and resolving complaints from the public regarding occupational therapists and occupational therapist assistants who may have violated the West Virginia Occupational Therapy Practice Act (Article 28) of West Virginia Code of Law §30-28-1.**