

NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION FOR PLAY THERAPY



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Well, it is finally feeling, and looking, a lot more like winter around here! I hope you are enjoying some outdoors snow activities!

There is a lot going on here in New England.

First of all, we had a wonderful Annual Conference in November! Scott Riviere was a dynamic speaker, we had a record number of people attending, and lots of good food and conversations!

This year we introduced buttons as a way of identifying the different states and encouraging some networking on the statewide level. We are already talking about how to make the networking part even better next year. I am convinced that the health of us as a branch depends so much on each state growing and becoming involved on the state level, the branch level and the national level. I want to encourage you to continue meeting together for networking and for teaching/learning from one another!

Also this year we are co-sponsoring the Cape Cod Seminars in July. Scott Riviere has agreed to be our speaker and we are looking forward to a week of training with him – plus a vacation at the same time! More on that a little later in this newsletter 😊. So please, take care this winter, have fun, and continue getting together and growing together!

Barb van Hoff, LMFT, RPT-S
NEAPT President

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR PLAY THERAPY NEWS

Did you participate in National Play Therapy Week? What did you do to promote the field?

From APT's website:

NEW RPT/S Resource Center available!

NEW [Resource Center](#) added to the Play Therapy Credentialing section of the APT Website!

This Resource Center will include models and sample documents for RPT-S's providing supervision, as well as information and questionnaires for those working toward their RPT to help guide their search and selection of a play therapy supervisor. You are invited to [submit](#) your documents to be included in the Resource Center!

Submit Awards of Excellence Nominations by March 31!

Do you know someone who has gone above and beyond in the field of play therapy?

Then recognize them by nominating one or more of your fellow members for an award in the following categories:

- APT Service Award
- Lifetime Achievement Award
- Professional Education & Training Award
- Public Education & Promotion Award
- Research Award
- Student Research Award

Consult [Awards of Excellence](#) for award criteria and nomination forms or contact [Kathryn Lebby](#) for clarification.

NEW ENGLAND NEWS

The Conference Buzz by Stefani Misiph, LMHC, RPT-S

What an awesome conference this year. Scott Riviere brought so much energy and excitement to New England. Many of you responded that you enjoyed the practical applications, techniques, and the approach. I personally appreciated the analogy of the bucket with holes. Both clinically and personally, I have been trying to increase the positive reinforcement.

The Friday trainings received rave reviews and we are so grateful for the wealth of trainers New England has to offer. Once again, the Verve proved to be a great place to host a conference and we look forward to filling the hotel with play and training once again next year.

Save the Date for October 28&29 2016 as Clair Mellenthin presents on Healing Complex Trauma through Play. Keep Playing!!

Upcoming Training in Long Island!

It's worth noting that four of your board members will be presenting in Long Island the week of April 4. Check it out at www.longislandplaytherapy.com

MENTAL HEALTH MINUTE

Here are a few key things that are current and notable in the world of mental health:

- ❖ [Overly critical parenting linked to ADHD?](#)
- ❖ [Emotional distress tied to weapon use for teens](#)
- ❖ [The health benefits of hugging](#)

TRAINING CALENDAR

Do you have something going on in your area? Email Wendy at training@newenglandplaytherapy.org and it will be added to our website. Time to PLAY!

Ongoing

-Play therapy collaboration group meets the second Friday of each month from 9:00-11:00. Cost: \$0
Location: Birch Tree Counseling, 226 Rockingham Rd., Londonderry, NH 03053 Contact: Kay Edwards or Linda Grant 603.425.2989

-New Hampshire North Supervision Group: Meets the first Friday of every month from 8:00 to 9:30 . 300 N Main St Suite 100, Plymouth, NH 02365. Contact DeeDee Nold at nolddeedee@aol.com or 603 546-1933. Cost is \$10.00

- Intro to Play Therapy classes, 9am – 11:30am on Thursday mornings in West Lebanon, NH. 2.5 APT credits per class (APT Approved Provider #02-123). For dates and topics email Barb van Hoff at newhopenorth1@gmail.com.

March 2016

AFCC-1650e Child-Centered Play Therapy: Part 1 of 2 Elective workshop

Part 1 of this 2 day workshop that begins with an overview of utilizing play therapy in clinical practice with a focus on adopted and foster children. Participants learn about room set-up and the use of child-centered

language and interventions. Participants must complete this workshop before attending part 2-(see AFCC-1651e Training Parents in Play Therapy).

*This workshop is offered in conjunction with the New England Association for Play Therapy, NEAPT is APT provider number 01-123. For more on play therapy credentialing see www.a4pt.org.

Presenter: Sarah O'Brien, LICSW, RPT-S

Date: Friday, March 4, 2016

Time: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Location: School of Social Work, Room A02

Cost: \$90

Capacity: 25

0.6 contact hours; 6 CEU

AFCC-1651e Training Parents in Play Therapy: Part 2 of 2, Elective workshop

In part 2 of this 2 day workshop, participants will build on the skills learned the first workshop. Participants will learn to teach caregivers how to use therapeutic language and problem-solving skills in their relationships with their children based Landreth's Client-Centered model featured in part 1.

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Presenter: Sarah O'Brien, LICSW, RPT-S

Date: Friday, March 18, 2016

Time: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Location: School of Social Work, Room A02

Cost: \$90

Capacity: 25

0.6 contact hours; 6 CEU

To register for either training, click here <https://www.ric.edu/CEWorkshopRegistration/index.php>

Treating Disruptive Behavior Disorders with Play Therapy

Tuesday March 8, 2016

9:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.; Middletown, CT

3 continuing education credits from NASW

APT Approved Provider #14-380

Disruptive behavior disorders are being diagnosed at increasing rates. This workshop is intended to teach the practitioner current definitions of the most common disorders: Oppositional Defiant Disorder, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, and Conduct Disorder. The participant will learn how to utilize play therapy to build on a child's strengths following such a diagnosis, and how to foster a child's self-esteem, sense of responsibility, and ability to interact more positively within family and school systems. For more information visit www.drjulienash.com or email julie@drjulienash.com to register.

April 2016

Family Play Therapy: This course will provide practitioners with the knowledge to work with families and groups using play therapy. We will discuss in depth, working with parents and what to do with high conflict families. This is highly technique based course and will cover many play therapy methods for assessing and treating families and groups.

When: April 15 and 16th 9:00 to 5:00

Where: Plymouth State University 2 Pillsbury St. 5th Floor Concord, New Hampshire

Instructor: DeeDee Nold, LICSW, RPT-S, Guest speaker Barbara van Hoff, LMFT, RPT-S

Credit: One tuition credit and 22.5 APT Educational hours.

For More Information, contact: djnold@plymouth.edu

June 2016

Trauma Sandtray Play Therapy

Presenter: Kay E. Edwards, MEd., LCMHC, Registered Play Therapy Supervisor (RPT-S)

Date: Friday June 3rd, 2016

Time: 9:00-4:00 (lunch on your own)

Location: Birch Tree Counseling, 226 Rockingham Rd, Londonderry, NH 03053

Cost: \$140 for APT members, \$180 non-members

6 ceu's granted by New England-APT

And NH Chapter, NASW

This workshop will focus on Trauma, using Sandtray play therapy. Lecture, discussion, situational cases and experiential exercises will be utilized. As this is advanced sandtray work, participants need to have had at a

minimum, a basic sandtray training. Please bring ten or more figures or small toys to use in the sand as well as your camera. This workshop is limited to fourteen participants.

“This workshop is offered in conjunction with the New England Association for Play Therapy. NE-APT is APT Provider #02-123. For more info on NE-APT see www.newenglandplaytherapy.org

This program has been approved for 6 Category I Continuing Education hours for licensure.

NH Chapter, NASW Authorization Number 2986.

July 2016

Cape Cod Seminars

When: July 18 – 22, 2016

Where: Captain's Quarter's Motel and Conference Center, Eastham, MA

Who: Scott Riviere will doing a 3 hour workshop every morning

The motel is closed for the winter until April 1st.

More information, and Scott's topics for the week, in our next newsletter!

Remember, regardless of whom the presenter is, if the workshop announcements do not state APT approval with a provider number, APT will not approve it for RPT/RPT-S application or renewal.

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