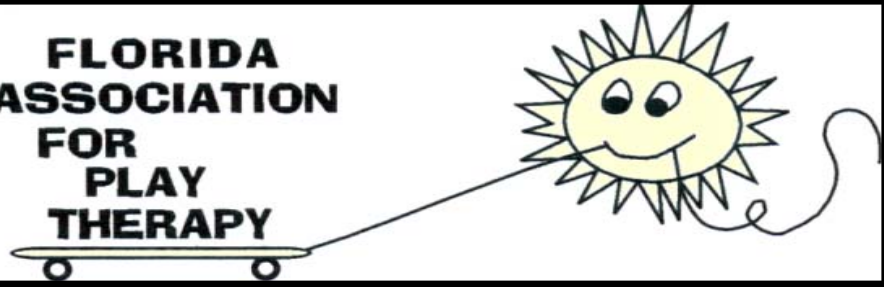


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The Newsletter of the Florida Association
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Message from the President

Hi all...

Our long awaited annual APT conference in Nashville, Tennessee has come and gone. Speakers, workshops, goodies, luminaries and a gathering of colleagues from all over the world. It was like making a pilgrimage to the center of the play therapy universe. I was glad, but even more so, privileged to be there. In all, forty FAPT members came, and I know that many more of you wanted to, but couldn't for a variety of reasons. We hope to make it up to you by putting together a great FAPT conference in April at UCF. Please visit our, or should I say, your website for more information. Consider presenting!!!

We are currently working with Pam Bradshaw at APT to build membership. Please help us by spreading the word about FAPT. Chapter workshops and trainings can be very helpful in this regard.

Or perhaps, call reporters at local newspapers and share some of the work that you and play therapy do in the community.

Toward this end, Jill Moody in Jacksonville, Sharon Rinearson in West Palm Beach and DeeDee Nold in the Fort Meyers areas are developing new chapters. Please reach out to them and help in any way you can.

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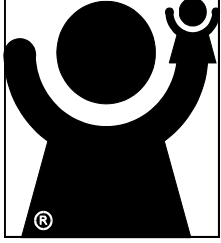
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FAPT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

APRIL 21-22 2006

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA



News from The Association for Play Therapy

APT HAD ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE!

It was a pleasure to meet old friends and colleagues, meet new members, refresh theory and practice and learn new things in play therapy!!

APT POWER SHIFTS:

Congratulations to new officers and directors:

Linda Homeyer, TX, succeeded **Lisa Saldana, FL**, as APT president.

Terry Fontenot, KY, re-elected APT secretary-treasurer

Bill Nordling, MD, succeeded **Sue Bratton, TX**, as APT director

Janine Shelby, CA, **Hilda Glazer, OH**, and **Leslie Perry, TX**, re-elected Foundation president, vice president, and secretary respectively

Linda Chapman, CA, succeeded **Scott Ryan, FL**, as Foundation director and treasurer

NEXT YEAR THE APT CONFERENCE WILL TAKE PLACE IN:

Westin Harbour Castle Hotel, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, Oct. 11-14, 2006

Please be on the lookout for new information, and related events at the APT website.

A FEW INTERESTING POINTERS ABOUT THE 2005 CONFERENCE:

Our 2005 Conference at Gaylord Opryland Hotel in Nashville on Oct. 4-9 generated these factoids:

- 1,012 registrants, presenters, and volunteers
- 1,936 headquarter hotel room nights (usually about 1,450, 1 person x 5 nights - 5 room nights)
- 29 vendors of toys, games, training, etc.
- 12 pre-conference, 56 conference, and 2 post-conference training sessions worth 38.5 hours

AND MORE....

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FAPT NEWS

Broward Chapter

President: **Mariela Betancourt**

Vice President: **Jessica Leon** LCSW, RPT-S

Secretary: **Sharon Wladimirski**

Treasurer: **Nicole Sena** MSW

We are planning a workshop on "Portable Play Therapy" in the upcoming month...the date is tentative and information will be provided when the date is determined....We are also going to have a holiday meet and greet in early December to help recruit members in Broward County...I will send all the information when the plans are finalized

Central Florida Chapter

President: **Jill Davis**, LCSW, RPT, 407-823-1089, jkdicsw@cfl.rr.com

Vice President: **Amanda Smith**, MA, 407-341-2811, aksmith0104@yahoo.com

Sec/Treasurer: **Tara Moser**, MSW, 407-341-1556, taraj09@aol.com

Thanks again to **Sally Crumly**, outgoing President of the Central Florida Chapter of FAPT! **Sally** served as President for 20 months in order to get the local chapter off the ground. Thanks also to Children's Home Society for hosting our meetings.

Our monthly meetings will now be held at the Walker Family Resource Center / Oak Ridge Neighborhood Center for Families. Please contact **Tara Moser**, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer, for more information.

Meetings are generally held on the 4th Thursday of each month from 8:30 - 10 am (check flyer for specific dates).

There is **no charge for Certificates of Attendance**; play therapy credits for RPT and RPT-S credentials will be available to members for \$5 and to non-members for \$10.

Interested in sharing your knowledge and experience in play therapy? Contact **Jill Davis** about presenting to the Central Florida Chapter of FAPT.

To receive e-mail reminders of upcoming meetings, meeting minutes, and play therapy events, please e-mail **Tara Moser**.

Miami Dade Chapter

President: **Norma Bonet**

Vice President: **Teresa Gutiérrez**

Secretary/Treasurer: **Cary Ballesteros**

The Miami-Dade Chapter congratulates **Julie Ojalvo**, our past Secretary/Treasure on her recent appointment to the FAPT board as a member-at-large. We'd also like to extend a warm welcome to her successor **Cary Ballesteros**. We will be under the continued guidance of **Norma Bonet** as President and **Teresa Gutierrez** as Vice-President.

Once again we have had a great year and hope to focus on building partnerships with universities and/or agencies to continue to provide opportunities for professional workshops designed to promote and advance play therapy. We are also working toward increasing membership. We will continue to provide opportunities for group supervision/consultation as well as opportunities to network.

If you are interested in becoming more active in the Miami-Dade Chapter and helping in any one of the above mentioned projects, please feel free to contact **Norma Bonet** at nbonet1@juno.com or **Teresa Gutierrez** at gutierrezteri@yahoo.com or **Cary Ballesteros** at cballesteros@juno.com.

Tallahassee Chapter

President: **Sandy Barlow** —

Vice-President: **Art Cleveland** —

Secretary: **Laurie McCourt** —

If you are interested in presenting or attending, and wish to receive further information, please feel free to contact **Sandy Barlow** at 850-577-9077 or sanbar107@msn.com for details.

Tampa Bay Chapter

President: Marie D'Alessio

Vice president: Jackie Reycraft, LMHC, RPT

Secretary/Treasurer: Tina Williams LCSW, RPT

Wow, what a great conference! We had at least five members from the Tampa Chapter represented. The workshops were excellent and did I ever get my exercise. The hotel was huge and beautiful. Ask me about my fun night in downtown Nashville. Anyone ever heard of Joe Nichols? Buy his CD. And I'll fill you in on all the details next time. Toronto, here we come!!

Please feel free to contact **Marie D'Alessio** at doctormd@verizon.net or maried@yfainc.org

COMMENTS, REMARKS AND IDEAS!!

Norma Bonet's Comment on Nashville Conference:

The APT Nashville Conference was one of the greatest opportunities I have had to really experience play therapy training at its best. The workshops were well organized and the presenters were of high caliber. It is always something I look forward to each year because as a participant, I feel I have a chance to interact "playfully" with professionals who are leading this field. I have been a participant for a few years now and each year the APT Conferences seem to get better and better. Thank you APT for such a great opportunity!

Book review

Gentle Willow: A Story for Children About

Dying

By: **Joyce C. Mills, Ph.D.**
(1993)

Processing grief and loss is always difficult, and explaining the process of death to children can be just as difficult.



This book conveys a healing story for children about the process of terminal illness, death and loss. Dr. Joyce C. Mills does a wonderful job of capturing the reader through the tender characters, Amanda the squirrel, the Yellow Butterfly, Little Tree, Gentle Willow and the two fantastical wizards Fixumup and Imageen. In this story, Gentle Willow suffers from an illness, to which there is no cure. The characters experience an array of emotions, such as happiness, sadness, anger, love and acceptance. Through storytelling and expressions of love and care, they're able to comfort each other and create a healing environment.

This story book also includes fun and creative therapeutic activities that can be utilized by parents, caregivers or professionals working with children experiencing emotional distress. This healing story is a wonderful resource for any therapist working with children and a great book to recommend to parents and/or caregivers.

Maureen Brioso-Mesa, LMHC

Miami Dade Chapter Professional Development Chair

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Additionally, **Linda Hunter** will be helping us to develop a protocol for disaster relief. And finally, please visit the APT website 'education and training' forum to learn more about teaching play therapy.

And last, but certainly not least, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to those of you who have served FAPT as officers and to those of you who continue to do so.

Larry Rubin, President FAPT

Book Review

Twilight Children (2005)

By **Torey Hayden**



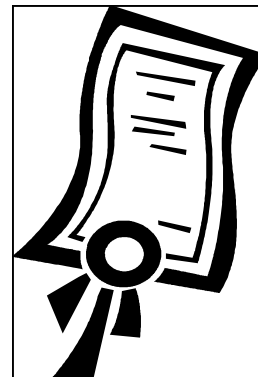
Torey Hayden is a psychologist and former teacher who resides in the UK. This is her second book, the first being One Child. This narrative account of three cases from her past as a therapist bring to life Hayden's work using expressive play therapy approaches with three very different people: a child abducted and ritually abused over a two-year period of time, then reunited with her mother; a child who presents as mysteriously mute; and an elderly woman with neurological deficits but haunted by her childhood past.

Hayden takes you into her world as a therapist. As the reader, you can't help but find yourself brainstorming with **Hayden** over how to solve the treatment riddles. You will find yourself unable to put this book down, being drawn into each of the treatment quandaries. With determination to heal and to help reconstruct the lives of her clients, **Hayden** also reveals her own self-doubts and confusion as she works with determination and creativity to help her clients remove themselves from "the twilight" and on to becoming whole. I recently used this book successfully as group supervision training tool and highly recommend it for individual learning or group discussion.

Elaine Sadkowski, LCSW, RPT-S, Clinical Supervisor, Devereux, Viera, Florida.

FAPT 2006 Viola Brody Play Therapy 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.



Criteria for Play the Viola Brody Award:

1. The individual is a member of FAPT/APT.
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. Has not been a board member of FAPT or a member of the **Viola Brody Award** committee for the past 3 years. However, nominations may extend from a board member with the exception of members on the **Viola Brody Award Committee**.

The Award will be presented at the FAPT Annual Conference in Orlando in April, 2006.

Deadline for Nomination is January 15, 2006

Please email Nominations to:

Janet Courtney

FAPT **Viola Brody** Committee
Chair

600 Sandtree Dr. Suite 203-C
Palm Beach Gardens, Fl 33403

Questions: 561-624-8819 ext.
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FAPT 2006 Viola Brody
Play Therapy Award Nomination

Nominee's Name and Credentials: _____

Place of Employment: _____

Business Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Current Member FAPT/APT: Y/N

Name of FAPT Member Making Nomination: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Signature of Nominator: _____

Please Provide All of the Following Information on a Separate Sheet:

1. State the nominee's involvement with FAPT and/or APT beyond membership (give examples)
2. State the nominee's promotion of Play Therapy in their own practice, throughout the state of Florida, nationally 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.

Submit resume of nominee.

Please mail Nominations to:

Janet Courtney
FAPT Viola Brody Committee Chair

600 Sandtree Dr. Suite 203-C
Palm Beach Gardens, Fl 33403
Questions: 561-624-8819 ext. #3

2006 FAPT CONFERENCE CALL FOR PRESENTERS

On April 21st and April 22nd 2006, The Florida Association of Play Therapy will present its third annual play therapy conference on the campus of the University of Central Florida.

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: _____

Email Address: _____

Name of Presentation: _____

Level: Beginner _____ Intermediate _____ Advanced _____

Length of Presentation: 1 1/2 hours 3 hours _____

Workshop Goals: _____

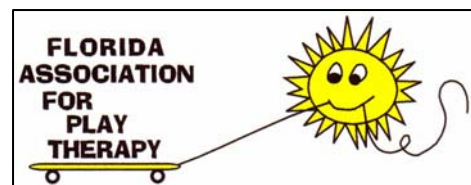
Learner Objectives: _____

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

After you complete this form, mail it to:

Lawrence Rubin, Ph.D.
St. Thomas University
Social Sciences and Counseling
16400 N.W. 32 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33054

Deadline for presentation of proposal is **November 30, 2005**
You can also download and email your form. Go to FAPT's web-site: www.floridaplaytherapy.org in order to download the form in Adobe Acrobat format or Microsoft Word. 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.

"I wish to promote and support the field of play therapy by becoming a Member of the Association for Play Therapy, Inc. and the Florida Association for Play Therapy, Inc. Branch!"

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First Name: _____ **Last Name:** _____

Degree/Designation _____ Business/Affiliation: _____

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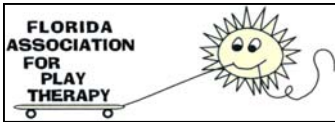
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Annual Dues: Professional Members: APT: \$ **55.00** + Florida Branch: \$**20.00** = \$**75.00 Total dues**

Student/Affiliate Members : APT\$ **30.00** + Florida Branch \$**10.00**= \$ **40.00 Total Dues**

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