



VAPT enote

JUNE 2011

Dear VAPT Playmate,

VAPT will hold the 15th Annual  COME PLAY WITH US!!  Conference on June 23, 24, and 25 in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Our featured speaker on Thursday and Friday is **Caelan Kuban, Director of the National Institute for Trauma and Loss in Children (TLC)**. Caelan is a nationally recognized speaker, trainer, supervisor and author on trauma and loss. She will provide two full-day workshops that focus on sensory-based techniques to use with children and teens that have experienced trauma and loss.



Caelan will describe TLC's **evidence-based** approach and provide many opportunities to **practice techniques**. On Saturday, we will learn about a **supervision model especially designed for crisis conditions**-acute or chronic- with presenters **Madeleine Dupre, Lennie Echterling and Anne Stewart**.

Participation in Caelan's workshops and the Saturday workshop fulfill APT continuing education hours (play therapy or supervision) and discipline specific continuing education credits (APA, NASW, NBCC). In addition, the workshops qualify for credit to meet **TLC Level One or Level Two trauma certification**.

The **SELF ESTEEM SHOP** will be on-site with great resources to support your professional development and practice.

CONFERENCE WEBSITE: <http://vapt.cisat.jmu.edu/summer11/index.html>

P. S. We have a great give-away this year for our conference participants...

1. Large Scale Disasters and Children

Dr. Kay Trotter featured a blog by Caelan Kuban on helping children deal with large scale disasters, specifically addressing the recent heartbreak in Japan. You can read the blog at <https://drkaytrotter.wordpress.com/tag/tlc/>

Learn more about the VAPT-TLC presenter, Caelan Kuban, at http://www.starrtraining.org/caelan-kuban_1

2. The Power of Play

This article provides a sound discussion of the importance of play for healthy living, as well as a discussion of the lack of valuing of play in our culture and mental health disciplines. This article is published in Psychology Today. How have you promoted play today? <http://www.psychologytoday.com/collections/201105/you-deserve-break/the-power-play>

3. The Power of Play Therapy

You can find an interesting article, published in May/June 2011 by Social Work Today, on the healing power of play therapy at this link: <http://www.socialworktoday.com/archive/051711p20.shtml>

4. Resources for Working Effectively with Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder*

The National Professional Development Center on Autism Spectrum Disorder (NPDC on ASD) has identified 24

evidence-based practices for working effectively with individuals with autism spectrum disorder and is in the process of developing free online modules for each of these practices. Evidence-based practice (EBP) briefs for these 24 practices have also been developed. These include an overview of the practice, directions for implementation, an implementation checklist, the evidence base for the practice, and supplemental materials.

1. Autism Internet Modules (AIM) - <http://www.autisminternetmodules.org/>
2. Evidence-based Practice Briefs - <http://autismpdc.fpg.unc.edu/content/briefs>

Additionally, the IDEA Partnership has added new resources to its Collection on Autism Spectrum Disorder, including: an updated Glossary, Resource Guide, new Dialogue Guides, and a new PowerPoint with Presenter Guide on Functional Behavioral Assessment. To learn more, go to

http://ideapartnership.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1493

Source: National Professional Development Center on Autism Spectrum Disorder and the IDEA Partnership - Retrieved April 13, 2011

*Thanks to Camille Catlett and Natural Resources for this posting. Natural Resources is a weekly, one-way listserv. You may join this listserv by sending an email **with no message** to subscribe-natural_resources2@listserv.unc.edu

5. Participate in APT Governance

APT DIRECTOR ELECTIONS BEGIN JUNE 8! If you are a Professional member in good standing in APT as of May 31, you received a **special email** from APT to participate in online 2011 director elections. The Board of Directors scans the mental health environment, defines our vision, and evaluates organizational performance.

6. VAPT Chapter News

The chapters are becoming play therapy hubs around the state. Some are offering continuing education credit with their monthly meetings. Below is a list of our VAPT Chapter areas and their Chapter Chairperson. If you have not heard from your Chapter Chair, feel free to send them an email and let them know if you can help start a series of meetings for child and family therapists in your area.

Roanoke VAPT

Chairperson Stephanie Pratola

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Chairperson Barbara J. Smith

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Southwest VAPT

Chairperson – Let me know!

7. Join the APT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

You are invited to enroll in the 2011-12 class of the APT Leadership Academy. Read about the LA and complete the application on the APT website at www.a4pt.org

The APT site notes:

“The Leadership Academy was established in 2004 as an orientation about leadership attributes, the Policy Governance© Model, and how APT conducts its daily business with members.”

VAPT will reimburse your registration fee! Contact Anne at stewaral@jmu.edu

8. Annual Membership Campaign

Here is information from APT about the annual membership campaign. We will need to increase our membership by 5% for next year's Gold Branch award! Let's meet that goal now. You can read the benefits of recruiting and joining VAPT/APT below.

Campaign Objective

Because growth generates new ideas, program resources, and represents broader respect for play therapy, Association for Play Therapy (APT) members will invite their professional colleagues, co-workers, and students to become Professional, Affiliate, and International members. APT will reward their recruitment and retention performances by conferring the incentives below.

Member Rewards

Earn APT Bucks

- If you sponsor a new Professional member between January and December, you will earn 10 APT Bucks. Or if you sponsor a new International or Affiliate member between January and December, you will earn 5 APT Bucks.
- You may redeem your APT Bucks before they expire to reduce your APT membership dues and program fees.
- Click on and review additional *APT Bucks* information and guidelines.

Win \$50 Gift Certificates

- If you earn at least 20 APT Bucks during any quarter between January and December, your name will be entered in the random drawing for a \$50.00 gift certificate from a play therapy vendor held during that quarter.
- Quarters are January-March, April-June, July-September, and October-December.

Turn Bucks Into Cash

- If you are one of the three APT individual members who earns the most APT Bucks from January thru June, you will be honored and presented a certificate during our 2011 Conference.
- If you are one of the three APT individual members who earns the most APT Bucks from January thru June and also earns 100 or more APT Bucks, your APT Bucks will be doubled and turned into cash. For example, if you earn 150 APT bucks, you also win \$300 in cash!

Branch Bash

- If your chartered branch is one of the three chartered branches that increases its number of Professional members by the highest percentage between January and June, your branch will be honored and presented a certificate during our 2011 Conference.
- If your chartered branch increased its number of Professional members by the highest percentage between January and June, your branch will enjoy a \$500.00 food and beverage credit at our 2011 Conference headquarters hotel.

**Playfully
Anne**