



VAPT enote



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Dear VAPT members,
CONGRATULATIONS to all of you/us!

VAPT needed to have 157 members at the close of business on March 31st, the end of the period to meet Gold Branch requirements.

We had met all the other criteria to be eligible to apply, such as sponsoring over 12 hours of training, having at least 4 communications with members, holding an annual meeting, reviewing the APT Administrative Audit, etc. On the morning of March 31 our count was 151.

I was just notified that we had **161** professional members and **32** affiliate members on March 31.

Thank you for your recruiting efforts and helping more professionals and professionals in training know about the healing power of play.

In 2007-08 VAPT increased our membership by **9%**, this year we increased by nearly **3 %**.

I just asked APT for our latest membership numbers and we are up to **196**-let's break **200** in May!

A 'heads up' for this next year... This year APT only asked us to maintain our professional membership due to the economic crisis. Next year, I anticipate we will need to increase our percentage growth by at least **5%**, the usual Gold Branch minimum. Keep inviting colleagues to renew and to join in.

Welcome New VAPT Playmates

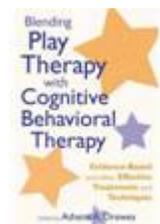
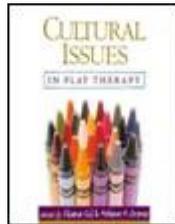
Melissa McGinn
Jennifer Glacel
Kim Montgomery
Lauren Dickey
Sandra Littel
Joan Howard
Kristina Sawetz-Glasener
Katherine Rose
Amy Rugh
Matt Ramsey
Connie Cavett
Eugenia Lindsey
Lynda Murray
Shalanda Weems

Welcome BACK Renewing VAPT Playmates

Nancy Macleod
Debra Mayer
Joseph Pellegrino
Ronda Weber
Penelope Critzer
Trisha Bellamy
Jennifer Thomas
Patricia DeJesus
Marion Chew
Angie Roberts
Ginger Dotter
Larkin Hill

Save the Date! JUNE 12th and 13th, 2009

Athena Drewes from the Astor Home for Children in New York will be our VAPT come play with us conference presenter. Join us on the evening of June 12th and 13th at James Madison University in Harrisonburg (you can see photos other recent workshops at <http://vapt.cisat.jmu.edu>). A few of Athena's books are shown below.



1. Virginia Child Protection Newsletter

Sponsored by the Child Protective Services Unit of the Virginia Department of Social Services. The summer 2008 issue of the Virginia Child Protection Newsletter was on mandatory reporting. It is a good, comprehensive resource for you to read and share. It is available at <http://psychweb.cisat.jmu.edu/graysojh/volume%2083.pdf>

The Virginia Child Protection Newsletter (VCPN) is published by James Madison University through a contract with the Virginia Department of Social Services. Each newsletter is focused on one or more topics in child welfare. The articles provide a survey of literature and also address current practice issues.

VCPN is mailed to about 13,000 agencies and individuals in Virginia and across the United States. The publication is provided free of charge to any interested person or organization. Single copies of back issues are available free of charge.

To view the back issues of the newsletter, go to <http://psychweb.cisat.jmu.edu/graysojh/>

Some topics from recently are:

Volume 78 - Teen Dating Violence: How Schools Can Help

Volume 76 - Sexual Abuse by Educators and School Staff

2. National Child Traumatic Stress Network

I encourage you frequently explore the website for the **National Child Traumatic Stress Network** to learn about progress in the treatment of childhood trauma (you need to login). http://www.ncetsnet.org/nccts/nav.do?pid=hom_main

You may also want to view the Winter 2009 edition of impACT, the quarterly newsletter of the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN). impACT is committed to sharing the extraordinary stories of the people and organizations advancing the important work of the NCTSN. You can take a look at impACT by clicking on the following link which opens into a PDF document (and please note that this document may take some time to download):

http://www.nctsn.org/nctsn_assets/pdfs/newsletters/NCTSN_Newsletter_12_o8.pdf

You can view previous issues of impACT at the following link:

http://www.nctsn.org/nccts/nav.do?pid=ctr_rschn_newsletters

3. PUPPETS!

Nice puppets for \$4.00 and up, at www.timeless-toys.com



4. APRIL is CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION Month

Wear a **BLUE RIBBON** for CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION month! Virginia uses BLUE RIBBONS and PINWHEELS for PREVENTION to help communities recognize and work to eliminate family violence.

VAPT will help sponsor a family concert for child abuse prevention awareness on April 18th. The performer, John Farrell, also performed for National Guard and families last year, with VAPT sponsorship.



See photos of the event at

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/annestewart/sets/72157604543434615/>

Go to http://www.preventchildabuseva.org/blue_news_2009.htm

for great handouts to share with parents and professionals.

For a list of mandated reporters of adult abuse, neglect, and exploitation, please visit

www.dss.virginia.gov/family/aps_mandated.html



5. Across the Lifespan...

New Resource for Adult Protective Services Mandated Reporters

Virginia Department of Social Services (www.dss.virginia.gov)

The Adult Protective Services Program at the Virginia Department of Social Services is announced the availability of an online educational opportunity for mandated reporters of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of older or incapacitated individuals. The online training course has been developed to assist mandated reporters in understanding adult abuse and their responsibilities as mandated reporters. **For more information, including how to access the course** via the Virginia Knowledge Center (DSS & local agency staff) or Virginia Institute for Social Services Training Activities (VISSTA, for all others), please contact:

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6. Commemorating the **April 16** Anniversary

We in Virginia have an important anniversary to acknowledge. Lennie Echterling and I invite you to commemorate the April 16 anniversary with meaning, compassion and hope. Please feel free to pass along this document to others who may find it useful. You are welcome to modify it in any way that would make the material more relevant for particular needs. We hope that you find this helpful. Please contact us if you have any suggestions and questions. We wish you the best in promoting resilience!

Anne and Lennie

Commemorating the April 16 Anniversary

This April 16, we invite you to set aside some time to reflect and commemorate the anniversary of the heartache at Virginia Tech. You may recall the losses and heroism of that day last year, along with compassionate acts of aid and comfort since then. One innovative expression of this care is the Virginia Tech Memorial Quilts

Project<<http://grandmasatticquilting.blogspot.com/2007/04/virginia-tech-memorial-quilts-project.html>>, which is creating quilts to send to Virginia Tech. In our culture, quilts have been used to honor family and to offer comfort in times of crisis. Now, you may not be a quilter, but your actions can contribute to mending the fabric of our community. Here are just a few of the ways that you can help:

Reach Out

The anniversary is a time that you can reach out to others. Participate in a memorial service, join with others for a candlelight vigil, or offer up a moment of silence<<http://www.jmu.edu/jmuweb/general/news/general9926.shtml>>. If you know people who have a close connection to Virginia Tech, you have an opportunity to comfort and console. If they are far away, you can give them a telephone call, send an email or write a card. However you connect, you can offer emotional support to those who have been affected. You may be worried that you don't know what to say, but don't let that stop you from reaching out. There are no perfect words or slogans, but you can make a difference by being there for others. They may forget your exact words, but they will remember that you remembered.

Take Heart

The media will replay much of the violence and pain of that day. You can do your part to balance and enrich this story by recalling and retelling stories of resilience and courage. Let yourself be inspired by the determination of the Virginia Tech people to define themselves as a thriving learning community. Be touched by the many gestures of support that parents, teachers, friends and other colleges and communities have offered. It's essential that we acknowledge the heartache and suffering and not lose heart about our future.

Make Meaning

After a tragic event, people make meaning by being a part of the healing process. You can offer your own random acts of kindness to help others to heal and be comforted. The senseless actions of one troubled individual at Virginia Tech, or anywhere in the world, can challenge our sense of collective resolve. Your actions can help reaffirm our combined sense of meaning, trust and wellbeing in life.

[An interview with VT student Heidi Miller](http://hosted.ap.org/specials/interactives/_national/vtech_anniversary/)

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[A compelling slide show of VT images by photographer Casey Templeton with Nikki Giovanni's talk.](http://www.caseytempleton.com/vt/)

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Give Thanks

During this painful anniversary, it is especially important to give thanks to those who bring safety and security to your life. You can make a deliberate effort to take every opportunity to thank such

people as security personnel, emergency medical responders, educators, and countless others who bring richness and joy to our lives.

Give Blood

A year ago, blood was shed. Now, you can donate life-giving blood as one concrete and important act of healing. Virtually all of us will face a time of great vulnerability in which we will need blood. And that time is all too often unexpected. To find out where you can donate, visit www.givelife.org or call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543).

Make a Donation

One fast and practical way to make a positive difference during this anniversary period is to contribute to local organizations that are dedicated to reducing violence. Domestic violence shelters, organizations preventing child abuse, and conflict mediation services are just a few examples. You can donate your time, money and needed materials that support efforts to bring safety, peace and security to individuals and families.

These are only a few examples of how you can bring meaning, compassion and hope to this anniversary. The possibilities for you to help promote resilience are only limited by your imagination. We wish you well as you join in this commemoration.

- Lennis Echterling and Anne Stewart, James Madison University, April 14, 2008

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Playfully,

Anne

Other great trainings in our area:

Play Therapy Training: Jungian Analytical Play Therapy
Presenter: Dr. Eric Green, PhD, LPC, RPT
Date: April 17, 2009 from 8:30 – 4:30
Location: Richmond, VA

Friday, April 17, 2009

Jungian Analytical Play Therapy: Activating the Child's Self
Dr. **Eric Green**, PhD.,

Participants will explore a brief overview of the theoretical underpinnings of Jungian Analytical Play Therapy (JAPT). The presenter will utilize a variety of pedagogical modalities in an effort to concretize JAPT, including interactive lectures, a live vide

taped session of a traumatized child during the Jungian psychotherapy process, and experiential JAPT activities to bridge the theoretical to the practical.

<http://www.cbpseminars.com/Richmond2009.pdf>

Child-Centered Play Therapy Workshop

May 1-2, 2009

Workshop Leader: William Nordling, Ph.D.

Location: Bethesda, MD

13 CE Credits

Cost: \$265.00

For more information: www.nire.org

To register: 301-986-1479

Workshop Sponsor: National Institute of Relationship Enhancement. NIRE is approved by the Association for Play Therapy to offer continuing education specific to play therapy. Provider number is 95-009.