



E-NEWSLETTER

January/February 2024

International Play Therapy Week is Approaching! February 4th-10th

From Our President:

Hello PA APT Members!

It is hard to believe that 2024 is here! I hope you all found time to rest and play with family and friends over the holidays. Please take some time to share with your fellow PA APT members how you celebrated or how you have been enjoying recent snow days. You can do this through our Facebook page ([Pennsylvania Association for Play Therapy](#)) or tag us on Instagram ([pa_association_4_play_therapy](#)). We always love to know how you spend your time off!

We would also love to know how you are celebrating this year's International Play Therapy Week, February 4-10, 2024! Check out the APT website for ideas and keep us informed on Facebook and Instagram. We can't wait to celebrate with all of you!

We are very excited to announce that registration will open on February 12th for our annual conference with Jeff Ashby. We will be welcoming him to the Penn Stater on April 26th and 27th along with the Collaborative Consultants (PA APT members Debbie Doubrava, Betsy Craft, and Jacque George) who will join us on April 27th for a half-day workshop. Check out our website for all the information! We are looking forward to seeing everyone and spending time in the community with all of you over those two days.

Our next board meeting is scheduled virtually through Google Meet for February 11th at 7 pm. The link will be sent out the week before the meeting. Consider joining us and sharing your thoughts and ideas. If you have any questions or wish to join the board at our next meeting, let me know. You can always email me at president@paapt.org. I look forward to hearing from you!

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*"Enter into children's play and you will find the place where their minds, hearts, and souls meet."
-Virginia Axline*

The APT Staff is working on resources, graphics, and other interactive activities for International Play Therapy Week. We encourage you to start brainstorming ideas to get involved in your community and bring awareness to the play therapy field. For instance, you may decide to reach out to your local news station or newspaper to coordinate an interview. As this week gets closer, APT will share updates via our weekly e-newsletter, PlayToday.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Join us for the 2024 annual PA APT conference

with Penn State alumnus

Jeff Ashby, Ph.D., ABPP, RPT-S

April 26-27

Registration opens February 12th!

Visit paapt.org or social media to register

Collaborative Consultants will be presenting on day two of the conference! Workshop information and other future training session information can be found at:

<https://www.collaborative-consultants.com/events>

Attention Students!!!!

Would you like to attend our annual PA APT conference for FREE? In honor of Dr. Jean Camberg, students are invited to participate in an essay contest. The selected student will receive the Camberg Scholarship to apply for fees at a future conference. The winner will be announced at this year's conference.

Congratulations to Clarion County Mental Health Professionals!

On January 27th, nine mental health professionals from Clarion and surrounding counties completed a two-year training cycle in preparation for play therapy credentialing. Jessica Cosby and Annjane Ross are Professional Partners in Play, LLC owners and received a grant to educate and supervise this cohort. We are excited rural WPA will have more RPTs available to serve children and families.!

Back row from left to right: Kara Raybuck, Hannah Buckley, Emily Hulse, Malinda Beck, Annjane Ross, and Nate Bowser. Front row: Jess Cosby, Amanda Gregory, Jenn Collins, and Alicia Becker.
Not pictured: Kaite Morrison



**Join Jessica Cosby with Professional Partners in Play Therapy, LLC
for a FREE networking event to kick off
International Play Therapy Week!**

Saturday, February 3rd, 2024

9:00-11:00 a.m.

Location: Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham
Conference Room
121 North Point Drive
Clarion, PA 16214

*Space is limited, so RSVP by emailing Jessica at jesscosbycounseling@gmail.com

**Join us for more information about the journey to play therapy
credentialing and earn one credit in play therapy education!**

Attendees will learn

- The history of play therapy (one credit of play therapy education)
- The benefits of using play therapy interventions in school and clinical settings
- Requirements for play therapy credentialing
- How to navigate the Association for Play Therapy (APT) website
- The benefits of APT membership
- How to find play therapy education and supervision
- About Pennsylvania's APT branch and annual conference

LIVE WEBINAR TRAINING!





National Institute of Relationship Enhancement®
and Center for Couples, Families and Children

Play Therapy Trainings via Live Webinars – 2024

Child-Centered Play Therapy

April 12-13, June 14-15 & September 13-14, 2024 with William Nordling, PhD, RPT-S

Filial Family Therapy

November 1-2, 2024 with William Nordling, PhD, RPT-S

Advanced Child-Centered Play Therapy

November 16, 2024 with Robert Scuka, PhD, MSW, Certified CCPT-S and Trainer

For Information and Registration, Please Visit

www.nire.org

***PA APT wishes to thank Dr. Courtney Alvarez for her contributions to PA APT and the play therapy community during her time at Carlow University in Pittsburgh, PA. Courtney authored our newsletter, hosted virtual networking events, invited students to our annual conference, and brought play therapy to academia in Western PA. Courtney has returned to Texas to pursue a new opportunity with Baylor College of Medicine.
Best of luck to you, Courtney!

An update from your friendly newsletter author:

Hello, fellow PA APT members! If you have information to share in the newsletter, please send an email to jesscosbycounseling@gmail.com with networking events, announcements, photos, a member spotlight, etc. no later than the 20th of the month preceding distribution. Our newsletter will now be published six times per year in the first week of the month following the schedule below:

January / February
March / April
May / June
July / August
September / October
November / December

For more information on PAAPT visit:

<https://www.paapt.org/>

[PA-APT Facebook Group](#)

Would you like to be in the *Member Spotlight* or contribute to a future edition of the e-newsletter?

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