

Hawai`i Association for Play Therapy Newsletter – November 2013



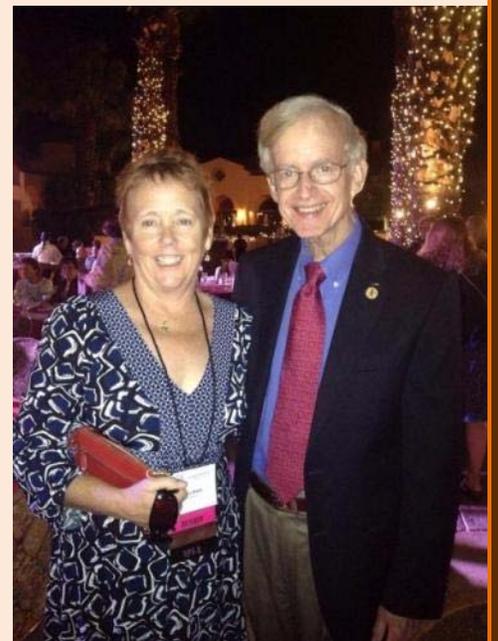
Aloha and Happy Thanksgiving

Message From the President

By: Mary Welsh

I attended the Annual Association for Play Therapy (APT) Conference in Palm Springs, California in October. I was really impressed with the quality of the presentations! This is probably my 5th or 6th APT conference and by far it was the best. I think I learned that paying close attention to the learning objectives of the sessions (which are available when one initially registers) is an extremely important part of having a successful conference experience.

The Westin Mission Hills Resort conference location was really beautiful if just a little far out from the town. The APT folks did a great job providing tasty and easily accessed lunch options in an area where we could congregate and network. This provided me with the opportunity, as your HAPT President, to network on your behalf with the likes of Garry Landreth, Jennifer Baggerly, Paris Goodyear-Brown, Anne Stewart, Eric Green and many more newer but still exciting faces in our profession/organization. I attended the Branch President's meetings and spent time establishing relationships with other Branch Presidents so we can work together on the behalf of our members to provide the things you need to stay current and be successful in the Play Therapy field.



Next year's APT Conference will be held in Houston, Texas which is a nonstop flight on some airlines from Honolulu. It will be located at a Westin Galleria Hotel which organizers tell me may make it challenging to actually GET to some of your scheduled presentations! I guess the temptation is high! Planning for the new Hawaii CEU requirements for Social Worker licensure renewal should start now. If you use Play Therapy as a major tool in your work then attending the Annual APT Conference can get you almost if not all of the CEUs needed for renewal. If you have a private practice, then it is quite possible that your entire trip could be written off of your taxes. (Check with your Accountant when you do this year's taxes.) I feel certain that next year's conference will be just as exciting and humbly suggest we start planning a Hawaii contingent to attend 2014 Houston APT Conference! Check out the date and venue at www.a4pt.org. Also, please check out and "Like" our Facebook page: just search "Hawaii Association for Play Therapy" to find our website or Facebook pages!





Welcome New HAPT Board Members

President-Elect Dhira DiBiase, LSW

Dhira studied Play Therapy under the expert guidance of Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor (RPT-S) Carla Sharp. During 2004-2005, Dhira took all three levels of Play Therapy courses and had a private-practice until returning to school in 2010. Dhira is currently pursuing her PsyD.

Treasurer Janessa Zabkowski, LSW

Janessa is a Licensed Social Worker and obtained her Master's in Social Work from Hawaii Pacific University. She has worked as a social worker in early intervention, preschool, and adoption programs. She currently works with Hawaii Child International as a Social Worker assisting with post placement and post adoption work. Janessa believes that Play Therapy is

one of the most beneficial ways professionals can serve children and make a lasting difference in their lives.

Member-at-Large Joanne Higashi, LCSW

Joanne is the Program Director at The Parent Child Development Center Wahiawa, an early intervention program that serves children birth to three years with special needs and developmental delays. Previously, she served as the Department of Health Community Based Child Abuse Coordinator, Yolo County Psychiatric Crisis Clinician and was the owner of Montessori at Natomas, an in-home preschool for infants and toddlers. Joanne is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and obtained her Master's in Social Work from the University of Hawaii at Manoa.



HAPT Annual Membership Meeting and Workshop

The Annual HAPT Membership Meeting was held on September 21, 2013 at the Queen's Gate Community Clubhouse. Fourteen HAPT members attended the meeting. Out-going HAPT Board Members Gina Eustaquio and Shelly Tokunaga (Past Presidents) and Ann Marten (Past Treasurer) were acknowledged and thanked for their service on the Board.

President Mary Welsh encouraged continued renewals for current members as well as recruitment for new memberships. Another goal this year will be to encourage HAPT members to become Registered Play Therapists (RPT) and Registered Play Therapist-Supervisors (RPT-S). Hawaii currently has thirteen (13) RPT/RPT-S.

Members discussed the importance of social media and board members will continue to maintain and update HAPT's presence on Facebook. New member Minnie Quan agreed to be the liaison between HAPT and the Hawaii NASW supporting recent changes in the Hawaii Law regarding continuing education requirements (See "New Hawaii Social Work License Requirements").

Mary Lou Lomaka, LCSW, RPT, CIMI and Candace Pang, ACSW, LSW were the presenters of “It’s All About Relationship: Working with Parents and Children with Multigenerational Attachment Issues through Play, Play Therapy and Guided Parent-Child Interaction”. This HAPT Workshop focused on the development of attachment, internal working models, and recognizing how early attachment, new relationships and life experiences affect adult attachment styles. Parent Interaction Guidance was shared including modeling and coaching, information sharing, and playgroups.



Save the Date:

HAPT 16th Annual HAPT Conference

“The Art of Creative and Experiential Interventions in Play Therapy”

With

Scott Rivière, MS, LPC, RPT-S



The 16th Annual HAPT Conference will be held on **February 21 and 22, 2014** at The Salvation Army, Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center in Ewa Beach, Hawaii. Dynamic therapist and speaker Scott Riviere, MS, LPC, RPT-S will be presenting: “The Art of Creative and Experiential Interventions in Play Therapy”.

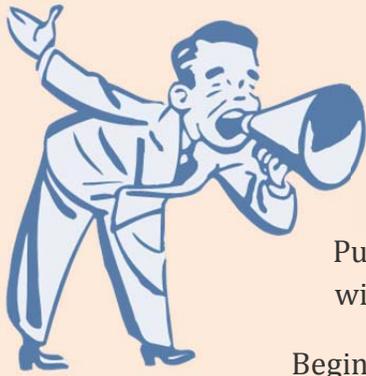
February 21: “Adventure-based Play Therapy with Children and Adolescents in Family Sessions”

February 22: “Creative Interventions for the Disruptive Behavior Disorders”

Scott is a Licensed Professional Counselor and Director of K.I.D.Z., Inc., Louisiana’s first Play Therapy Institute. To learn more about this conference and to register online go to www.hawaiiplaytherapy.net. HAPT member, early registration and group discounts are available.

HAPT will be offering a total of 12 CE hours for this conference (6 hrs per day). The following disciplines will be eligible for CE hours through The Institute for Continuing Education for \$25.00: Psychologists, Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists.

Neighbor island attendees, if you are in need of transportation and/or lodging and Oahu attendees who are interesting in hosting (transportation and/or lodging) neighbor island attendees, please contact HAPT Secretary Angie Won at angie_won55@yahoo.com.



New Hawaii Social Work License Requirements!

Pursuant to Act 183, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013, continuing education ("CE") will be required to renew a LBSW, LSW, or LCSW license.

Beginning with the renewal for the licensing triennium commencing 7/1/2013 - 6/30/2016, each licensee shall: complete 15 credit hours of CE within the renewal period; provided that a minimum of 3 credit hours are in ethics. This means that the licensee shall complete 15 credit hours of CE between 7/1/2013 and 6/30/16.

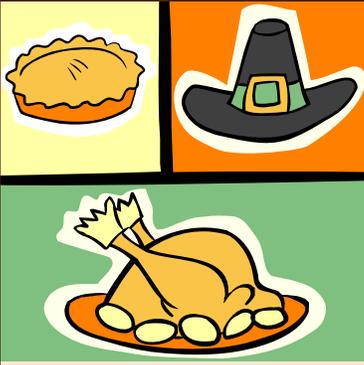
Beginning with the renewal for the licensing triennium 7/1/2016 - 6/30/2019, and prior to every triennial renewal thereafter, each licensee shall complete 45 credit hours of CE within the 3 year period preceding the renewal date; provided that a minimum of 3 credit hours are in ethics. This means that, in order to renew for the licensing triennium starting on 7/1/2016, the licensee shall complete 45 credit hours of CE between 7/1/2016 and 6/30/2019.

A first time licensee is exempt from the CE requirement for the first license renewal.

Please note that each licensee is responsible for maintaining the licensee's CE records. Upon audit by the DCCA, the licensee shall present proof of CE compliance. A licensee is subject to disciplinary action for failure to comply with these CE requirements, failure to present proof of CE compliance upon audit by DCCA, or filing with the DCCA a false statement regarding CE compliance.

Questions regarding the mandatory CE requirement should be directed to the Social Worker Licensing Program's office at (808) 586-2699, between the hours of 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.





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), 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 Therapist Supervisors who are extending their offers:

Carla Sharp, APRN, RPT-S, STA/ISST - Offers individual supervision by appointment and has held group supervision once a month for 13 years. Currently, group supervision is open to anyone and meets on the first Saturday of each month from 9am to 12pm at her office at 315 Uluniu Street, Kailua, #207. Attendees bring play therapy material and/or videos of their session for support and feedback. She has also created a Play Therapy Training Package which allows one to purchase 100 hours of training and 35 hours of supervision at a discounted rate. You can email her for more information at carla@carlsharp.com.

Margaret Bubon Smith, MA, MFT, RPT-S – Currently the Director of 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 via phone: 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@hawaii.rr.com or by phone: 808-261-2524.

Laura Williams LCSW, RPT-S - Works for CFS in Waimea on the Big Island of Hawaii. Contact: 808-895-0989. Expertise is in attachment and children with autism.

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 issues and loss. She can be contacted by email at Midget95127@yahoo.com. Available for individual supervision.

Mary Welsh MS NCC MHC RPT-S – Currently working with Military Families as a Consultant, Mary has 18 years of 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 a Certified Child Centered Play Therapist 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 can be available for distance supervision and will assist the Supervisee in creating and utilizing videotape sessions as the best way to learn strong skills.



Newsletter Contributions Welcomed

As always, 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 the HAPT Member-at-Large, at member-at-large@hawaiiplaytherapy.net.



Reminders

If you received this newsletter via email and do not wish to receive future email from HAPT, please type "Remove Me" in the subject line and return the email. As a reminder, past editions of our newsletters are available for viewing at our website: www.hawaiiplaytherapy.net.



Contacting HAPT

Please visit us on our website at www.hawaiiplaytherapy.net. We can also be reached by writing to P.O. Box 176, Pearl City, HI 96782, or emailing members of the HAPT Board of Directors.

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