



The  
Ohio Association for  
Play Therapy  
&  
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Presents

## 2022 OAPT Fall Conference

Columbus , Ohio

Located at NorthStar Golf Club

1150 Wilson Road, Sunbury, Ohio 43074

**November 11, 2022**

### **Taking Play to School: A Play Therapist's Role in Collaborating with Schools**

"Taking Play to School" will examine how play therapists, both school based and outpatient, can successfully navigate the educational world. Starting with getting in the door, play therapists will explore how to begin building relationships and advocate for the value of play therapy in a language educators understand. Then play therapists will explore how to set themselves up for success by creating a welcoming space, developing a schedule that works for them and the school, and involving caregivers in the play therapy process. Finally, play therapists will discuss common issues faced when collaborating with schools and how to successfully navigate them for the best interest of their clients and themselves, all while keeping things playful. Play Therapy Special Topics

### **Ethical and Safety Considerations for School Based Mental Health Clinicians**

Implementing play therapy interventions can be challenging in a location outside of the walls of an outpatient office. School Based Mental Health Clinicians quickly find schools are particularly unique environments to provide therapeutic services to children. School Based Mental Health Clinicians often encounter ethical dilemmas and safety concerns when providing therapeutic services in schools. Those clinicians must continue to work within the ethical guidelines and standards of their profession while following the rules and policies of the education system. Presenters will help learners identify both ethical and safety considerations when working in schools. Presenters will then provide guidance on the best ways to address ethical dilemmas and safety concerns when they arise to create a safe and healing atmosphere for students. **No APT CE Awarded. Ethics CEs ONLY.**

### **Safety Circles: Fostering Safety, Regulation, and Attunement in Play Therapy Groups**

Play therapy with groups can be a powerful modality for healing and growth. A large part of the play therapist's role in leading a therapy group is creating a sense of safety and connection within the group. During this workshop, participants will begin to explore their role in offering safety, attunement, and co-regulation throughout the group process. Participants will also add a few hands-on, prescriptive playful interventions to add to their tool box to help foster regulation and attunement within the group members. Play Therapy Special Topics



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## Meet our Presenters

### **Alexandrea Sorrentino, MS, LPCC-S, RPT, Licensed School Counselor**

Bringing more than 10 years of experience in the mental health field, ranging from inpatient crisis units to community agency and the justice system. She also has over 12 years of experience working in a school system as a counselor. The last 5 years working for the Hamilton City School District as a Student and Family Support Specialist and Supervisor of Mental Health. During this time, cultivating expertise in creating and maintaining Multi-Tiered Systems of Support and Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports that recognize societal and environmental factors affecting learners. Additionally, she brings expertise in creating mental health supports as well as cultivating relationships with agencies to provide for the ever changing needs of student populations.

### **Machen Champion, LPCC-S, RPT-S, Certified Synergetic Play Therapist**

Machen has completed the NMT Training Certification through the Phase 1 Level with Dr. Bruce Perry and the Child Trauma Academy. She owns her private practice, Wired to Bloom Therapy & Consulting, LLC, in Cincinnati, Ohio, where she works with children and their caregivers. Teaching about the brain, the powers of play and relationship, and the impact of trauma on development is a passion of Machen's. As a self-proclaimed "neuro-nerd", she strives to make these important and complex concepts not only understandable, but related and applicable to helpers, educators, and caregivers. Machen has been honored to speak on these topics across multiple school districts and has provided continuing education at the collegiate and professional levels.

### **Dr. Andrea Weisberger, LPCC-S, RPT, Certified CCPT**

Dr. Andrea Weisberger is the School Based Liaison for The Buckeye Ranch and adjunct professor at Capital University. Dr. Weisberger has worked in school based mental health services for almost a decade in several school districts across the country. She is a Licensed Professional Clinical Counseling Supervisor as well as a Registered Play Therapist. As the daughter of a counselor, Dr. Weisberger has carried on the "family business" of providing therapeutic services to children, adolescents, and families in Florida, Texas, and Ohio. Her specialties include mental health counseling with children and adolescents, expressive arts, play therapy, and school based mental health practices in schools.

# Continuing Education

Continuing education credit for this event is sponsored by the OAPT Catalyst Counseling, LLC.

All 6.5 CEs are pending approval through the Ohio CSWMFT board.

Counseling/MFT: Pending through the Ohio CSWMFT Social Work: Pending through the Ohio CSWMFT

## Play Therapy

OAPT has been approved as a provider of continuing education by the Association for Play Therapy to offer continuing education specific to Play Therapy. Ohio APT Provider # 01-114.

The program offers a total 5 contact hours for APT CE. Play therapy credit may not be awarded to non mental health professionals.

5 CE - Play Therapy Special Topics

Skill Level: All Skill Levels

***PLEASE BE ON TIME AS CE'S MUST BE ADJUSTED  
ACCORDING TO CSWMFT BOARD FOR BEING LATE OR  
LEAVING EARLY***

OAPT members: Free

Non- OAPT members: \$60

Out of State APT members: \$45

Students: \$30

Registration closes on: November 4, 2022

## Questions?

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## OAPT Cancellation Policy

Registration cancellations for this training, offered on November 11, 2022 must be submitted to OAPT in writing by November 4, 2022 for paying registrants. Cancellations are subject to \$25 processing fee. Substitutions (sending another person to attend this conference) may be made in writing for no additional cost. No refunds are given due to inclement weather.

Registration refunds will not be given to participants who register but do not attend. OAPT reserves the right to cancel this training in the event of unforeseen circumstances. If such occurs, OAPT will attempt to notify registrants at least 5 calendar days prior to the event and will refund registration fees. \*

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# Schedule

- **8:00-8:30am**
  - **Registration & Continental Breakfast (Provided)**

## **Taking Play to School: A Play Therapist's Role in Collaborating with Schools**

- **8:30-9:30 am**
  - Getting in the door
  - Relationship building
  - Explaining play therapy to schools
- **9:30-10 am**
  - Setting up for success
  - Creating a school based therapy space
  - Setting a schedule
- **10:00-10:15am**
  - Break
- **10:15-11:45am**
  - Boundaries: play therapist's role in school processes
  - Setting up referral
- **11:45-1:15pm**
  - **Lunch On Your Own - List will be provided**

## **Ethical and Safety Considerations for School Based Mental Health Clinicians**

- **1:15-2:45pm**
  - Ethical considerations unique to providing play therapy in a school environment.
  - Safety concerns one may face when providing play therapy in a school environment.
  - Ethical decision making in schools
  - Strategies to increase safety when providing therapeutic services in schools

## **Safety Circles: Fostering Safety, Regulation, and Attunement in Play Therapy Groups**

- **2:45-3:00pm**
  - **Break (Hot Chocolate Bar)**
- **3:00-5pm**
  - Build a sense of safety within the play therapy group.
  - Explore the role of the play therapist as the external regulator in group play therapy.
  - Prescriptive play therapy interventions to be used within group play therapy sessions to foster attunement and grow regulation
- **5 pm Conference Concludes**