A Message from the Presidents

Hello Michigan Play Therapists!

Have you registered for the 19th Annual Play Therapy Conference on February 20-21? We’re looking forward to having Dr. Linda Homeyer, LPCS, RPT-S, as our keynote speaker on Friday - Playing Across the Ages: Sandtray Therapy for Everyone! Linda is a highly respected and internationally known play therapy speaker and trainer. The conference brochure is included in this newsletter. We look forward to seeing you at the conference!

Save the date of Friday, April 24, for the East Regional Workshop to be held in Ann Arbor. Our speaker is Dr. Diane Frey, LP, RPT-S. She has been a popular annual conference speaker using a dynamic, hands-on presentation style. Her topic is Using Magic in Play Therapy. More information will be available at the annual conference.

We’re excited to announce our keynote speaker for the 20th Annual Play Therapy Conference - Dr. Eliana Gil! Plan ahead and mark Feb. 19-20, 2016 on your calendars.

Join Victoria and I in welcoming Jason Clanton, LLP, RPT, as our new MIAPT President beginning March 1! He will be formally introduced at our Annual Business Meeting on Feb. 20th.
Upcoming Play Therapy Trainings

March & April - Theraplay Institute Trainings - www.theraplay.org

Fri.-Sun., April 10-12 - Mid-Atlantic Play Therapy Training Institute- www.playtherapytraining.org Eliana Gil, Chairperson

Fri., April 24 - East Regional Workshop- Dr. Diane Frey- Using Magic in Play Therapy


Various dates - Texas State University Institute for Play Therapy www.playtherapy@txstate.edu.

Networking Update

Are you participating in a local play therapy networking group? This is an opportunity to share ideas and techniques with other play therapists. The current networking groups and contact information is listed below:

- **Upper Peninsula** - contact Jennifer Olmstead - jolmstead100@gmail.com
- **Northern Michigan** - contact Earlene Blevins - Blevins.earlene@gmail.com
- **West Central Michigan** - contact Jesilee Bonofiglio - jbonofiglio460@yahoo.com or Amanda Shaneberger - ashebeberger@hotmail.com
- **Central Michigan** - contact Julie Horvath - jhorvath460@earthlink.net
- **Southeast Michigan** - contact Laura Hutchinson - playdr@gmail.com
- **Southwest Michigan** - contact Lindsay South - lsouth@charter.net

Would you like to start a new networking group? Contact Ana Ashton at ana.k.ashton@gmail.com. A reminder to network contact persons that each networking group has been allocated $50 per fiscal year (October 1 - September 30) by the MIAPT Board. Receipts for reimbursement should be sent to Ana Ashton.
REGISTRATION FORM

Name: ___________________________
Address: ___________________________
City: __________________ State: _______ Zip: _______
MIAPT Member? ___YES ___NO  Day Phone: _______
Email: _____________________________
You must include a valid email address to register!

Only one registration per form. Please copy for additional registrants.

Saturday Workshops (Choose All Day or Morning/Afternoon Combo)
Indicate 1st & 2nd choices! Workshop options listed on following pages.

ALL DAY WORKSHOPS ______ A

SATURDAY AM ______ A ______ B ______ C ______ D ______ F
SATURDAY PM ______ ___________

I choose _____ regular lunch or _____ vegetarian lunch on Friday,
I choose _____ regular lunch or _____ vegetarian lunch on Saturday.

Payments: Check or money order payable to Michigan Association for Play Therapy. No credit card or other documentation will be accepted.

FEES THROUGH FEBRUARY 14, 2015

Registration includes continental breakfast, lunch, and snacks. Pay for CEUs here or at the conference.

Both Days $______
Member $235
Non-Member $265
Student $120

Friday Only $______
Member $145
Non-Member $145
Student $75

Saturday Only $______
Member $145
Non-Member $145
Student $75

Continuing Education $______
Supervision $50 $______
Late Registration $150 $______
TOTAL $______

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19th Annual MIAPT
Play Therapy Conference

Friday Keynote Speaker
Linda E. Homeyer, Ph.D., LPC, RPT-S

Playing Across the Ages: Sandtray Therapy for Everyone

Friday, February 20 - Saturday, February 21, 2015
Lansing Community College
West Campus
5760 Converse Drive
Lansing 48917

This workshop will give guidelines for using sandtray therapy with clients across the lifespan. Developmental and related neuropsych considerations will be discussed. Bring 10-15 miniatures which reflect, for you, a specific developmental age. Let’s have fun! Playing and learning.

Dr. Homeyer is a Professor in the Professional Counseling Program at Texas State University and served as chair of the Department of Counseling, Leadership, Adult Education and School Psychology, 2010-2014. It was her work as an investigator of child abuse that led her to her interest in working with children. An advocate for children and play therapy, she served several years on the Texas Association for Play Therapy Board of Directors and served two terms as President of the Association for Play Therapy Board of Directors. Dr. Homeyer is the recipient of APT's Lifetime Achievement Award.

THE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday, February 20, 2015
8:00-8:30 am  Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:30-10:00 am  Linda Homeyer
10:00-10:15 am  Break and Exhibits (Snacks Provided)
10:15-11:45 am  Linda Homeyer
11:45-1:30 pm  Lunch and MIAPT Annual Business Mtg
1:30-2:45 pm  Linda Homeyer
2:45-3:00 pm  Break and Exhibits (Snacks Provided)
3:00-4:30 pm  Linda Homeyer

Saturday, February 21, 2015
8:00-8:30 am  Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:30-10:00 am  Morning and All Day Workshops Begin
10:00-10:15 am  Break and Exhibits (Snacks Provided)
10:15-11:45 am  Morning Workshops/All Day Workshops
11:45-1:30 pm  Lunch (Provided) and Exhibits
1:00-2:30 pm  Afternoon Regn/All Day Continues
2:30-2:45 pm  Break and Exhibits (Snacks Provided)
2:45-4:15 pm  Afternoon Workshops/All Day Workshops
4:15 pm  Conference Concludes
FRIDAY EVENING RPT SUPERVISION

"Play Therapy Supervision Toward RTP"  
Heather Marlin, LCSW, RPT-S
Comfort Inn and Suites – 7:00-9:00 pm – $20
Supervision - You have your supervisee on Friday evening for an additional fee of $20. RPT-S and Clinical supervision required. (Minimum of 3 supervisees required)
This course will count toward the minimum requirement for obtaining Registered Play Therapy Supervisor status through the Michigan Association for Play Therapy, Inc. (MIAPT) and Certified Play Therapy (CPT) status through the International Board of Certification of Play Therapy (IBCP). 

MIAPT Association for Play Therapy is in a professional organization striving to advance the theory and practice of play therapy worldwide, including research, education, access, and ethics. MIAPT advocates for the professional growth and well-being of its members and the advancement of the profession of play therapy.

SATURDAY WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

Brightening the Internally Depressed Child  
Individual group size may be limited by room capacity.

Directions to All Workshops: MIAPT

WORKSHOPS - SELECT ONE

Participants will have an opportunity to reflect on how they came to be play therapy supervisors and what role that role means to them as part of their professional identity. In the spirit of pt therapy, this is an experiential process utilizing the group as a containers. Participants will discuss and analyze their professional development, and supervisees will share their experiences, theoretical approaches, and definitions of supervision and its impact on their professional development.

C. Attaching Through Play: An Exploration of Attachment and PT with Young Children (1) – Anna Alston, MA, LPC, IMSHD and Gilmar Ogilvie, MA, LPC, IMSHD (MARCH 2015)  
This workshop will focus specifically on working with very young children using both attachment theory and play therapy in an effort to understand their behavior and facilitate secure attachment. 

D. Preventing Recidivism after Lengthy Stay in Secure Custody and Seemingly Trapped in Violence: A Play Therapy Intervention (1) – Dr. Denise Grandberry, MA, LPC, RPT-S (APRIL 2015)  
This workshop will provide a powerful and safe venue to help clients work through trauma.

E. The Best of Both Play and Art Therapy Techniques That Inspire Healing: For Adolescents and Adults (1) – Christine Davis Jordan, MA, LPC, (APRIL 2015)  
Art has been used to help with healing for many years. In this experiential workshop we will learn specific play and art therapy techniques that you can begin utilizing in your practice immediately. This includes both individual, family and group growth therapy. This training includes both new techniques and techniques shared in previous presentations.

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS - SELECT ONE

This workshop is intended to provide an opportunity for play therapy supervisors to discuss issues that arise in providing clinical supervision, e.g., transference issues, maintaining trust through evaluation, supervision and treatment with different theoretical perspectives and ways of performing supervision. The supervision vs. therapy and dual roles, the role of the supervisor, and how to handle issues will be discussed.

G. Integrating Play Therapy into an Infant Mental Health Approach for At-Risk Preschoolers (1) – Jennifer Farkas, LMFT, RPT-S, (APRIL 2015)  
This training will examine how play therapy can be integrated into an infant mental health approach for at-risk preschoolers (CMH) training. The integrative process and treatment-related outcomes will be examined.

SATURDAY WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

Anna Alston, MA, LPC, IMSHD provides supervision to both infant mental health therapists and supervision at a Southeastern Michigan Community Mental Health Center.

Linda Koons, MD, PhD, LDS, RPT-S, teaches internationally, including India, Malaysia, South Africa, Australia, Canada, Great Britain, Israel, Thailand, and even on a cruise ship! She is a frequent conference presenter and is a presenter throughout the United States as well. She was named as Honorary Professor of Indian Institute of Speech and Hearing, India 2014-2017. Dr. Koons co-authored Sandhe’s A Practical Manual: The Handbook of Group Paly Therapy, Play Therapy Intervention with Older Adolescents and The World of Play Therapy Literature, as well as many book chapters and journal articles. She has also been translated into Chinese, Russian, Korean, and Spanish. Her current areas of interest include exploring spirituality in therapy, the purpose of play therapy, integrating spirituality into therapy, and integrating spirituality into the culture of therapy.

Jennifer Farkas, LMFT, RPT-S, has twelve years experience working with young children and their families. She has worked in a variety of OMD and private practice settings serving as a clinician, consultant, and as a play therapy supervisor. Currently, she is a clinical supervisor and both year PhD student at MSU. She also served as a board member for the MIAPT.

Deanna Grimm-Grandberry, LCSW, RPT-S, owner of the Self Esteem Shop, is a licensed nurse and psychologist, specializing in play therapy with transsexual and transgender children. She dedicates the majority of her time to this area and also maintains a limited private practice to stay up to date with current trends in mental health.

Gillian Ogilvie, MA, LPC, IMSHD provides family and individual therapy in an outpatient setting. She also provides reflective supervision to a team of therapists specializing in working with children aged 4-4.

Karen Morrison, MA, RPT-S 4 is a Licensed Professional Counseling and Registered Play Therapist Supervisor working as a therapist since 1995. Prior to counseling, she worked for over ten years in a program offering parenting education and support to young single mothers and their families.

Heather Marlin, LCSW, RPT-S started her private practice in 1986. She has a clinical specialty in play therapy, is a registered play therapist supervisor and is a past president of the Illinois chapter of the APT. She was a clinical supervisor for 6 years in the RPT training program at Christian Theological Seminary. Prior to private practice, she worked for several years in the foster care system.

Gary Waller, MA, is program coordinator and master family therapist for Western Michigan University’s Integrative Holistic Health and Wellness program, an art therapist, artist and graphic designer. He holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Michigan State University, an M.A. in holistic art therapy from Antioch University in Ohio and a graduate certificate in holistic health care from WMU.

Christine Daimian, LMFT, RPT-S has been in private practice for 11 years and worked in school settings with at-risk students. She is trained in play and art therapy techniques which she uses to work with kids and group therapy.