

UTAH PLAYS

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Our New President's Message

By Debbie Morrison, PhD, LCSW, MT-BC

First off, I would like to personally thank Larry Dunning for serving UAPT so competently over the last two years. For those of you who don't know, Larry instigated Utah's advancement in becoming a "Gold Branch State" within the national play therapy organization. Gold Branch winners meet a variety of rigorous standards set by Association for Play Therapy, including increasing its membership by 5%, providing 12 training hours, and ensuring that at least 10% of its members have an RPT/S credential. Thank you, Larry, for striving to make Utah an excellent state for play therapy. Of course, Gold Branch would not have been possible without the assistance of the UAPT Board and the play therapy community. So, I also offer my personal thanks to all of you for your continued commitment to advancing play therapy in Utah.

I have a few goals set for myself over the next few years. One of those goals aims to make our website more user-friendly and accessible to the community. Over the next few months you will notice some rather large changes. One of the most exciting additions is on-line registration. You will now be able to register for trainings and conferences on the website. You will have the opportunity to pay on-line through our secured website, or pay at registration. In the future, the website plans to offer on-line video streaming from our library, a more active community bulletin board, and possibly even a play therapy blog. Lastly, the out-dated

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information will be dropped or updated. Please feel free to email me with any questions, comments, concerns, to request a training at your facility, or if you are interested in becoming a member of the Board, at utahplaytherapy@gmail.com.

A Note from our Former President

A while ago, in a previous newsletter, I promised that some exciting perks were in store for UAPT members. We are in the process of dramatically upgrading and enhancing our library, website and. We have purchased a digital video camera that will allow us to make high quality DVD's of our trainings. We have the capability of not only obtaining a sharper and clearer copy of presentations, and soon will be able to stream those trainings on our website at (utahplaytherapy.org).

Another advantage that's coming soon will be automatic tracking of your attendance at UAPT trainings, so that when you become eligible for a free training (after attending three trainings) that will automatically be tracked, and you will be notified. That free training is another benefit of being a member of UAPT.

It's been a pleasure serving you!!

Larry Dunning, Ph.D., RPT-S



**GREAT
RESOURCE**

Member Nook

Welcome New Members

Stephanie Farnes
Linda Lee
Amber Dunford
Holly Steed

I came across a great website where you can get six articles on different aspects of play therapy for FREE. Go to www.lianalowenstein.com and click on the articles tab and you will find the following articles. The articles are informative and insightful and provide valuable ideas that you can use immediately in your practice. Not many things are free in the world today so take advantage of this resource. I have several of Liana's books and particularly like [Creative Interventions for Children of Divorce](#) (2006), and [Creative Interventions for Bereaved Children](#) (2006). If you need creative ideas for helping your clients with divorce or bereavement issues than these books are for you. I keep them handy in my office and refer to them often. Enjoy. I did. John Burr, LCSW, RPT-S.

["The Resolution Scrapbook as an Aid in the Treatment of Traumatized Children"](#) by Liana Lowenstein, MSW, CPT-S

["Creative Interventions for Children, Youth, and Families"](#) by Liana Lowenstein, MSW, CPT-S

["Being Creative When Children Clam Up"](#) by David A. Crenshaw, Ph.D., ABPP

["All In The Family: Using Play with Families"](#) by Greg Lubimiv, MSW, CPT-S

["Empirically-Informed Play Therapy Interventions"](#) by Sueann G. Kenney-Noziska, MSW, LISW, RPT-S

["Playful Trauma Focused-Cognitive Behavioral Therapy With Traumatized Children"](#) By Angela M. Cavett, Ph.D., L.P., RPTS

Utah Association for Play Therapy is proud to announce:

Using Playtherapy and Sandplay with Victims of Sexual Abuse

Presented by John Burr, LCSW, RPT-S and Valerie Cox, LCSW

This training focuses on working with sexually abused children using play therapy techniques with puppets, music, art, and sandplay. They will present a variety of effective and creative techniques which they have developed over many years in working together in group and family therapy. You will learn how to incorporate directed play therapy techniques with sandplay as a means of helping children heal from sexual abuse. Included in the presentation will be techniques the presenters have developed in helping victims through the reunification process with the offender.

About the Presenters:

John and Valerie have over 45 years of combined clinical experience. They have worked together creating effective experiential therapeutic interventions for victims of trauma for the past 23 years. John Burr is an LCSW and a Registered Play Therapy Supervisor and Valerie J Cox is an LCSW and has a Master's Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from Brigham Young University. John and Valerie have a private practice in Orem, Utah.

When: November 6, 2009

Where: John Burr's New Office - 901 South Orem Blvd (Evergreen Square), Orem, Utah 84058

Time: 9am-4pm, lunch break from 12-1:30

****Pre-registration is strongly encouraged as space is limited and this is promised to fill up****

Cost for this training is \$25.00 for students, \$35.00 for UAPT members, \$70.00 for non-member professionals and \$45.00 for nonmember nonprofessionals. 5.5 CEUS will be provided. Please pre-register by October 25, 2009 by contacting Ryan Grant at ryang@xmission.com, or by calling (801) 270-6525

Report on Recent Training:

Friday, September 25, 2009 UAPT Sponsored a training at Bear River Mental Health in Logan on Play Therapy for Relationship Enhancement: Attachment, Adoption, & Addiction.

This training focused on the dynamics of attachment, exploring the neurological and developmental components and how they interface with foster care and adoption. Aspects of addiction and how they intersect with relationships were covered as well. The training included interventions for all ages and clinician experience and was presented by Elsebeth Green, LCSW, RPT-S, Guerry Greene, LCSW and Collette Dawson-Loveless, CSW. This training was taped and will be available soon.

Thanks to Linda Powell and everyone at BRMH for your help.