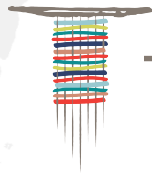


The Injustices of Forced Displacement: How Occupational Therapy is Uniquely Suited to Promote Healing

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Objectives

- Describe how the turmoil of forced displacement can impact healthy occupational engagement in various contexts
- Discuss how occupational therapists are uniquely suited to address the occupational challenges experienced by people who have survived displacement



Forced Displacement



The US Context

- Resettlement administered by NGOs who are authorized by the federal government
- Emphasis on early employment
- Partnership with community groups and down-stream organizations is essential
- Many arrive and flounder in absence of community mentorship



Country Style Ribs or Boston Butt Roast \$1.59 lb.
Pork Steak \$2.49 lb.
Washington, Gala, Red Delicious or Granny Smith Apples 99¢ lb.
Trippiana Juice 24 oz. \$3.69
Frozen Pizza 14 oz. 2/\$5
Chunk Light Tuna 5 oz. 69¢
Best Choice Ketchup 24 oz. 2/\$3

- Basic money management
- Key words on labels
- Spatial awareness
- Structure

Health and Safety



Learning the community





Creativity



Lessons Learned

- People who have survived forced displacement are in our communities
- Can be seen in any practice setting
- Recognize occupational challenges unique to this population
- Need for community-based OT
- Need to address structural barriers to occupation

