



VAPT enote MAY 2011



Dear VAPT Playmate,

VAPT will hold its 15th Annual COME PLAY WITH US!! conference on June 23, 24 and 25, 2011 in Harrisonburg, Virginia. We will continue to partner with the National Institute for Trauma and Loss in Children (TLC).

This is the 2nd training in the mid-Atlantic for the National Institute for Trauma and Loss (TLC)—we were the first last year. **TLC offers certification program in trauma** and the training series will help you fulfill 3 of the 6 requirements right here in Virginia! We will offer our usual applications for CE from NBCC, APA, NASW and, of course, APT.

PLEASE share information about our conference widely—we need substantial funding to conduct this conference and all but a small portion of our revenue is from conference fees. The Self Esteem Shop will be onsite with great items to equip your play room!

The first day we will again offer Sensory Integration—so if you missed this class last year be sure to join in now. The second and third days are brand new workshops. By attending you will accrue hours for TLC Level One or Level Two certification and APT CEU's in play therapy and/or supervision, as well as discipline-specific CEU's. Visit the conference website for details at

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

The conference fee is the same as last year and the Marriott retained a conference rate of \$79.00 for us. Register soon!

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Playfully,
Anne

1. JOIN THE APT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

You are invited to enroll in the 2011-2012 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! Let me know if you have questions or decide to have this fun! The 2011, 2010 and 2009 Virginia Leadership Academy Class Members are listed below. You may contact them to learn about the benefits of participating. Congratulations!

2011

- Christen Pendleton, LPC
Harrisonburg, VA
- Kathleen Levingston, PhD, LPC, RPT-S
Norfolk, VA

2010

- Chitra Iyer
Harrisonburg, VA

2009

- Sheri Mitschelen, LCSW, RPT-S
Fairfax, VA
- Catherine Spooner, LCSW
Gainesville, VA
- Jessica Umhoefer, NCSP
Harrisonburg, VA

2. LEARN MORE PLAY THERAPY ...AT HOME

The Association for Play Therapy (APT) has numerous opportunities for distance CE via



audio courses



book/DVD tests



journal tests

Visit the webpage below and explore the options to learn in your pajamas.

<http://www.a4pt.org/ps.training.cfm?ID=1638>

3. GOLD BRANCH STATUS UPDATE

VAPT qualified to submit an application to APT for Gold Branch status. Gold Branch designation is conferred if a branch meets criteria for performance by March 31 and submits a completed GB application by May 31st.

Below are some of the Gold Branch requirements. I noted VAPT's activities below each requirement.

To be eligible for Gold Branch the organization must:

- Maintain membership (will need to increase this by 5% next year—start recruiting now!)
VAPT increased its membership by 3.5% from 200 to 207
Professional members 178
Affiliate members 29
- Have at least 10% of the branch membership be RPT and RPT-S
VAPT has 57 RPT and RPT-S of its 178 professional members or 32%
This was a 16% increase
- Issue 5 multi-topic member communications
VAPT had (at least) 9 communications (VAPT was 3rd)
- Conduct 2 outreach activities
VAPT had 6 outreach activities (VAPT 3rd—only CA and TX had more)
- Conduct 12 hours of APT approved provider trainings
VAPT conducted 43 hours of approved training for its members
Sponsored training for working with military families and attachment and child abuse prevention, as well
- Submit board minutes to show conduct an administrative audit
Done!
- Attend the APT branch meeting at the APT national conference
VAPT attended—thanks to Amy Kale Fraitcs

Then complete the application and send in the fee. Voila!

4. VAPT CHAPTER NEWS!

The chapters are quickly becoming play therapy hubs around the state. Some are offering continuing education credit with their monthly meetings. GREAT!!!

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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Forest VAPT

Chairperson Norma White

norma.white@couplestandkids.com

Central Virginia VAPT

Chairperson Amy Kale Fraites

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Northern Virginia VAPT

Chairperson Joyce Meagher

kdkntrl@comcast.net

Northern Virginia VAPT

Chairperson Cathi Spooner and Sheri Mitschelen

cathispooner@hotmail.com

shmitsch@verizon.net

Tidewater VAPT

Chairperson Kathrin Hartmann

hartmak@evms.edu

Richmond VAPT

Chairperson Barbara J. Smith

bjsmith461@aol.com

Southwest VAPT – Y'all come! Let me know if you are interested in serving.

5. ANNUAL WORKSHOP – JUNE 23, 24 AND 25

Thursday, June 23rd,
Friday, June 24th and
Saturday, June 25th 2011

James Madison University Festival Conference Center
Harrisonburg, Virginia



**Structured Sensory Interventions:
Integrating Sensory Memories and Play Therapy**
With Caelan Kuban, LMSW, CTC-S

**Advanced Sensory-Based Interventions:
From Sensory Memories to Play Therapy**
With Caelan Kuban, LMSW, CTC-S

**Resilience – Based Crisis Supervision: The Use of Play
Therapy Techniques to Promote Resolution**
*With Madeleine Dupre, LPC, LSATP, ACS; Anne
Stewart, PhD.; Lennie Echterling, PhD*

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

This workshop series is co-sponsored for continuing education by the **National Institute for Trauma and Loss in Children** (APT Approved Provider number 01-108) and the **Virginia Association for Play Therapy** (APT Approved Provider number 01-109).

All three workshops are approved for 6 CEUs each from all major providers (APA, NASW, NBCC, APT). The workshops are approved for APT continuing education hours for play therapy for June 23 and 24 and for APT continuing education supervisor hours for June 25.

Playfully,
Anne