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Dear VAPT members,
Happy New Year!

Are you active in your area VAPT Chapter? Are you looking for ways to find out more about play therapy and connect with play therapists in your area? Well, VAPT has regional chapters around Virginia to bring play therapy resources and networking opportunities to your area. All our VAPT sponsored trainings that award CE's are posted on the national APT site--look under the directory for finding play therapy training and select Virginia! You may also contact your local Chapter Chair to find out more about what's happening in your area and around the state. If there is not a chapter listed that is close to you, please consider volunteering to serve in your area. Contact a chair close to you and offer mutual support to a playmate!

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SAVE the DATE
June 14 and 15, 2013

Our summer COME PLAY WITH US!! Conference will focus on a treatment model and interventions for working with children with autism and sensory and regulatory challenges. Save the date for **JUNE 14 and 15** at JMU with presenter **Dr. Esther Hess** on Stanley Greenspan's remarkable **DIR FLOORTIME!**

Featured News - Animal Assisted Therapy

Special thanks to VAPT Richmond area Chapter Chair and guest editor **Jan Williamson** for submitting this information about animal-assisted therapy.

How Do I Train My Therapy Dog for Play Therapy?

The best source of training for play therapist and their canine assistants can be found at Rise Van Fleets website (see below). It has a wealth of information, resources, articles and guidelines on everything child related from dog training methods to setting goals for integrating dogs into play therapy sessions. Her training is excellent!

Consult her website at <http://play-therapy.com//playfulpooch/training.html>



Training for Therapy Professionals



Trainings are designed for mental health professionals who wish to use their own dogs in their work, as well as for therapy dog handlers and other canine professionals who wish to collaborate with play therapists to provide canine-assisted play therapy.



Suzanne Clothier

RELATIONSHIP CENTERED TRAINING™

Suzanne Clothier's Relationship Centered Training website provides information about dog assessment and selection for specific tasks. <http://www.suzanneclothier.com/>



Pet Partners

Touching Lives, Improving Health

The Pet Partners organization certifies therapy dogs. The site provides requirements for getting your dog accepted as a therapy animal. Although you can't use their insurance if you use your dog at work (instead of as a volunteer) it is still important for liability and insurance purposes.



Create a Customized Pet Chore Chart

At this site you can create a custom chore chart. The site takes you through steps to create and print a themed chart that you can hang on to help remind your children of the chores they need to take care of.

You add your own title to the chart and then customize the row and column headings. Choose a picture for the top of your chore chart from a variety of themes. You can create your chart in color or black and white so that you child has something to color before hanging it on the fridge. Enjoy!
Go to <http://www.dltk-cards.com/chart/>

More information on sites supporting animal assisted therapies:

International society for Anthrozoology
International Associations for Human –Animal Interaction Organizations



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