



E-NEWSLETTER

November/December 2023

Happy Holidays from PAAPT!



What is one of your must-haves for the play room? Post a picture on social media and let's get it on our wish lists!

From our President:

Vanessa Simmons invited play therapists to her practice, Meadow Grove Counseling in Lancaster, for a networking event in October. It was wonderful spending time with and getting to know other play therapists, eating good food, and playing fun games together!



On November 11th, Jacque George, Betsy Craft, and Debbie Doubrava hosted Pastries, Play & Prizes, a networking event to introduce their new company, Collaborative Consultants. We enjoyed delicious pastries, fun games, yoga, and other play activities, while we learned about their vision for play therapy training in Pennsylvania and beyond. It was a wonderful morning of connection and play! Collaborative Consultants is dedicated to offering quality professional and playful trainings on a variety of topics to inspire and inform your clinical practice.



PA APT is also excited to announce that Jacque, Betsy, and Debbie will be joining us at the annual conference in April to provide a workshop on Saturday afternoon (more information coming soon). To learn more about Collaborative Consultants, their Play Animals, and upcoming trainings, visit their website at <https://www.collaborative-consultants.com>.



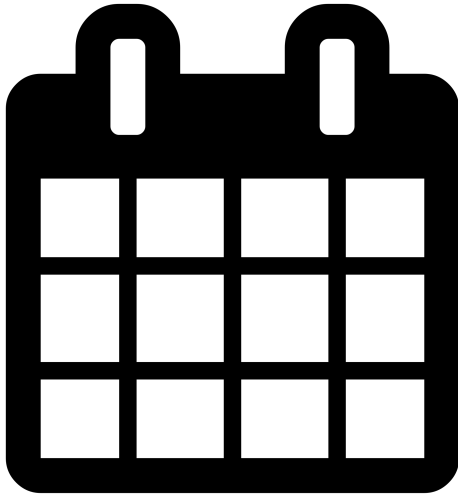
A big thank you to Vanessa Simmons and Collaborative Consultants for hosting events in October and November. We look forward to more opportunities to network after the holidays.

~Janine

ARE YOU



International Play Therapy Week is February 4-10, 2024. The APT Staff is working on resources, graphics, and other interactive activities. 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 in February!

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**

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