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Newsletter



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HAPT Training & Tribute to Carla Sharp

A Culturally Sensitive Look at Effective Play Therapy Interventions

Presented by: John Mascaro, Ph.D, LMFT, RPT



A Tribute to HAPT Co-Founder and Pioneer for Education & Training
for Play Therapy in Hawaii Carla Sharp, APRN, RPT-S, CST-T



Saturday, May 16, 2015

Location: Honey's at Koolau Golf Club

45-550 Kionaole Road, Kaneohe

8:30am-Check-In

9:00am to Noon-Workshop

Noon to 12:30-Lunch

Membership Meeting & Tribute to Carla Sharp 12:30-2:00pm

REGISTER BY MAY 4TH FOR EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT

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HAPT 2015 Annual Conference "RE-CAP"



This year's conference was amazing!! We learned a lot, laughed a lot and enjoyed the time together! A few things we wanted to let you know...Per your request (remember, the survey you filled out) Next years conference will be Thursday/Friday and the topic most requested was Healing Complex Trauma Through Play.



PLAY THERAPY OUTREACH! HAPT GOES TO IVAT



HAPT joined the 12th annual Institute on Violence, Abuse, & Trauma, March 31-April 2. This turned out to be a great opportunity to spread awareness of play therapy along with the benefits of HAPT membership. The response from interested helping professions was fantastic! We hope to see them at our trainings and conferences in the future. Mahalo to Joanne Higashi, Sue Bergman, Gina Eustaquio, Danelle Medeiros, & Brianda DeCosta for volunteering their time at the table.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME!!

We welcome contributions to the newsletter: review of play therapy literature, tips or techniques you have found helpful, resources, upcoming trainings related to play therapy, letters to the editor, etc. Please contact HAPT Member-at-Large Lindsay Bottoms, at lindsaybottoms@yahoo.com



Join the HAPT Team

Thank you to those who have shown interest in becoming a board member for the 2015-2016 year! We would like to extend an invitation to others who may be interested in a board position of treasurer, member-at-large, and secretary.

We also need a chair for the following committees: social media, community outreach, and conference committee.

If interested please contact Mary Welsh mlwelsh@comcast.net

Looking for Play Therapy Supervisors? Hawaii Registered Play Therapy Supervisors

Members who are interested in receiving their credentials in play therapy (i.e. Registered Play Therapist, RPT), and/or those seeking counsel regarding those sometimes sticky complex cases, here's your opportunity! Below is an updated list of your friendly neighborhood Registered Play Therapists supervisors, RPT-S who are extending their offers.

Carla Sharp, APRN,

RPT-S, CST-T is offering supervision to play therapists outside her center until August 15. She will continue to provide supervision to therapists who work at the Play Therapy Center of Hawaii. For more information, email her at

carlasharp@hawaii.rr.com

Margaret Bubon Smith, MA, MFT, RPT-S-Currently working for Healthy Start at Child and Family Service on Kauai. Experience with foster care, child abuse and preschool age children. She can be contacted at mgtbubon@hawaiiintel.net or 808-332-5200.

Anita Trubitt, LCSW, RPT-S- Private practice with specialty in divorce/paternity cases where custody and visitation are issues. Supervision or consultation available. Contact through email trubitt@hawaiiirr.com or by phone 808-261-2524

Supervisors cont.

Laura Williams, LCSW, RPT-S—Currently is Private Practice on the Big Island. Offers individual and Group Supervision. Free monthly play therapy training group for HAPT members. Over 25 years of play therapy experience specializing in trauma, grief/loss, family violence, child abuse and neglect, sexual abuse, adoption, parenting education and support, bonding and attachment, infant mental health, developmental delays, sensory integration, autism, and alcohol/drug related neurodevelopmental disorders. Expertise in non-directive and directive play, sand tray, art, and other expressive modalities with children, adolescents, adults and families. She can be contacted at lwilliams LCSW@gmail.com or 808-895-0989

Elizabeth Kong, MA, LSC, LMFT, RPT-S—Currently works as a School Counselor in East Honolulu. Experience working with children with

school related issues, anxiety disorders, **and** selective mutism, as well as children with physical challenges and families with substance abuse and loss. She can be contacted by email at Pacrimplaytherapy@yahoo.com

Available for individual supervision.

Mary Welsh, MS, NCC, MHC, RPT-S—Currently working with Military Families as a consultant. Mary has 22 years experience in the field of child and family therapy and has spent 9 of those years in private practice. Mary was trained and received her supervision on the mainland and is also certified through the National Institute for Relationship Enhancement.

She feels that it is very important for Play Therapists to have a strong background in Child Centered Play Therapy and looks forward to working

with Supervisees interested in strengthening their knowledge and skills in this area. Mary can be reached at mlwelsh@comcast.net or at 703-919-1881. She is available for distance supervision and will assist the supervisee in creating and utilizing videotaped sessions as the best way to learn strong skills.