



AAPT
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WELCOME TO OUR PLAYGROUND!



Message from our AAPT President



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Hello All!

It's amazing how quickly a year goes by-- 2016-2017 has been an exciting year for play therapy in Alabama! Much has been accomplished:

Updated AAPT Bylaws and Operations Manual

New AAPT Board positions—Publications Chair (website coordinator); Student Representative; Co-Registration/CE Coordinator

Another APT Leadership Academy Graduate

February Winner of APT's "Where's the Dude?" Photo Contest

Updated guidelines for Regional events

Organization of AAPT Vital Documents (creation of AAPT Board Dropbox)

Plans for future Networking possibilities

AAPT Website updates

Increased Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) with Student participation

Increased Social Worker participation

AAPT Celebration of National Play Therapy Week with special social media and emails

Website list of AAPT Supervisors open to new supervisees

6 AAPT Newsletters and 6 Board Blasts (All will be archived on the AAPT website)

8 AAPT Outreach events (including an AAPT booth at the Fall ALCA Conference)

Two 6 hour Workshops (June 2016-Crenshaw; Jan 2017 -Malchiodi)

One Regional Ethics 6 hour Workshop (April 2017- Barnes)

8.9% AAPT Chapter Membership growth

53.1% RPT/S Credentialed Members in AAPT

Achieving 2017 GOLD BRANCH AWARD with the second highest points total overall!!!

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Thank you all for your support of play therapy in Alabama! I am grateful for the opportunity I had to serve as your President this year. These extensive accomplishments are the result of the efforts of ALL members. I personally appreciate your enthusiasm to contribute and serve as “ambassadors for play therapy” across our state!

NEW SUPERVISOR LIST TO BE POSTED ON AAPT WEBSITE IN MAY 2017

A current list of AAPT Supervisors will be posted in May 2017 on the AAPT website. Only those willing to take on new supervisees are included. This will represent a variety of supervision possibilities: Associate Licensed Counselor/ Registered Play Therapist (ALC/RPT), School Based-Registered Play Therapist (SB-RPT-not ALC or LPC), and Registered Play Therapist Only (RPT Only- already LPC). Remember SB-RPT and RPT Only can be supervised completely online! If you are a current APT/AAPT member and meet APT supervisor criteria, please contact Dr. Celeste Neil (celestecneil@gmail.com) to be added. A complete list of all Registered Play Therapists and Registered Play Therapist- Supervisors is available on the APT website www.a4pt.org. A special thank you to all AAPT supervisors for their willingness to foster growth and development of new Registered Play Therapists!

AAPT Board Update

Unexpectedly, our recently elected President Elect, Greg Bell decided to return to Alaska and resigned his position on the AAPT Board. As a result, Dr. Kori Babel was approved by the Board to assume the President Elect position. Our Registration and CE Co-Coordinator, Maura Pratt has resigned after several years of service on the Board. Cathy Foss was approved by the Board to assume the Registration and CE Co-Coordinator slot. We all thank Greg and Maura for their years of service on the AAPT Board and wish them the best in their future endeavors! We are still considering candidates for the open Treasurer position that Kori's move vacated. If you are interested, please contact Dr. Celeste Neil, AAPT President.

APT “Where’s the Dude?” Photo Contest

If you would like your own “DUDE” for your office or want to enter a picture for the APT “Where’s the Dude?” Photo Contest, click on the APT Foundation on the APT website www.a4pt.org and make a \$20 donation. APT is celebrating its 35th Anniversary by selecting a new winner each month! (I can’t believe I won for February!) The prize is \$350 cash or \$500 toward the upcoming APT Conference registration.



“SANDPLAY WITH THE DUDE” AT
ORANGE BEACH, ALABAMA

Playfully...



Celeste Neil, AAPT President