

# AgrAbility For Pennsylvanians Endorses Occupational Therapy Month

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Each year occupational therapists help people whose lives have been affected by illness or injury. The people who benefit from those services range from children to senior citizens. Every day, occupational therapists help patients succeed in their 'occupations.'

For children with a chronic health condition that might mean helping them to learn, play, and grow; for working adults who have sustained a traumatic injury it could be helping them learn to perform an old job in a new way; or for retired adults who have suffered a stroke, it may be helping them learn to maintain an independent lifestyle.

"At AgrAbility for Pennsylvanians, we work closely with our clients' occupational therapists to provide a complete plan," says David Troutman, Case Manager with the Pennsylvania project. "We recognize the important role of the occupational therapist for our clients, and enthusiastically support National Occupational Therapy Month."

AgrAbility for Pennsylvanians assists farmers and farm family members who are coping with a disability or long-term illness. The objective is to

help our clients achieve greater mobility and independence in their farming operations. To find out more about what AgrAbility for Pennsylvanians can do for you, call Troutman at (866) 238-4434 or visit the Project's website at <http://AgExtEd.cas.psu.edu/agrab/>.

USDA Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service currently funds a National AgrAbility Project and 21 state Projects.

The AgrAbility for Pennsylvanians is a joint effort between Penn State University and Easter Seals Central Pennsylvania. In addition to on-site techni-

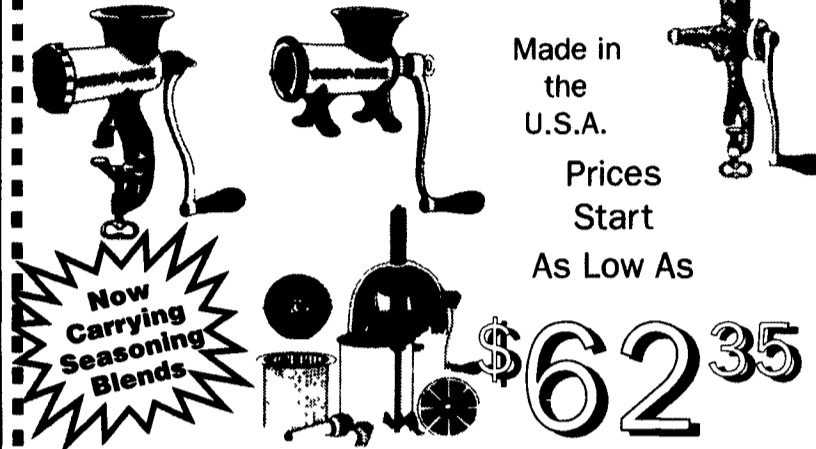
cal assistance, staff offers information and referral, training for rural professionals, education on preventing additional injuries, and peer support groups.

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