

SPOTLIGHT ON HEATHER PORTER

In each Clearinghouse message, we try to “Spotlight “ someone who has made a difference with ICF. This month’s nominee is Heather R. Porter, CTRS, MS. As noted above, she is the first author of the first book about the ICF, which is not the ICF itself! *Recreational Therapy Handbook of Practice: ICF-Based Diagnosis and Treatment* is co-authored by Heather Porter and Joan Burlingame and was published in September 2006 by the Idyll Arbor, Inc. Press (www.idyllarbor.com). Heather is highlighted because she is the first author. Heather has been an adjunct instructor within the Department of Therapeutic Recreation at Temple University in Philadelphia for the past six years and she has over 14 years of clinical recreational therapy experience in physical rehabilitation. She has two bachelor degrees (therapeutic recreation and sport/recreation management), an MS in counseling psychology with a certificate in marriage and family therapy, and is currently working on her Ph.D. in Health Studies. She is a field reviewer for the *Therapeutic Recreation Journal*, has spoken at national conferences, and serves on various professional committees, including the American Therapeutic Recreation Association’s ICF Committee. For example, on May 16, 2005, Porter and Burlingame presented a three-hour ICF workshop on applications of the ICF to recreational therapy practice in Ocean City, Maryland. On November 7, 2007, Porter will be presenting on applications of the ICF to recreational therapy practice at the New Jersey/Eastern Pennsylvania Therapeutic Recreation Association’s Fall Conference in Princeton, New Jersey (www.njepa-tra.com). Heather Porter can be reached at 2121 Griffith Street, Philadelphia, PA 19152, tel 215-722-6292, and HRPorter4@yahoo.com, and her photo is attached.