

FAPT 2023 Viola Brody Outstanding Play Therapist Award Nomination

The **Viola Brody** Award was established in recognition of **Viola Brody, Ph.D.** for her outstanding contribution to the field of Play Therapy and in her memory.

Since 2005, the Florida Association for Play Therapy has honored an outstanding Florida Play Therapist at the FAPT Annual Conference with the Viola Brody Award. Viola Brody, PhD is considered a pioneer in play therapy who developed, a theoretical approach called, Developmental Play Therapy.

About Developmental Play Therapy

Developmental Play Therapy is an in-depth psychological theory that includes the development of the child's core self (the sense of "I" – that starts with body awareness), the core self, with self-agency (authorship of own action), and self-coherence (self is locus of integrated action). Dr. Brody postulated that a child's play gives form and meaning to past experiences in the present through a dialogue of safe, caring touch.

Dr. Brody's basic premise is that children who experience nurturing physical affection and caring touch feel safe and that responding to the child's invitations for caring touch in developmental play sets in motion this dialogue of touch. The therapeutic efficacy of caring touch and developmental play is in the application - safely, with honor and respect for the child. She further advocated that a child's play gives form and meaning to past experiences in the present through a dialogue of safe, caring touch.

Developmental play therapy is an effective method for creating sensory attunement, emotional engagement, and secure attachment through physical affection, sensory-motor play interactions, human touch, music and body movement.

Dr. Brody's Professional Bio

Dr. Brody was a school music teacher for 20 years prior to returning to school to pursue her Ph.D. in Psychology—she was about 45 years old. She received her educational training from the University of Chicago, the University of Illinois College of Medicine, The Chicago Institute for Psychoanalysis, and the Michael Reese Psychiatric and Psychosomatic Institute. In 1967, she was hired by Ann Jernberg to be the Supervisor of the Head Start program in Chicago.

Although, Dr. Brody began formulating her approach in the 1950's, she first labeled her therapeutic model Developmental Play Therapy (DPT) during her tenure as Chief psychologist of the Child Guidance Clinic in St. Petersburg Florida in 1970. At that time, she was also an Adjunct Professor at the University of South Florida and later in her career at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg. In 1974 that she received a grant from the U.S. Office of Education to offer the DPT group program to the school system for early elementary she children (over a ten-year period this program saw over 1000 children).

In 1992, she published her seminal book: *The Dialogue of Touch: Developmental Play Therapy*. As Director of the Developmental Play Training Associates, Dr. Brody trained many therapist's in Developmental Play Therapy over the years at various locations in the U.S., Canada, Ireland and London.

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Criteria for the Viola Brody Award is as followed:

- 1- The individual is a member of FAPT/APT for at least 5 years.
- 2- Has made an outstanding contribution to the field of Play Therapy in the State of Florida, nationally or internationally. Areas of consideration are community promotion of play therapy, creation of play therapy programs, research activity, publications, supervision provided, trainings provided, college/university experience, and exceptional individual, family or group play therapy work.
- 3- Is not a current FAPT Board Member or a member of the FAPT Award Committee

The **Viola Brody** Award will be presented at the FAPT Annual Conference April 27 and 28th.

Nominee's Name and Credentials:

Place of Employment:

Business Address:

Cell Phone:

Business Phone:

Email:

Name of FAPT Member Making Nomination:

Address:

Home Phone:

Email:

Signature of Nominator:

Please Provide All of the following information on a Separate Sheet:

- 1- List the nominee's involvement with FAPT and/or APT beyond membership (provide examples)
- 2- List the nominee's promotion of Play Therapy in their own practice, throughout the state of Florida, nationally and/or internationally.
- 3- Describe how the nominee has made an outstanding contribution to the field of Play Therapy.
- 4- Describe how their work has benefited children.
- 5- Describe how this person's work has influenced others in the field of play therapy (i.e. supervision, trainings, university level).
- 6- Describe any research projects the nominee has created or is working on.
- 7- Provide any supporting documents demonstrating their exceptional qualities such as newspaper articles, support letters, publications, etc.
- 8- List any other areas of accomplishment.
- 9- Provide the names and contact information from at least two other co-nominators for this nominee
- 10- Submit resume or CV of nominee.

Have Questions: Awards Committee: info@floridaplaytherapy.org

Deadline for Nomination is Tuesday March 21, 2023

Please email all nomination materials as one file/attachment.to: Awards Committee:

Info@floridaplaytherapy.org

Past Recipients of the Viola Brody Award

2022 Eric Davis, PhD

2021 Janet Courtney, PhD

2019 Jacqueline Swank, PhD

2018 Grace Childs, LCSW

2017 Eliana Gil, PhD

2016 Roxanne Grobbel, LCSW

2015 Diana Malca, LCSW

2014 Loretta Gallo Lopez, LCSW

2013 Montse Casado Kehoe, PhD

2012 Jennifer Pereira, Ph.D.

2011 Linda Hunter, PhD

2010 Larry Rubin, PhD

2009 Tara Moser, LCSW

2008 Lisa Saldena, LMHC

2007 Robert Nolan, PhD

2006 Dr. Elizabeth Metcalf, PhD

2005 Jennifer Baggerly, PhD

Scoring Criteria

If does not meet criteria 1-4, the nominee is not eligible for the award.

Criterion	Did not meet (0 points)	Met (5 points)	Exceeded (10 points)
1. Followed directions of submission			
2. A member of FAPT/APT for at least 5 years			
3. Is not a current FAPT Board Member or member of Award committee			
4. Outstanding Contribution			
5. Benefit to Children			
6. Benefit to professional colleagues/others explained			
7. Research			
8. Publications for Support			

1. The nominator included all items requested for this award.

4. The nominee has developed, created, or expanded the field of play therapy within their community (met expectations) or beyond (e.g., state, nationally, internationally; exceeded expectations).

5. The nominee has developed, created, or expanded services that have benefited children either through practice, research, or service within one's community (met expectations) or beyond (exceeded expectations).

6. The nominee's work has impacted others in significant ways. Examples include but are not limited to training of future RPTs (supervision that has led to RPT attainment), conducted/presented trainings, or taught play therapy courses. This criterion should be quantified. To receive a "met expectations," the nominee should provide evidence for at least one supervisee to RPT attainment and one workshops/trainings. To exceed expectations, the nominee should have at least three supervisees to RPT and three workshops within the designated time frame.

7. To receive "met expectations," the nominee must have participated in at least one research project. To receive exceeded expectations, the nominee must have led a research project on play therapy.

8. To receive "met expectations," the nominee must have included at least one supporting document. To receive exceeded expectations, the nominee must have included at least 2 supporting documents.

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