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Paris in New Orleans!



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

LAPT MARCH 2010

Greetings,

I hope this letter finds you all well. Spring is near!!! Hopefully. I don't know about you but I am ready for spring. And speaking of spring, your LAPT board sprung into action hosting its annual conference, The Many Faces of Play Therapy on February 26-27, 2010 in New Orleans at Loyola University. Nationally known speaker Paris Goodyear-Brown was the keynote speaker and the title of her workshop was Play Therapy for Anxiety Disorders: A Prescriptive Approach. The second day featured fifteen extraordinary breakout sessions. On February 27th at the conference, LAPT held its general meeting and conducted a vote regarding a couple of by-law changes (regarding elections) and the members voted unanimously to accept those changes. I enjoyed meeting many of you and dialoguing about play therapy in Louisiana. We received glowing remarks and feedback from many of you regarding Paris Goodyear-Brown, the sectional presenters, and the conference as a whole. Thank you for attending and making this conference a success.

The **LAPT 2011 Annual Conference** will take place on **February 11 & 12, 2011** at Loyola University in New Orleans, LA. The keynote speaker will be **Sueann Kenney-Noziska, MSW, LISW, Registered Play Therapist Supervisor** and she will present on **From Assessment to Termination: Empirically-Informed Play Therapy Interventions**. The second day will again feature breakout sessions. Please consider presenting as a sectional speaker. A call for proposals will be sent out soon. Also, please send us topics that you would like to see presented at future workshops.

The Association for Play Therapy (APT) will host its annual conference in Louisville, KY on October 12-17, 2010. If you've never been to an APT conference, you really should consider. It's the largest collection of play therapists under a roof presenting on a wide array of topics and theories of play therapy. Plus, it offers the opportunity to meet play therapists from all over the world. For information on the conference, please visit APT online at www.a4pt.org.

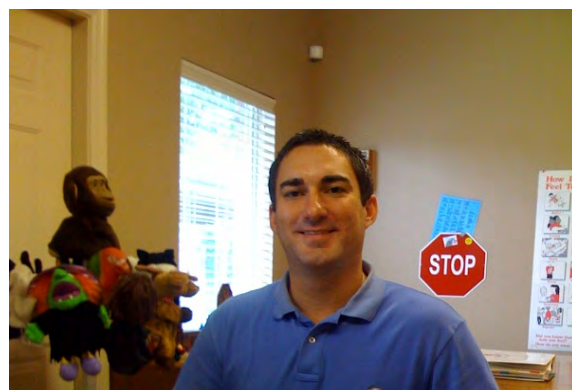
All of you Registered Play Therapists/Supervisors please do not forget to **Renew RPT/S Credentials!** All RPT/S credentials must be annually renewed by March 31st. You may renew *online* at <http://www.a4pt.org/ps.credentials.cfm?ID=1637#anchor15135>. For help, contact Credentialing Assistance (559) 294-2128 x1.

Check out our website. LAPT has modernized its website making it more functional and user-friendly. We hope you'll enjoy visiting and using the **LAPT website** at www.la4pt.org. Please send us feedback to let us know what you think about the site.

Please feel free to email us with any questions or concerns you have. I hope the wonders of spring bolster your strength, energy, mind, and soul. Thank you for all that you do and for your passion to help kids heal. Author Leo Buscaglia once said "The human need to play is a powerful one. When we ignore it, we feel there is something missing in our lives."

Playfully yours,

Ray Melerine, LPC, LMFT
Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor
President LAPT





LOUISIANA PRIDE

Please send us an email detailing your recent achievements or examples of how you promoted play therapy to the newsletter editor.

Louisiana's Newest Registered Play Therapist - Supervisor

Laura Fazio-Griffith - Baton Rouge

Registered Play Therapist

Sandra Allen - Ruston

Remember "RPT" is a protected Physical Therapy credential in Louisiana, when in doubt write it out!



Check us out on the web at

www.la4pt.org

Books for the young and the young at heart:

Bibliotherapy, Professional Development and more

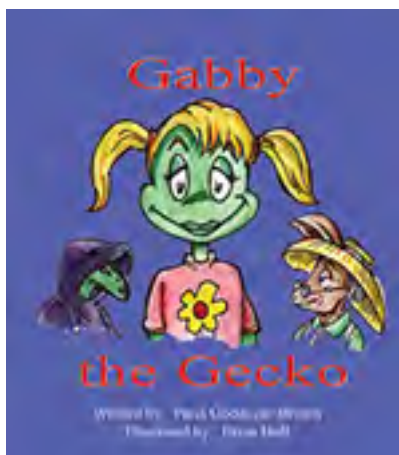
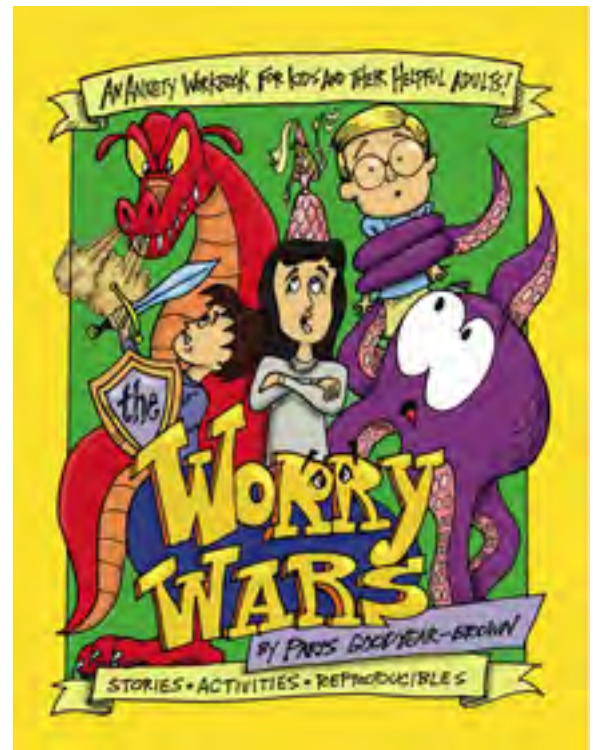
In this section you will find books for therapists and their clients, contact the editor to add your favorites. Don't forget to visit the APT bookstore at <http://www.a4pt.org/bookstore.cfm>!



Paris Goodyear-Brown was our keynote speaker for the conference and much of her presentation referred to tools available in her newest books ***Worry Wars*** and ***Play Therapy with Traumatized Children***. Even if you missed the conference both of these books and many others can be purchased at her website

Let the editor know your favorite books to use for bibliotherapy, your recommendations for beginning play therapists, or topics you'd like to see represented in this section in future issues of the newsletter!

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*All of these books and more information about Paris are available at www.parisandme.com.



It's all yours ...

**Tell me what topics you'd like
to see in the next issue of child
chatter.**

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Upcoming Trainings ...

Erin Dugan, PhD, at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center continues to offer regularly scheduled Friday workshops. The workshops begin at 8am and end at 5 pm. Dr. Dugan has also added shorter weekly "Brown-Bag" mini-workshop series on Wednesdays. Dr. Dugan is a Registered Play Therapist - Supervisor and all registrants will receive 8.0 play therapy contact hours for Friday workshop attendance and 1.5 contact hours for Brown Bag attendance. Call (504) 568 - 4329 or email emart3@lsuhsc.edu for further information or to be added to the mailing list.

April 9th - Directive Play Therapy

May 7th - Play Therapy Supervision

There will also be Summer courses in play therapy at several universities including Loyola, LSUHSC, and Xavier University of Louisiana contact a counseling or social work program near you for information about upcoming classes and enrollment.

If you are aware of upcoming trainings and would like to see them included in this space contact the editor.

Mission Statement

To promote the value of play, play therapy, and credentialed play therapists.

To satisfy this mission, the Association for Play Therapy will advance the psychosocial development and mental health of all people by providing and supporting those programs, services, and related activities that promote the:

1. Understanding and valuing of play and play therapy.
2. Effective practice of play therapy through education, training, and research.
3. Recognition, incorporation, and preservation of diversity in play therapy.
4. Development and maintenance of a strong professional organization to accomplish these objectives.



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A note from the Editor

Space is available for those wishing to advertise continuing education opportunities, products, or other services. The following rates have been adopted: full page - \$100; half page - \$50; quarter page - \$25. A discount of "4 for the price of 3" is given if you choose to advertise in 4 consecutive issues.

If interested, please contact Kristy Brumfield, (504) 250-4178 or send e-mail to brumfiek@bellsouth.net.

We welcome contributions to the newsletter, such as play therapy techniques, website recommendations, and books. LAPT reserves the right to reject or accept any submission.

I look forward to continuing as your newsletter editor and hope to hear from you soon.

Kristy Brumfield

Play Therapy

"The systematic use of a theoretical model to establish an interpersonal process wherein trained play therapists use the therapeutic powers of play to help clients prevent or resolve psychosocial difficulties and achieve optimal growth and development."

Why play?

Play is a child's natural form of communication just as talking is an adult's natural way of communication. Children, even children who are quite talkative, express themselves more fully through their play. Emotions are often difficult to understand for children and even more difficult to express. Play provides a non-threatening way for children to express themselves.