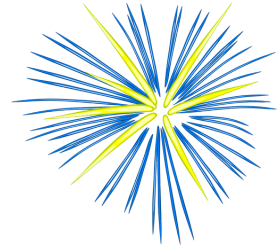




E-NEWSLETTER

January/February 2025

Happy New Year from PA APT!!!



Join us for our next board meeting on Sunday, January 26th @ 7:00 p.m.

Google Meet link: meet.google.com/drq-uvde-xnt

Or join by phone: (US) +1 814-857-8457 PIN: 381729605

International Play Therapy Week is Coming!

February 2nd-8th, 2025

Please help raise awareness of the therapeutic powers of play, the benefits of play therapy, and the dedication of credentialed play therapists! Members of the play therapy community are invited to actively advocate for the profession during this celebration. PA APT encourages you to share your favorite play therapy experiences on social media, and distribute “Why Play Therapy?” brochures, or present a workshop on play therapy at your place of employment.

Click [here](#) for more ideas on how to increase awareness of play therapy!

Use the graphics below on social media!

[Facebook cover photo](#)

[Facebook profile photo](#)

Use **#playtherapyweek2025** on your social media posts for a chance to be featured in APT's Play Therapy Week newsletter or social media platforms.

Be sure to post photos from your events on PA APT's Facebook page as well!

SAVE THE DATE!

PA APT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

APRIL 25-26, 2025

@ the Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center

with Dr. Robert Jason Grant!

Dr. Robert Jason Grant LPC, NCC, RPT-S specializes in working with children, adolescents, families, and adults primarily serving neurodivergent individuals. He is the creator of AutPlay® Therapy, an integrative family play therapy framework designed to help address the mental health needs of neurodivergent children and adolescents.

Dr. Grant will present BOTH days on:

Play Therapy Interventions to Address the Needs of Neurodivergent Children and Neurodivergence and Trauma: AutPlay Therapy and Beyond

Registration opens in **February** and announcements will be posted on the PA APT website and on social media! Stay tuned!

Conference vendors will include Self Esteem Shop, Vapor Artistry, and more!

Has someone inspired you in your play therapy journey? Nominate them for PA APT's Guernsey Award!

Are you a graduate student invested in learning about play therapy? Apply for our Camberg Conference Scholarship!

Visit PA APT's Facebook Page and Select "Files" to download the PDF. Visit our website for more information about these awards.

Got a T-shirt Design??? There's Still Time to Share your Idea!!

PA APT will be offering t-shirts with a new design at this year's conference. Members are encouraged to share their unique designs with us. If you would like the PA APT logo on the shirt, please specify. Email your design to Amanda Gregory at ce_director@paapt.org. We are extending the original December 20, 2024 deadline. All designs must be submitted by February 7th for consideration.

GOLD BRANCH UPDATE

PA is making great progress toward achieving Gold Branch status for the 2024-2025 year! If you are considering planning any outreach or networking activities, please inform the board in advance. This allows us to support your efforts and ensure they align with Gold Branch requirements. Board involvement will also help ensure your event qualifies toward this achievement. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Janine at president@paapt.org.

From your friendly newsletter author:

Hello, fellow PA APT members! If you have information to share in the newsletter, please email me at newsletter.paapt@gmail.com. Share networking events, announcements, photos, and member spotlights. Our newsletter is published six times per year.

For more information on PAAPT visit:

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

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[Instagram - pa_association_4_play_therapy](#)

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