



Happy February Play Therapists!

We need your help!

As we embark on 2016, we are asking you to take approximately 5-15 minutes to fill out our brief survey on how we can improve involvement in WAAPT this year. You will be asked your opinion about association membership/non-membership benefits (e.g., conferences, CE events, outreach, etc.) You **do not** need to be a WAAPT member to take the survey. At the end of the survey you will be asked to provide your name and email or phone number to be placed in a drawing for a giftcard prize!

We are hoping to expand our organization in order to best meet the needs of our members and the community. Please take a brief moment to fill out this survey. We greatly appreciate it!



[CLICK HERE FOR SURVEY LINK!](#)

The WAAPT Two-Day Annual Conference is Upon Us!

By Stacy Glover, MA, LMFT

Please join us March 18th & 19th for our second annual 2 day conference! We received so many great reviews about last year's 2 day conference, so we're doing it again! This year's conference will be held at Seattle Pacific University. Friday, March 18th, will be our day for workshop break-outs. We will have two topics to choose from in the morning session and two topics in the afternoon session. Small refreshments will be provided, but lunch will be on our own. Look in your training packets for lunch recommendations within a short walk/drive of SPU! Saturday will be a full day with our keynote guest speaker, Sueann Kenney-Noziska, who will be presenting on the topic of integrative play therapy treatment with regards to abuse and trauma.



We are thrilled to offer yet another 2 day conference where you can gain a total of 12 APT approved CEUs! We thank all of you for your continued interest, feedback, and passion for play therapy! We hope to see you all there March 18th & 19th!

For more information on the WAAPT 2 day conference click [HERE!](#)

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BC Play Therapy Workshop

February 26th & 27th
9:00am-4:30pm

Location:

La Perla Ballroom, #230
- 810 Quayside Drive,
New Westminster, BC

Title:

Sexually Abused
Children and Youth:
Understanding the
Developmental Impact



Become a WAAPT / APT Member!

By Cary Hamilton

Joining this community is so much more than joining a list-serve. By becoming a member of APT you also have the opportunity to automatically become a member of the Washington State branch (WAAPT).

This dual membership allows you benefits at both national and local levels! Reduced rates at various national educational and networking opportunities like the Annual International Conference and the Annual Conference. Discounted rates also extend to more local events like WAAPT sponsored conferences, trainings, and other events. Further learning can also be supplement through distance learning via the APT website and various opportunities to earn APT-approved CEs.

Membership also includes subscription to various journals and resources, such as:

The International Journal for Play Therapy,
Member Flash,
Mining Reports,
and Play Therapy.



You also will have the opportunity to be listed in the membership directing and listing on "Find a Play Therapist" on both the WAAPT and APT websites. Professionally, membership yields the opportunity to receive professional credentialing (RPT and RPT-S) and discounted rates for applying and renewing these credentials. In addition, TRMS provides a free professional liability and business office insurance quote and Hertz offers reduced prices for rental cars for members.

Locally, networking gatherings are held in both Seattle and Spokane areas and membership in general provides countless opportunities to gain resources for play therapy and connections with other play therapists across the country!

If you have any further questions about membership please check out the WA4PT membership page or email us at info@wa4pt.com. We are happy to answer any questions you have!

and Facilitating
Recovery

Presenter:
Dr. Jennifer Shaw

Click [HERE](#) for info!

Oregon Play Therapy Conference

February 26th, 2016
8:30am-4pm

Location:
Firefly Counseling
Services
4950 NE Belknap Ct,
Suite 205
Hillsboro, OR 97124

Title:
Recognizing and
Responding to Very
Young Children's
Mental Health Issues
and Those Issues'
Implications for Later
Play Therapy

Click [HERE](#) for info!

Idaho Play Therapy Conference

March 3, 4, & 5th 2016
8:30am-4:30pm

Location:
Fairfield Inn and Suites
1000 W Pullman Rd
Moscow, ID 83843

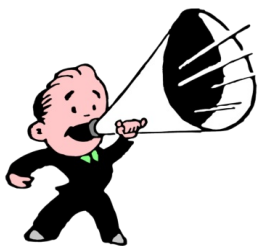
Featuring:
Ken Gardner, M.Sc, R
Psych (CPT-S)

Day 1:
Therapeutic Storytelling
from the Inside Out

Day 2:
Beyond the Discussion
of Directiveness:

Exploring the
Dimensions of Play
Therapy and Therapists'

Call for WAAPT Board Nominations!



Dear WAAPT Members,
It's that time of the year again!

The WAAPT board is comprised of play therapists around the state that are passionate about promoting and expanding play therapy and educational opportunities for play therapists in our state!

We invite you to join our board!

The board is comprised of the following positions:

- President Elect* (3-year position, that moves into President and President Adviser)
- Treasurer (2 year term)
- Secretary (2 year term)

In addition to the following committee positions which coincide with term of the president (1 year):

- Conference Chair
- Media/Marketing Chair
- Networking Chair



- Networking Chair
- Membership Committee Chair

Requirements to join the board include:

- Interested and passionate about Play Therapy!
- A WAAPT member
- Able to attend 2/3 of the monthly meetings (time commitment average 10-20 hours per year)
- Fulfill duties described by your elected or appointed position for the term allocated (1-3 years)

To nominate yourself or another play therapist please send:

- A short description of the candidates background/training
- Candidate's interest in play therapy
- The ways the candidate may contribute to the organization

Please send nominations and self-nominations to Becky Rudd at drbeckyrudd@gmail.com by March 1st, 2016.

Thanks so much for your interest and support!

Warmly,
 Becky Rudd, PhD, LMHC, LMFT, NCC
 Chair of Nominations, 2016
info@wa4pt.com



Play Therapy Certificate Program at Antioch University

The study and practice of play therapy offers practitioners dynamic interpersonal relationship skills to provide children (or a person of any age) the ability to fully express and explore self through play, the child's natural medium of communication, for optimal growth and development.

Recognizing the growing need for Play Therapists in therapeutic and educational settings, Antioch has designed a program that compliments your current degree program without getting in the way of an already demanding academic schedule.

To kick start your journey in becoming a Registered Play Therapist, here is how we've laid it out for you:

Length of Program:
 approximately one year

Seminar Schedule:
 3 weekends per quarter on weeks 2, 6, & 10.

Spring Quarter 2016

April 16-17, May 14-15, June 11-12

Summer Quarter 2016

July 16-17, August 13-14, September 10-11

Autumn/Fall Quarter 2016

October 15-16, November 12-13, December 10-11



Courtesy of AUS.

use of Self
 Earn Ethics CEUs at
 our special Pre-
 conference ethics
 workshop (Thursday)!

Click [HERE](#) for info!

2016 WAAPT Annual Conference

March 18th & 19th, 2016

Location:
 Seattle Pacific
 University
 3307 3rd Ave W
 Seattle, WA 98119

Friday will be our multi-
 topic breakout sessions
 for entry level to
 advanced clinicians.

On Saturday, our
 keynote speaker,
 Sueann Kenney-
 Noziska, will be
 presenting all day.

Click [HERE](#) for more
 info!

BC Play Therapy Workshop

May 27 & 28, 2016
 9am-4:30pm

Location:
 SFU Harbourside, 515
 W. Hastings St.,
 Fletcher Challenge
 Canada Theatre,
 Vancouver

Title:
 The New Frontier: An
 Introduction to
 Synergetic Play
 Therapy

Presenter:
 Lisa Dion, LPC, RPT-S

Click [HERE](#) for info!

Curriculum:

- Spring: Introduction to Play Therapy
- Summer: Advanced Play Therapy
- Fall: Seminar in Play Therapy I

- Winter: Seminar in Play Therapy II

Elective:

Special Projects in Play Therapy

*Post-grad practicum supervision is also available upon completion of certificate

Cost:

Students currently enrolled in a graduate program at AUS: \$702 per credit for 2015-16.

Alumni of the Applied Psychology program at Antioch University Seattle: \$3,000 for the certificate program.

Other applicants: \$4,000 for the certificate program.

For more information on the certificate program at Antioch, click [HERE!](#)

Play Therapy Certificate Program

June 13-24th, 2016

Location:

TBA in Victoria, BC

The CACPT Play Therapy Certificate Program offers unique and intensive training in the theory and practice of play therapy. Students who complete the thirty-day program earn 180 hours of continuing education credits, which is one of the steps needed to become a Certified Play Therapist!

Click [HERE](#) for info!

What You Need to Know About Becoming a Registered Play Therapist

Many therapists with varying levels of training work with children and may utilize play as part of their therapy. Registered Play Therapists receive specialized training to meet the rigorous credentialing requirements through the national Association for Play Therapy. Currently, there are only 15 Registered Play Therapists (RPT)/(RPT-S) in the state of Washington.

Requirements:

- * Masters level or higher mental health educational degree
- * Licensed in your state to practice mental health (LMHC, LMFT, LCISW)
- * 500 hours of supervised play therapy experience that includes 50 supervision hours
- * 150 APT- Approved Education hours- like CEs from WAAPT's conferences or join us for one of our movie nights!

Useful Tips:

- * You can start accruing APT approved hours before you graduate or have your license!
 - * Of your 150 education hours, 50 can be accrued online! Check out APT e-learning center to download audio lectures from this years conference. You can also earn CEs from reading books and watching DVDs
- Working on becoming and RPT/RPT-S and need some mentoring? Contact us at info@wa4pt.com. We are happy to support you!



First PT Certificate Cohorts Celebrating National PT Awareness Week!

We Want You!

Want to see something in the WAAPT newsletters that we haven't addressed yet? Or better yet, want to contribute to the newsletter(s) yourself?!

Please feel free to contact us at info@wa4pt.com with any requests you have regarding content that you would like to see in future editions of our newsletter or in what capacity you would like to contribute to the newsletters yourself. All ideas are welcome!



February Seattle Networking Recap

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WAAPT's latest networking meeting in Seattle was held on February 10th at Meghan Whitlock's office. A total of 15 attended and we enjoyed watching a video followed by a discussion about relationships in child-centered play therapy. The video consisted of a lecture by Dr. Garry Landreth.

After the video, we discussed four healing messages and essential dimensions in facilitating the play therapy relationship. We talked about having our next Seattle networking meeting in April, so keeping checking our website for details once they are announced!

President's Message



I am very thankful for the opportunity to be the 2015-2016 President of the Washington Association for Play Therapy. Our branch has thrived over the past year, and I am confident it will continue to excel in the upcoming year. We have maintained our Gold Branch status, which is an award reserved for distinguished state branches. Throughout my term, we have offered many opportunities as an organization that originally earned us this designation: newsletters, networking meetings, conferences, workshops, and CEU events. We have also corresponded with other PNW branches, and have been active in

promoting our work as play therapists! I am very proud to be a part of this organization and its continued work to inform and educate our communities about the powers of play.

My vision for the 2015-2016 term as President was to build on the fantastic work of my predecessor and to continue to provide all the excellent benefits to our members, including our Gold Branch status. This year, we provided approximately 10 networking meetings and outreach events, 7 CEU/clock-hour APT Approved Provider trainings (including our Fall Conference with Dr. Julie Lerwick and our upcoming Annual Conference with Keynote Speaker Sueann Kenney-Noziska), and over a dozen email correspondences including newsletters, a benefits survey, and other communications. Additionally, we have increased our social media presence on Facebook, Pinterest, and Twitter, among other social media mediums. Finally, we were recognized by the National Board of Certified Counselors as an Approved Continuing Education Provider!

Furthermore, our branch has increased by 8% this year. As our branch continues to grow your membership is vital to our continued success. While the support we get from Washington therapists is highly valued, the foundation of our association is built upon our members. So if you have yet to become a member, or need to renew your membership, please consider membership by visiting www.a4pt.org. For more information about upcoming trainings and events, please visit our website at www.wa4pt.com.

Thank you for a wonderful year of growth, learning, and lots of play!

Sincerely,
Cary Hamilton
Cary M. Hamilton, MA.MFT, LMHC, CMHS, RPT-S

Networking

The networking events are proving to be a big success! We are working on offering more and more networking and movie night events!

Please keep an eye out on our [Facebook](#) page as well as our [event section](#) on the website!

Events are held every 6-8 weeks in both in Spokane and Seattle areas!

If you'd like to see a networking event in your area, [drop us a line](#) and tell us where and if you (or someone you know) would be willing to host the event!

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