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Penny Kyler is an Occupational Therapist and an Ethicist with a master's degree focused on moral theology and health sciences. She has completed several courses at the Georgetown University Kennedy Institute for Bioethics and has participated in an advanced clinical rotation in ethics at a consortium of universities in the Washington DC area.

Prior to coming to work for the Federal Government, Ms. Kyler was responsible for the ethics office of the American Occupational Therapy Association. Her duties there included professional and consumer ethics education, investigation of alleged ethical misconduct by occupational therapy practitioners and liaison duties to the multi cultural constituency groups and students. As a clinician she worked primarily in the area of adult mental health as the Director of Rehabilitation Services, Springfield Hospital Center and was also the discipline chief for Rehabilitation services personnel in the Mental Hygiene Administration.

Recent Ms. Kyler was one of fifteen honored as the 2002 Distinguished Black Marylanders by Towson University for her work in ethics. She has also recently been elected by her colleagues, to a seat on the Board of Directors for the American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc.