

Idaho Association for Play Therapy Newsletter

July 2013



Happy Summer!!

The board of directors is in the middle of a transition to a new board, full of new members, which means new energy and great ideas!! We are excited to have invited Pam Dyson, MA, LPC, RPT to Boise, Idaho! Pam Dyson, MA, LPC, RPT, owns a private practice in St. Louis, Missouri specializing in play therapy for children 3-12 years of age. She facilitates child-centered play therapy groups at the St. Louis Charter School, teaches a graduate course in play therapy at Lindenwood University and is the founder and director of the St. Louis Center for Play Therapy Training. Pam is a graduate of the 2012 APT Leadership Academy and has served as a member of the APT Technology Task Force, exploring applications of emerging technologies in play therapy instruction, practice and supervision. Her previous clinical experience includes working as a family therapist in residential treatment. Pam appears regularly on the KMOV TV show "Great Day St. Louis." She is a fast emerging RPT trainer, you can check out many of her play therapy interventions on YouTube! We are lucky to have her for our two day annual training. The details of the training are in the works as we speak. Watch the website for more information.

Our annual training with Dr. Evangeline Munns was a great success. It was great to see so many people excited about Theraplay and the interest to learn more was overwhelming to us! We will make it our goal to continue to pursue options for further training in Idaho!

I am proud to announce that we have again received the APT Gold Branch Award for 2012/2013! This is a huge accomplishment and given our small chapter size, it is an award we should all take great pride in receiving! There are other larger chapters who were unable to obtain this award, so it says a lot about our board members hard work as well as our members who continue to invest their interest and money into being a member of our association! We will continue to strive to maintain this superior status with APT. In order to do this again, we need to continue to maintain and increase membership!! Please help get the word out about our association as well as APT. If you know someone who has been thinking about joining APT, now is the time to encourage them to do so!!

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Announcing the Idaho Association for Play Therapy Spring Conference with Pam Dyson, MA, LPC, RPT



April 4th and 5th, 2014

Ethics Training – We are currently looking for a speaker for our free Ethics training. We like to offer free Ethics training to our members, but have not secured a speaker for April 3rd, 2014! If you or someone you know might be interested in helping our chapter and members out in this manner, please contact a board member at your earliest convenience. Thank you!!!!

CLINICAL CORNER

For a sneak peak of Pam Dyson check out this video for a technique to be used with your clients today!!

Feelings Bucket Toss

Children are often hesitant to talk about their feelings but when we approach feelings in a fun way they're more likely to share. Feelings Bucket Toss is an easy game to make and one that children will enjoy.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uTqNNPIE-Fc&feature=c4-overview&list=UUEHhJPV-YszqvzPNGxOeZQ>

APT NEWS

APT announces their annual conference in Palm Springs!
Association for Play Therapy Annual Conference 2013
October 4 - 15, 2013

Event Venue : The Westin Mission Hills Resort and Spa
Group rate available until September 13, 2013. Subject to
Availability.

For more information check out www.a4pt.org

APT Announces RPT-S Program Revisions

These revisions to our RPT/S program were extensively discussed and endorsed by Chair John Seymour and the 42-member Registration & Continuing Education Committee (the acronym "RPT/S" refers to both RPT and RPT-S credentials):

1. Further streamlined to add clarity since last revised in 2005.
2. RPT/S applicants do not need to document their initial 2,000 hours and 2 years of supervised clinical general experience if this component is required to obtain state licensure (or certification).
3. RPT/S renewals must document only 18 hours of play therapy specific continuing education during each 36-month continuing education cycle - and need not document any additional mental health continuing education hours as such are addressed by licensure.
4. Effective April 1, 2014:
 - RPT-S applicants must EITHER be state-approved supervisors and complete six (6) hours of play therapy specific supervisor training OR completed 30 hours of supervisor training, at least six (6) of which are play therapy specific.
 - RPT-S renewals must obtain 6 hours of supervisor training during each 36-month continuing education cycle.

A special thanks to the committee for its patient and steady participation in this lengthy but important review process. Because summaries appear above, learn more about our RPT/S program and the above changes by consulting APT's online RPT/S Guide, Application, FAQ, or contact APT directly!

Trainings around the state:

Boise

September 27 and 28th, 2013 – Sand tray therapy for children, adolescents and adults - for more information check out www.mollyandmecounseling.com

April 4th and 5th IDAPT Annual Conference – for more information watch the website at www.idahoplaytherapy.org

Coeur d'alene

October 4 and 5, 2014 – Sandplay Therapy: Introduction –for more information Contact Anna Goodwin at jargoodwin@msn.com

Idaho Falls

No trainings scheduled at this time.

If you are aware of trainings in your area let us know!!

**Don't forget to renew
your membership today!**

Announcing IDAPT wins a national AWARD!!!!

IDAHO was the 2nd place winner of the APT membership campaign drive! We are proud to show the country we increased our membership between January 1, 2013 through June 30, 2013 by 34%!!! We have earned a \$300.00 food and beverage credit at the annual conference in Palm Springs. Details to be announced at a later date! But, I can say, all Idaho members attending the conference will be invited to an exclusive gathering on APT's dime!!!



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If you are interested in running an ad in the IDAPT newsletter, please submit the copy to tvplaytherapy@live.com

2 X 2 - \$5.00

4 X 4 - \$10.00

half page - \$25.00

full page - \$50.00

Please contact an Executive Council member or Molly Gratton at (208) 860-0790 about your interest in placing an advertisement.

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