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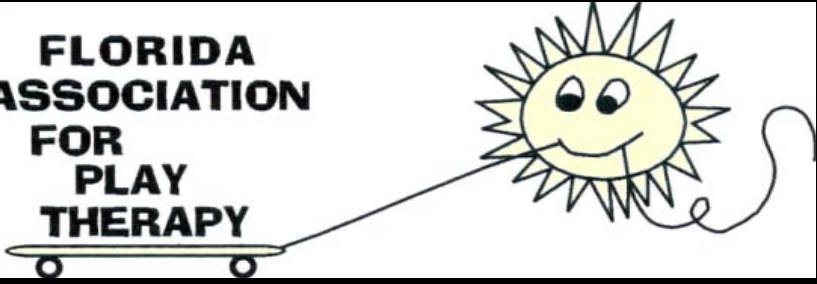
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The Newsletter of the Florida Association for Play
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Message from the President

Hello all, and thank you for your confidence in me to lead FAPT. First, I would like to thank **Janet Courtney** for her leadership over these last two years. Under Janet's watchful eye, the FAPT annual conference was created, She will continue to serve as Immediate Past President. I also want to thank all of the recent Board and Chapter officers, who creatively collaborated to build our organization. I most certainly want to congratulate **Lisa Saldaña** on her appointment to the APT Presidency. We can be assured that **Lisa** will work tirelessly at the national level, and will by her mere presence, bring much attention to FAPT.

Traveling to Denver for the 21st APT conference gave me time to think about what I would like to accomplish for the Branch over the next two years...with the help of the new

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**Look, Up in the Sky!...Using
Super Hero Legends in Play
Therapy**

**Lawrence C. Rubin, Ph.D.,
RPT-S**

Like scores of children, both past and present, I spent countless hours following the adventures of a colorful legion of super heroes. Each had powers and abilities far beyond those of anyone I knew.

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News from The Association for Play Therapy

Lisa Saldaña, LMHC, RPT-S, Florida, succeeded **Nancy Davis**, LCSW, RPT-S, Indiana, as APT President on Oct. 9, during the 2004 annual APT meeting.

APT is encouraging members to complete the Joint APT-ACA Research Project Survey by Nov. 30!

The Project is an important joint research collaboration between APT and the American Counseling Association (ACA), and was designed by co-chairs **JoAnna White** (GA) and **Simone Lambert** (MD) and members **Dee Ray** (TX), **Phyllis Post** (NC), **Michael LeBlanc** (NY), and **Jodi Mullen** (NY). This survey represents Phase One in which those practicing play therapy and their modalities, theoretical orientations, practice settings, training, licensure/credentials, and continuing education patterns are identified. Data regarding the effectiveness of play therapy from those who practice it will then be gathered next spring during Phase Two. Project results will be published by both APT and ACA. Because this is our first collaboration with a major primary mental health organization, a high degree of participation by APT members is encouraged and will be appreciated. As an incentive, five (5) names will be randomly drawn from all survey participants and each awarded a free copy of *Counseling As an Art: The Creative Arts in Counseling, 3rd edition*, by [Samuel T. Gladding](#). Five (5) additional names will next be drawn and each

presented a free copy of *Play Therapy: The Art of the Relationship, Second Edition* by [Garry L. Landreth](#).

Have you made a tax-deductible Foundation contribution yet?

To support an independent research study to enhance the credibility of play, play therapy, and credentialed play therapists, please complete the [Contribution Form](#) and mail your tax-deductible contribution to the Foundation for Play Therapy today!

Please keep in mind that January 7th, 2005 is the deadline for receipt of 2005 Student Research Award submissions. The guidelines are posted in the Research & Practices section of our website.

Bill Burns, CAE

Executive Director

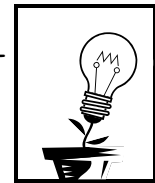
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IDEAS, STORIES, POEMS NEEDED!

Do you have any ideas you would like to share with us? Any innovative and creative techniques that you may have improvised? Please share; we would love to publish your ideas.

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FAPT NEWS

Thank You, FAPT!

By: **Lisa Saldaña**, LMHC, RPT-S

For the first time in years, I write as a member of FAPT, rather than as a member of the FAPT board. When our Immediate Past President, **Janet Courtney** ended her very successful term as FAPT president, my involvement on the board ended. I wanted to write this letter in order to thank FAPT and acknowledge the dedication and energy of you, our members.

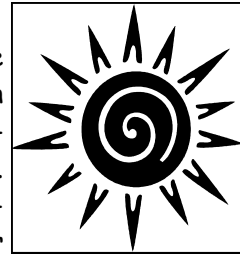
Like any other professional organization, we are only as strong as our membership. These are interesting times: Play therapy is growing. There are more and more people attending the conferences, more books on play therapy, and more people logging onto our website. Yet, there is also a sense that, in this era of evidenced-based therapies, play therapy is dismissed as not being a "real" treatment. If we want play therapy and play therapists to be recognized by other professions, as well as by the general public, we must make our presence known. The Florida Association for Play Therapy is a group that is making noise and making its presence known!

Denver, Colorado may be far away, but Florida's presence was strong at the APT conference. **Janet Courtney** presented a touching tribute to Viola Brody. **Linda Hunter** and **Jane Robinson** presented two workshops: "Building the Bridge: Sand Tray Play in the Play Therapy Context: Group, Individual, Family" as well as "Using Play Therapy Techniques with High Risk Young Children in the Childcare Setting." **Jennifer Baggerly** talked with folks about the research she plans to do on group play therapy for children who have been affected by disaster and she

presented a workshop on "Play therapy and Traumatology: Perspective and Procedures for Trauma Resiliency." We had FAPT members volunteering throughout the conference, and our new President, **Larry Rubin**, was networking with members from across the country, working on the development of a Play Therapy curriculum that can be presented to colleges and universities that do not offer the course in their graduate programs.

Over the past five years, FAPT has grown in members, accomplishments, and commitment.

All of you are contributing in some way to our organization and to our



profession. Some of you have become active on the committee that brought us our First Annual Florida Play Therapy Conference (with another coming to Tampa in 2005!). Others have worked hard to develop chapters that provide training, supervision, and networking opportunities to local members. We have members teaching play therapy courses and developing play therapy certification programs at Florida universities. Members are writing articles for national publications and co-authoring articles and books, as well as contributing to our newsletter and our website. Members present play therapy workshops and seminars. We had an amazing slate of candidates run for FAPT board offices this past summer: a group of people who truly represented the best and brightest, as well as the diversity of our state and our profession. Members talk to the public about play, play therapy and what it means to be a Registered Play Therapist.

Lastly, all of you provide play therapy to the children, adolescents, and families we serve. To all of you, I say thank you. Thank you for the work you do for children and families.

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Thank you for your energy and your dedication. Lastly, I want to thank the FAPT members who attended the APT annual meeting, where I was presented with the "Magic Wand." I cannot begin to tell you what it meant to look over and see you all: cheering, smiling, waving. It is a memory I will treasure forever. The joy and playfulness you brought to Denver epitomizes this organization.

FAPT Chapter News **Central Florida Chapter**

The Central Florida Chapter of the FAPT has begun it's initial year. It's members are from **Orange, Seminole and Osceola** counties. We are holding two meetings a month for networking and clinical consultation. Meetings have a topic of interest related to play therapy and attendees are invited to participate and network. We are also planning at least 3 two- hour workshops to provide 6 CEU credits this year. We welcome presentations or suggestions for meeting topics from interested members. For more information, **Jill Davis** is the secretary for the chapter. She can be reached for further information about meetings and directions at jkdlcsw@cfl.rr.com **Sally Crumly** is the president, is in private practice and can be reached at mwsjcaol.com.

Tampa Bay Chapter

President: **Charlie Myers**
Vice President: **Marie D'Allessio**
Secretary/Treasurer: **Tina Williams**

Miami-Dade Chapter

Norma Bonet: President
Teresa Gutierrez: Vice President
Julie Ojalvo: Secretary/Treasurer

The Miami-Dade Chapter bids a fond farewell to our outgoing board members; President- **Deidre Skigen**, Vice-President- **Norma Bonet**, Secretary/Treasurer- **Olga Bloch**. We are very proud of their accomplishments and bid them good luck in their future endeavors. Currently the Miami-Dade Chapter is working on continuing to provide monthly group supervision/consultation at different sites in the Miami-Dade Area. The cost for FAPT members will be \$10 and for non-members will be \$20. We will be providing CEU's for play therapy in the near future. If you are interested on becoming more active in the Miami-Dade Chapter please contact **Norma Bonet** at nlbonet1@juno.com or at 305-934-7866, or **Teresa Gutierrez** at gutierrezteri@yahoo.com 305-498-6617.

Tallahassee Chapter

President: **Sandy Barlow**
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Broward Chapter

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The Broward chapter will be presenting "Metaphor and Play", presented by **Lisa Saldaña Lisa**, which will be open to other agencies.

APT members = \$ 80

*Non-APT members = \$100

(*Fee includes continental breakfast and 5 hours of APT approved Play Therapy credits/5 CEU hours for 491 licensed clinicians)

Seats are limited! To sign up contact: **Crissy Vega** (954) 724-3937 Please mail checks payable to: Family Central, Inc. Attn: Clinical Services Department: 840 SW 81st Avenue, North Lauderdale, FL 33068

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Look, Up in the Sky!...

Many nights, while concealed beneath my blankets, flashlight in one hand and comic book in the other, I wondered silently and deeply.

What would it be like to have x-ray vision, to retreat to a secret cave in my own basement, to ensnare villains in a powerful web of my own making...to fly?

As an adult, I later became a dedicated fan of super hero movies and television shows... Batman, Superman, Spiderman, Daredevil, the Hulk, Wonder Woman, Cat Woman, and most recently Harry Potter; a super hero in his own right. I was even fortunate to find a profession through which I could retain, and perhaps even make use of my childhood heroes...play therapy! However, the gods and goddesses of play therapy had long ago decreed that use of familiar and well-known characters, popular superheroes included, interfered with the child's creativity. So, I decided to look beyond their amazing powers into their own childhoods, for a clue to how I might meaningfully bring them into my playroom.

My discoveries were enlightening indeed!

Superman was, and will always be, my first. Born on another planet, his parents sent him to Earth with great hopes. His powers were surpassed only by his kindness. His never ending quest for truth, justice and the American way resonated with the idealistic goals of childhood. Superman's is clearly the story of successful adoption into a family quite different from that of his birthparents. While it is also the story of self-actualization, personal power and moral righteousness, Superman's is also the story of the loneliness that sometimes accompanies being different.

Next came Batman, aka the Dark Knight. His heroic, yet angry vigilantism helped to protect and preserve the citizens of Gotham City.

Bruce Wayne was born into privilege and enjoyed a close relationship with his parents, until they were brutally killed in front of his

eyes. Batman's is the story of violent childhood trauma, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and the splitting off of the vulnerable and the aggressive. His is the story of good intentions cloaked beneath angry vengeance. And while Batman is clearly a vindictive loner, he follows a calling which is ultimately good, and surrounds himself by a surrogate family.

It is the story of recovery, redemption, reconnection and heroism in the presence of ever-present childhood pain.

And then there was Wonder Woman, one of a group of Amazons, a female master race which was created by the Gods and Goddesses of Mt. Olympus in order to spread their word and values to human kind. She was endowed with superhuman speed, wisdom, strength, love and sisterhood by her sisters, the Olympian Goddesses. While she suffered no specific trauma or tragedy, Wonder Woman was neither human nor fully a part of the society in which she lived.

Nevertheless, she was the prototypic female heroine, who spread peace and love to mankind, while battling evil. Her legacy was twofold; one of successful assimilation into a foreign culture, and the other of female empowerment.

With the successful recent release of 'Spiderman 2', the web-throwing superhero recaptured our imagination. Born Brooklyn, New York, Peter Parker came to live with May and Uncle Ben after the death of his parents in a plane crash. After being bitten by a radioactive spider, he developed super powers including agility, speed, and strength. Spiderman's is the story of loss, both during childhood and adolescence, and of finding meaningful connections in spite of them.

It is the story of renunciation, as Parker is never able to fully pursue his love interest, Mary Jane, and it is the story of living with, and making the best of being different from others. And last, but certainly not least is the



Look, Up in the Sky!...

Incredible Hulk, born as Bruce Banner, the son of David Banner, a scientist who toiled at the cutting edge of biogenetic science. Experimenting on himself, Dr. Banner accidentally altered his own DNA, and as a result, becomes the Hulk whenever he gets angry. While the story of the Hulk lacks the elements of traditional super heroism, it makes for a wonderful metaphor for children and teens who struggle with anger control. It is also a reminder that we are our parent's children, inheriting qualities, both positive and negative, and attempting to live the best lives we can.

I had successfully reconnected with the super heroes of my youth and was wiser. For the first time, I was able to see past their perfection and powers to their flaws, vulnerabilities and wishes. I finally understood that their deepest and truest desires were those of all of us mere mortals...to connect, to belong, to love and be loved. Theirs were the stories of challenges overcome, identities forged, hope borne of loss and great deeds selflessly done. I vowed to bring this wisdom into the playroom in order to heal those trusted to my care, and hope that my fellow play therapists can do the same.

Larry Rubin, Ph.D., RPT-S
President, FAPT

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Message from the president

Board and our 5 state chapters of course.

I would like to increase our out-reach to clinicians and students through chapter development, and ask that you reach out to colleagues in agencies, schools and the private sector in order to develop new chapters. I would like to bring graduate play therapy training into as many counseling programs throughout the

state as possible, while developing play therapy internships in your agencies and practices for both graduate students and registered interns. I would like to develop Child Life Programs in pediatric hospitals, which is where I had my first-ever play therapy experience in college. Although Florida is already recognized by APT as a leader in training and membership, I would like to develop to renew our gold branch status, we already have so many resources in all of you. I would also like to develop service and research grants to acknowledge, reward and assist you in the efforts you are already involved in.

I am excited by all of these possibilities, as I hope you will be. Look for changes in our website (under the guidance of **Norma Bonet**) and send her pictures of your playroom so we can all share in the magic. Continue to help **Diana Malca** to make our FAPT newsletter a must read, and by all means, keep those trainings coming. I look forward to these next two years, and count on each of you to help in any of these, or other ways that you can.
Larry Rubin, Ph.D., RPT-S
President, FAPT

A Letter From Robert Nolan, CPC Director,

As many of you know, **Janet Courtney** has completed her two year term as President of FAPT and I find it quite a challenge to adequately summarize her accomplishments. Her leadership seemed to herald the "coming of age" of FAPT. For example we witnessed our first (and highly successful) Statewide Conference, the establishment of 5 active district chapters, a significant increase in membership and the establishment of telephone conferencing which created a more effective communication system and enabling statewide participation of FAPT members on committees. Thanks **Janet**, from all of us, for your dedication and tenacity for getting things done.

FAPT Brings Healing to Children in
Shelter from Hurricane Frances and
Jeanne

By: **Janet A. Courtney**, FAPT Immediate
Past President

Pictures speak louder than words. It was not hard for the children in shelter from Hurricane Frances and Hurricane Jeanne to think of a worry. Almost all the children drew a picture of a whirling hurricane. Even one picture of a flower had a whirling maze to the center. Some children were quick to point out the "eye" of the hurricane. The children brought healing to their final pictures by drawing their hopes and dreams and "all better" pictures. Metaphoric stories were told to the children, and they used puppets donated to FAPT for the children to dramatize their story.

Many children and their families have lost their homes, and relief and stability comes slow. FAPT Member, **Lisa Redfearn** and I helped to coordinate Mental Health relief efforts to children as volunteers through the American Red Cross. My work during Hurricane Andrew as a trained Red Cross volunteer served as an excellent preparation for again assisting people during Hurricane Frances and Jeanne. I encourage all licensed FAPT members to take the Red Cross training. You will then be qualified to provide immediate service in the event of a disaster. A great big THANK YOU goes out to the **Children's Psychiatric Center of Miami** for their efforts in obtaining funding to buy toys and puppets for the children in shelter.

Please contact **Janet Courtney** if you were in any way part of the Mental Health Disaster Relief to children in your area. **Janet** is collecting this information and stories for a place in our national APT news letter.

Viola Brody Tribute

Our Immediate Past President, **Janet Courtney** had the honor of providing the **Viola Brody** Tribute at the National Association for Play Therapy Conference in Denver, Colorado. **Janet** was able to provide a window into the professional and personal life of **Dr. Brody**. The closing goodbye had the whole audience singing Row, Row, Row, Your Boat...a Developmental Play Therapy activity. **Vi's** work is most widely known as a treatment for hard to reach children including Attachment Disorder problems. **Dr. Brody's** teachings can still be assimilated through her numerous journal articles, her research, her book *The Dialogue of Touch*, and through her video tapes. Please contact **Janet Courtney** if you wish to learn more about Developmental Play Therapy.

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Puppet therapy may help those suffering from form of Autism

During the **Jane Pauley** show Friday, October 1 of this year which aired in Clearwater, the use of puppet play with kids and adults with Asperger's Syndrome was addressed. During the show, Asperger's was defined as a disorder that affects a person's ability to have normal relationships; often they feel isolated and unable to communicate. Relationships are challenging for kids with Asperger's, a form of autism. "Although they may have very high IQs, intellectual functioning, these kids don't know how to get along with other people. They lack social skills," Dr. **Betty Dixon** explained. Teens with Asperger's often describe it as feeling like being an alien from another planet; "they just don't feel like they fit in."

Three local teachers described a unique way of bringing these kids out of their shells, called **Puppet-Assisted Relationship Therapy**, and highlighted the technique with a puppet named **Alien Nate**. The kids and teens must help Nate deal with everyday human situations by first drawing, and then helping a puppeteer to turn that into an actual puppet. The teenagers then used it in class to help express their feelings. **Marty Hensler** watched her 19-year-old daughter open up with others kids in a way she never has before. "The first day we brought her here...when the session was over, I was sitting in the lobby with other parents and all the kids came out and they were smiling and talking with each other. That never happens; I have never seen my daughter do that," she recalled.

The puppet therapy costs \$50 per session, and at least eight sessions are initially recommended. There are groups for all ages. Unfortunately, insurance doesn't always cover it.

For more information on Puppet-Assisted Relationship Therapy, contact the Planet Earth Relationship Center: 2505 Enterprise Road, Suite 6 in Clearwater; 727-738-9232.

More information about Asperger's Syndrome is also available from USF's Center for Autism and Related Disabilities. Call 813-974-253 or visit their web site for more: card-usf.fmhi.usf.edu.

By **Jane Welch**, published June 7, 2004 St. Petersburg times.

Book review

By: **Diana Malca**, LCSW, RPT-S, CPT-S



Treating Depressed Children: A therapeutic Manual of Cognitive Behavioral Interventions.

Charma D. Dudley, Ph.D. (1997)

This book is a wonderful clinical resource to have in the office. This book is explicit and clear on how to apply cognitive therapy to depressive disorders in our young clients.. It is widely known that cognitive therapy is mostly effective in treating mood and anxiety disorders. This book includes handouts, excerpts and "creative experiments" (p. vii).

The techniques and theories are based primarily on the works of Aaron Beck and Albert Ellis, who created Rational Emotive therapy.

This volume offers a hands-on, practical, as well as easy-to-follow approach.

Denver, Colorado

APT 2004 ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Above: N. BONET, J. COURTNEY, AND L. RUBIN.
LEFT: D. MALCA, B. NOLAN, L. HUNTER, L. RUBIN, J. COURTNEY, C. MEYERS, N. BONET, M. D'ALESSIO, E. WOOD, J. OJALVO, S. RINEARSON, G. CHLDS, J. ROBINSON, M. EBERT, AND THE REST OF THE FAPT GANG.....

COMMENTS, REMARKS AND IDEAS!!

We are looking for anyone who may be interested in forming a new chapter in the area of **Naples, and Fort- Myers**. If you are interested please contact: **Diana Malca**, dmalca@bellsouth.net.

Congratulations to our new chapter in Tallahassee. Welcome.

Thanks to **Loretta Gallo Lopez**, and **Jennifer Baggerly** for their wonderful work and contribution for the Tampa Bay Chapter.

Thanks to **Greg Nute** for his contribution to Central Florida.

Thanks to **Robert Nolan** for his contribution as FAPT treasurer.

AND THANKS TO ALL FOR BEING PART OF THIS WONDERFUL ORGANIZATION!

RIGHT: JOHN AND NORMA
BOTTOM RIGHT: L. RUBIN AND L. SCHMIDT
DOWN: J. OJALVO, N. BONET, E. WOOD, L. SALDANA, D. MALCA.



RELAXATION GUIDE FOR CHILDREN

BY: Diana Malca, LCSW, RPT-S, CPT-S

As we all know, feelings of anxiety have become common language among all. And whether we are linear or systemic in the way we conceptualize our young clients' cases, children experience and react to many internal and external stressors in their lives.

Their stress reactions may not be related to culture, religion, family-of-origin dynamics or even to something like tenuous immigration status. Au contraire, those may be additional stressors which become added to the demands of peer relationships, school, sports and family conflicts.

Feeling anxiety is common because children are embedded in the world of adults. They are under incredible pressure to grow up quickly in a fast-paced world. It seems that as soon as they master the developmental tasks of walking, talking and toilet training, they have to zoom in on the acquisition of fine motor skills, learning the ABC's, writing and preparing for grade school...all by the time that they are five. In addition, children are overly busy. Their social lives has been channeled into frenetic after-school activities.

Children carry on a schedule similar to their parents' which can cause great feelings of anxiety. It's no wonder that more and more children are being seen in school guidance offices, clinics, community mental health centers and the offices of psychiatrists.

Children are also bombarded daily by the media, which can be good and bad. The advantage is that they remain connected with their own culture, learn about others and gain vast amounts of information about the world around them.

A disadvantage is that the exposure to adult issues overwhelms their imaginations. As a result, they can and do react to the constant flow of information and stimulation with arousal, fear, discomfort, confusion, and at times, sadness. Children need tools in order to self-regulation and to de-stress.

I have developed a "Relaxation Brochure" which I personalize according to the child's age. Practicing in the office helps the child to become familiar with relaxation. In addition, I encourage parents to get involved, and often invite them to read it to their child. You may write it in a brochure format, or maybe even write it with the child. A drawing of a safe place, or a place that feels comfortable, may be added to the brochure.

This simple technique assists the child to relax anytime, anywhere, in all situations.



Find a comfortable place. Preferably away from noises such as the phone, television, or around others.

The room does not necessarily need to be dark, it must feel comfortable and safe.

Lay comfortably, on your back, and loosen any tight clothing.

Squirm on the floor as if you were looking for a comfortable spot.

When you feel that you found the right spot, just stay still...1,2,3.

And now follow my instructions, this will take a few minutes.... Every time you hear me say stop, you stop and count 1,2,3.

Wiggle your toes and make rounds with your feet. Stop.... 1,2,3. go again only rotate the other way. 1,2,3.

Lift both your legs, slowly, slowly until I say stop, stay in that position, and now drop....

Feel your tummy: as you lift your right hand, and place it on top of your belly, Try to get a sense of whether you tummy moves, in and out, it shrinks in and grows big... feel your tummy...1,2,3.

Change hands, and let your left hand rest on your tummy. Feel it moving... 1,2,3.

Now move your hand towards your chest, show me where it is...it is above the tummy and under the neck. Do you feel it moving, do you feel your heart pounding?

Is your heart pounding fast, or slow. Do you feel your breathing coming in? try it...can you count the heart pounds to ten? Try it.....

With one hand on your chest, breath deeply...this means that you inhale much air that goes in your nose and comes out through your mouth. Did you feel your breath?

Move your hand towards your mouth, can you feel your lips? Can you feel the warm air coming out? Try it..

Blow to your hand.... Stop, 1,2,3.

Let your hand rest and with the other one, put one finger under your nostrils... can you feel the air?

Breath, feel the air on your finger.

Let your hands rest by your side...

Count 1, 2, 3.

I want you to think about something that makes you feel relaxed, like when you feel

quite inside and happy on the outside.

Diana Malca, LCSW, RPT-S, CPT-S

2005 FAPT CONFERENCE CALL FOR PRESENTERS

In march, 2005, The Florida Association for Play Therapy will present its second annual play therapy conference.

In anticipation of this exciting event, we are calling for presentations of either 1 1/2 or 3 hours in length. The presentations should balance the theoretical with hands-on activities that are of interest to participants.

If you are working actively in the field of play therapy, and have important, timely, relevant and exciting ideas and work to share, please fill out this form.

Name and Degree:

Affiliation:

Address:

Phone/Fax number

E-mail Address

Name of Presentation

Level: Beginner ____ Intermediate ____ Advanced ____

Length of Presentation: 1 ½ hours ____ 3 hours ____

Workshop Goals: _____

Learner Objectives: _____

Audio-visuals needed: TV/VCR ____ LCD ____ Overhead ____ Screen ____

After you complete this form, mail it to:

Lawrence Rubin, Ph.D. St. Thomas University

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16400 N.W. 32 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33054

Deadline for presentation of proposal is November 15th, 2004

You can also download and email your form. Go to **FAPT's Website:** www.floridaPlaytherapy.org in order to download the form in Microsoft Word, Word Perfect, or Adobe Acrobat format. You can email the completed proposal to **Dr. Rubin at:** lrubin@stu.edu.

APT MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The directory information provided below will, unless otherwise noted, appear in your annual Membership Directory listing. Please provide the information requested in each item.

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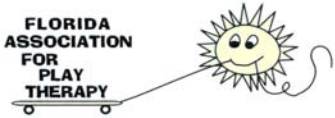
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