



# CHILD CHATTER



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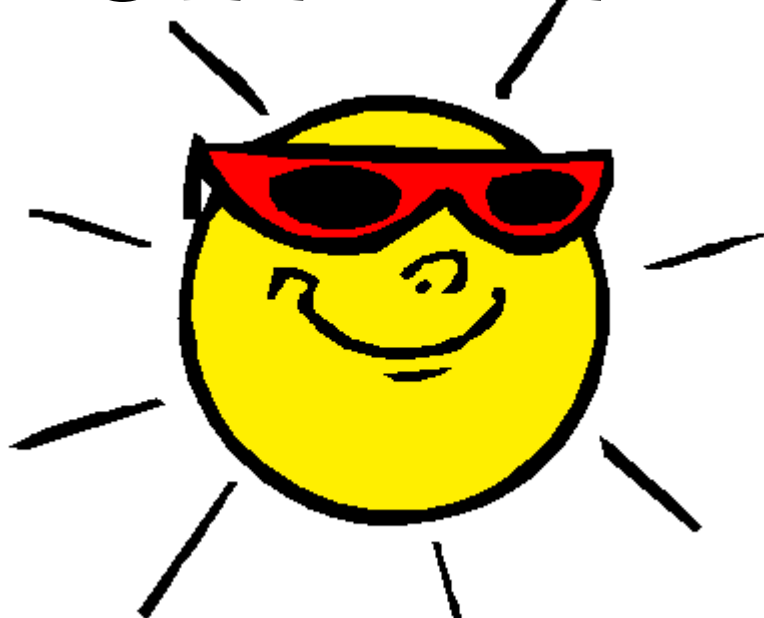
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# Summer Time



## Laissez les bons temps rouler!

*Call for Proposals*

*Due August 1st!*

*See LAPT website for details.*



# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

LAPT JUNE 2010

Greetings,

Are you ready for summer? Ready or not I think it's here. For me, summer is a time for vacationing, relaxing, and playing. Come to think about it, I play all year long. LAPT focuses on playing all year long, too. The LAPT board is currently working on the 2011 Annual Conference, which will take place on **February 11 & 12, 2011** at Loyola University in New Orleans. The keynote speaker will be **Sueann Kenney-Noziska, MSW, LISW**, Registered Play Therapist Supervisor. The title of her workshop is **From Assessment to Termination: Empirically-Informed Play Therapy Interventions**. Sueann is known as a dynamic, engaging presenter with a reputation for providing practical and clinically useful play therapy interventions. She is an author, instructor of play therapy, guest lecturer, and internationally recognized speaker on the topic of play therapy. Sueann is author of the book *"Techniques - Techniques - Techniques: Play-Based Activities for Children, Adolescents, & Families"*, a manual which highlights the original play therapy interventions she has contributed to the field. She is President of Play Therapy Corner, Incorporated, an organization dedicated to supporting and facilitating professional development for counseling and mental health professionals who use play therapy in their clinical practice. Sueann is actively involved in the play therapy community and serves on the Executive Board of Directors for the California Association for Play Therapy.

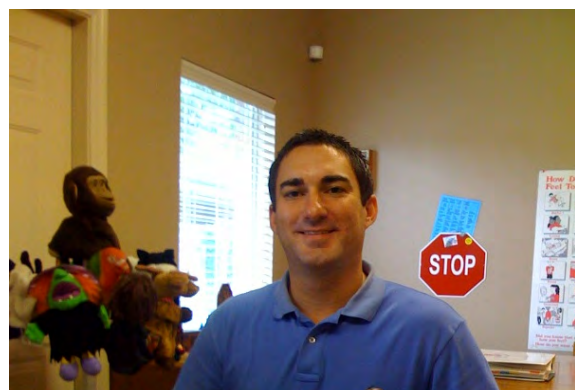
The second day will again feature a wide variety of breakout sessions. LAPT is currently seeking qualified professionals interested in presenting a sectional workshop. If interested, please respond to the call for proposals. Also, please send us topics that you would like to see presented at future workshops.

The Association for Play Therapy's (APT) annual conference will be here soon. This year it will be 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. Registration for the conference is open and you can register online at [www.a4pt.org](http://www.a4pt.org).

Please feel free to email us with any questions or concerns you have. A Mr. Sam Keen once said "Deep summer is when laziness finds respectability." I hope you all have an amazing summer.

Playfully yours,

Ray Melerine,





# LOUISIANA PRIDE

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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

Wendy Durant - Kenner

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

Louisiana's first play therapy center at Loyola University of New Orleans is making headlines

<http://www.loyno.edu/news/laag/20100430/2166>



Check us out on the web at

[www.la4pt.org](http://www.la4pt.org)



*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](mailto:emart3@lsuhsc.edu) for further information or to be added to the mailing list.

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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## Association for Play Therapy

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## A note from the Editor

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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](mailto: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

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"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?

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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.