



APRIL



2010

Dear VAPT Member,
Happy **Springtime** in the Commonwealth!

Congratulations to all of us for meeting the requirements for the APT **Gold Branch** award. VAPT met all the requirements including membership growth, sponsoring over 12 hours of training, having at least 4 communications with members, holding an annual meeting and reviewing the APT administrative audit. (You can see the complete list of the requirements at the APT site.) **Well done!** I will complete the application and submit it with a processing fee to be evaluated for the award. APT took count on March 31 and reported that our **professional membership increased 3.5%**, from 172 to 178—**way to go professional members!** Combined with our strong affiliate membership—**way to go students and parents!**—we are over **200** members strong.

Many VAPT chapters are continuing to conduct training series. To stay informed about workshops in your area you can consult the APT Training Directory for listings in the state, introduce yourself to the chapter chair in your area of the state (see the VAPT MEMBERSHIP MAP on our VAPT website to find your chair <http://vapt.cisat.jmu.edu>) or join the VAPT Facebook group. Of course, I will continue to send out emails with notices also.

See you in JUNE at our **4-day** conference on Trauma, Loss and Resilience in Harrisonburg, VA. Come for any combination of days!

Playfully,
Anne



Learn and have fun at our conference, you will.

VAPT is partnering with the **National Institute for Trauma and Loss in Children** for our 14th Annual Conference.

1st time for TLC to train in the mid-Atlantic region!



THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE
FOR TRAUMA AND LOSS
IN CHILDREN

A STARR INSTITUTE
FOR TRAINING PROGRAM



14th Annual Virginia Association for Play Therapy Conference



June 14th to 17th, 2010

Trauma, Loss and Resilience in Children and Families

Festival Conference and Student Center

James Madison University

Harrisonburg, Virginia

**June 14 Children of Trauma: Foundations for Creative Interventions
- Bill Steele**

**June 15 Structured Sensory Interventions: From Sensory Memories
to Play - Bill Steele**

**June 16 Using Children's Drawings in Art and Play Therapy
- Cathy Malchiodi**

**June 17 Creative Play-Based Crisis Intervention
– Anne Stewart and Lennie Echterling**

Continuing Education and TLC Trauma Specialist Certification

Conference participants have the unique opportunity to earn continuing education units *and/or* begin to complete the first level of the National Institute for Trauma and Loss in Children (TLC) certification. (Of course, you can pay the registration fee and just enjoy the conference, too!



JUNE 14 and 15

Dr. William Steele is the Founder of the National Institute for Trauma and Loss in Children (TLC) established in 1990. Dr. Steele has had numerous publications in such journals as the *School Social Work Journal*, *Children and Schools*, *Residential Treatment for Children and Youth* and publications with Guilford Press and the American Counseling Association. See more at <http://www.starrtraining.org/tlc>



JUNE 16

Cathy Malchiodi is an art therapist, visual artist, independent scholar, and author of 13 books on arts therapies, including *The Art Therapy Sourcebook*. Cathy maintains a blog for Psychology Today - see <http://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/the-healing-arts>



JUNE 17

Anne Stewart, Ph.D., and Lennie Echterling, Ph.D., enjoy a creative and playful collaboration in promoting resilience across the country and throughout the world. With other colleagues, Drs. Stewart and Echterling have joined forces to publish two books – “*Becoming a Community Counselor*” and “*Thriving! A Manual for Students in the Helping Professions.*” Together, they

also coauthored a variety of book chapters and articles on crisis intervention, resilience, play therapy, supervision, and disaster intervention.

Fees

VAPT, APT and VCA Members

1 day – \$90

2 days – \$170

3 days – \$250

4 days – \$330

VAPT, APT and VCA Student Members

1 day – \$40

2 days – \$80

3 days – \$120

4 days – \$160

Non-members

1 day – \$105

2 days – \$200

3 days – \$295

4 days – \$390

Student Non-members

1 day – \$50

2 days – \$100

3 days – \$150

4 days – \$200

GO to the VAPT CONFERENCE WEBSITE for workshop descriptions, presenter bios, directions, lodging, registration, and continuing education and TLC certification information.

<http://vapt.cisat.imu.edu/summerconference10/index.html>



**On-site
June
14-16!**

April celebrates children!

April is Child Abuse Prevention month

Hopefully, you are accessorizing with 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.



This is a photo of the Pinwheels for Prevention garden in Harrisonburg, where VAPT forwarded the proclamation to recognize Child Abuse Prevention Month and Week of the Young Child at the City Council. We also helped plant the garden.

Go to http://www.preventchildabuseva.org/prevention_month.htm for great handouts to share with parents and professionals.

April celebrates the Week of the Young Child



The Week of the Young Child is sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). <http://www.naeyc.org/> The NAEYC site has terrific information to use year round. You can find material related to inclusive practices for children with disabilities, developmentally appropriate education and discussions and position papers on early childhood issues. For example, the site reports:

“Research shows that high-quality early childhood programs help children--especially those from families with low-incomes--develop the skills they need to succeed in school. However, most programs in the United States are rated mediocre, and fewer than 10% meet national accreditation standards. Across the nation child care fees average \$4,000 to \$10,000 per year, exceeding the cost of public universities in most states. Yet, nationally only 1 in 7 children who are financially eligible for child care subsidies is being served, and only 41% of 3 and 4 year old children living in poverty are enrolled in preschool, compared to 58% of those whose families have higher incomes.”

So, play therapists, consider consulting with early childhood education programs and day cares in your community!

April is **Month of the Military Child**

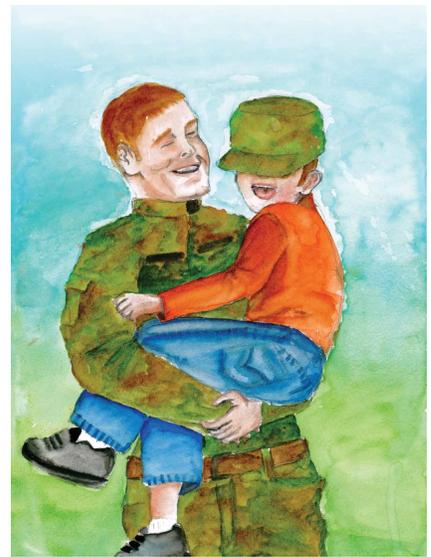
Military One Source is a comprehensive site to consult for working with military families. www.militaryonesource.com
In addition, the Military Child Education Coalition is an excellent organization with an informative website. MCEC posted a booklet for supporting children during deployment.

<http://www.militarychild.org/>

Deployment Booklet

This booklet was created to help parents and educators, two groups who care deeply about children and support children during this potentially stressful time. It includes ways that parents and educators can work together to ensure the education process stays on track during a deployment. The deployment cycle is best thought of as three separate phases: (1) pre-deployment, (2) deployment, and (3) reunion. Each phase has unique issues and requires different strategies. The information provided in the booklet is grouped into three sections to parallel this structure. Special suggestions for parents and educators are provided to help both groups anticipate the specific needs of children in that phase of the cycle and to provide necessary support.

<http://www.militarychild.org/files/pdfs/DeploymentBooklet.pdf>



Come to the Shenandoah Valley and bring your family and friends!
See you in JUNE!

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