



North Dakota Association for Play Therapy

Nomination for Board of Directors June 2026

The North Dakota Association for Play Therapy (NDAPT) is currently seeking dedicated and passionate professionals to serve on its Board of Directors.

NDAPT is an active and engaged organization committed to advancing training and education that promotes awareness, knowledge, skills, and competencies in play therapy and mental health. We support a wide range of individuals—including clinicians, providers, educators, APT members, parents, and families—with the shared goal of strengthening and expanding the play therapy profession across North Dakota. Through this work, NDAPT strives to increase access to highly trained professionals who can effectively meet the mental health needs of children and families.

In addition, NDAPT supports professionals in safely and effectively integrating play therapy into their clinical practice. The organization also provides ongoing training, consultation, supervision, and professional support professionals in the field including credentialed Registered Play Therapists (RPTs), including Supervisors and School-Based RPTs, as they pursue and maintain their credentials.

APT Mission Statement

To promote the value of play, play therapy, and credentialed play therapists by advancing the mental health and well-being (emotional, psychological, and social) of all people. As a diverse, equitable, and inclusive professional organization, we embrace: increased public awareness and appreciation of play and play therapy; ethical practice informed by research, education, and training; and recognition of education grounded in foundational and historically significant play therapy theories

Board Member Expectations

NDAPT Board Directors are expected to serve with integrity, professionalism, and a collaborative spirit. Responsibilities include:

- Attending and prioritizing monthly board meetings (typically ~ 2nd Friday at 12pm CT)
- Actively participating in discussions, activities, and the conference
- Respectfully collaborating on key initiatives, including training, education, and strategic planning

NDAPT Board Responsibilities

The Board of Directors is responsible for:

- Supporting and upholding the mission and purpose of the organization
- Providing governance, oversight, and fiduciary responsibility
- Engaging in strategic planning for programs, communications, and training
- Selecting, evaluating, and supporting board officers and Serving as ambassadors for NDAPT
- Ensuring legal and ethical integrity while maintaining NDAPT Branch Agreement and APT policy compliance

Interested in Serving?

If you are interested in being considered for a position on the NDAPT Board of Directors, please submit the following information to ND4APT@gmail.com by June 10th, 2026. (Or see form)

- **Full Name and Credentials:**
- **Date and signature if providing details in person**
- **APT Membership Start Date** (active member for at least 1 year prior to June 2026):
- **Professional Involvement with Play Therapy:**
- **City/State:**
- **Interest Statement:** (Why are you interested in serving on the NDAPT Board?)



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We will be accepting and reviewing nominations starting May 1st through June 10th. APT members will vote on new members at the annual meeting June 11th at the NDAPT Conference. If you have any questions please contact:

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Bridget Meranda, LCSW, RPT @ 218-207-1930 (Bridget@grandforkstherapy.com)

Full Name _____

Credentials _____

Email _____ **Phone** _____

Signature *(NA if form is emailed)* _____ **Date** _____

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