

Hawai`i Association for Play Therapy Newsletter – April 2014



New Big Island Chapter

The new Big Island Chapter of the Hawaii Association for Play Therapy (BI-HAPT) kicked off with a training and inaugural meeting on March 29th. Laura Williams, LCSW, RPT-S, and Jeanne Teleia, MFT, CSAC organized and provided the training at Laura's fabulous play therapy office in Waimea. We could only fit 15 people and we were filled to capacity! The training was titled "What is Play Therapy and How Can It Help Me in My Work?"

The goal of the BI-HAPT chapter is to bring more training opportunities for professionals working with children, adolescents, families and even couples and adults. We know many people are already working with children but may not have knowledge or understanding of what play therapy is--and what it is not.

Participants were excited and engaged and provided great feedback for ideas for further trainings. Another goal is to have the geographical regions have their own 'study groups' so professionals can get support and learn from one another without having to travel the great distances there are on Big Island. Both Laura and Jeanne have offered themselves as resources for further training and meetings, including a free monthly training for 1 year for new BI-HAPT members! In less than 3 weeks, the BI-HAPT chapter signed on 8 new members!!

Anita Trubitt, one of HAPT's 'Founding Mothers' graciously offered to support our chapter while on a visit here by offering a mini-training on May 4th. We thank everyone for their support and participation! For further information, contact Jeanne Teleia, 808-224-5008, jteleia@gmail.com or Laura Williams, 808-895-0989, lwilliamslcsw@gmail.com.



Upcoming HAPT Semi-Annual Meeting and Training Workshop



Please join us for the HAPT Semi-Annual Membership Meeting on Saturday, May 17, 2014. The HAPT Membership Meeting is open to all active HAPT Members as well as community members who would like to learn more about Play Therapy in Hawaii. HAPT Board nominations will also be accepted for 2014-15.

Special Guest Speaker: Claire Mellenthin, LCSW, RPT-S will be presenting "Healing Through Play: An Introduction to Attachment-Based Play Therapy". The training workshop will be held at Pohai Nani in Kaneohe from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm. The registration fee for HAPT members and students is \$40 (\$80 for non-members) and includes brunch. Bonus: Current HAPT members who bring a friend who signs up as a new HAPT member before or on training day attends the workshop for only \$25! The new HAPT member also attends the training for just \$25.

Ms. Mellenthin is the President of the Utah Association for Play Therapy. Ms. Mellenthin is also the Clinical Director at Wasatch Family Therapy and adjunct faculty member at the University of Utah MSW program, Utah Valley University, and University of Southern California MSW program. She is passionate about helping children and families to find hope and healing through play therapy and has been a conference presenter both in the U.S. and Canada. Mark your calendar! You won't want to miss this workshop! Registration fee for this workshop also includes 3.0 CEUs for social workers, counselors, psychologists, and play therapists.



HAPT has GREAT Benefits!

HAPT Gold Branch Status

The HAPT has been awarded Gold Branch status! This honor is only given to branches that exceed Association for Play Therapy's (APT) expectations for memberships, trainings, and communication with members. Mahalo to the dedicated HAPT Board and volunteers who have generously donated their time to ensure that HAPT members continue to receive quality benefits.

National Community Listserves

If you are a member, go to www.a4pt.org and click on the Members Only tab. Here you will find awesome resources for HAPT members only! HAPT members can communicate, network, and have access to valuable discussions with fellow APT members through Community Listserves. Currently, there are two national listserves. One discusses general play therapy topics of interest to member academics, practitioners, and students. The second listserve discusses play therapy research and related topics. To subscribe, 1) click the "Members Only" tab; 2) click on "Community Listserves"; then 3) click on "General" and/or "Research", then "Continue". HAPT also has a local listserve through Yahoo Groups. Members must "opt in" to participate to receive emails through this group. If you are a member and would like to participate in the HAPT Yahoo Group, please email member-at-large@hawaiiplaytherapy.net.

Network with HAPT and APT Members

HAPT members have access to APT members nationwide, including Registered Play Therapists (RPT) and Registered Play Therapist Supervisors (RPT-S) in Hawaii. Learn more about becoming an RPT by contacting a RPT or RPT-S near you!

Access to APT Publications

As a HAPT Member, you receive the International Journal of Play Therapy on a quarterly basis. The journal informs members about current play therapy research, case studies, and current practices. Members also receive the APT published Play Therapy Magazine. This magazine informs members about association news, experiential and research-based applications, and practice-related issues. Magazine articles are archived online for two years. Finally, APT publishes its Mining Reports to alert Play Therapists about current or emerging mental health trends and cutting edge best practices. This report is distributed quarterly as a link via Member Flash.



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@carlasharp.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

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