



North Dakota Association for Play Therapy Newsletter

September 2024

President Message:

Happy Fall everyone! I hope this message finds everyone shifting smoothly into the Fall season! On that note, our new board is getting things rolling for this year with new ideas for play therapy mini trainings, options for connecting with fellow play therapists in the field, and brainstorming ideas for the future!

The autumn season is about transformation and beauty as well as letting go and embracing new beginnings. As you make the shift into fall, it is important to find ways to enjoy the changes while also reflecting on the progress and events of the last year. Taking time for reflection and self care not only aids your health and wellbeing, it is also healthy modeling for others regarding the importance of “time into ourselves.”

Please take a look at this newsletter for the latest play therapy trainings, events and resources and I look forward to connecting with you at one of our upcoming events!

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**JUNE
18-20
2025**

Clubhouse Hotel &
Suites
Fargo, ND



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Virtual ≡ Lunch & Learn ≡ and APT North Dakota Networking

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NOVEMBER 1, 2024 | 12:00-12:45pm CT



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APT PlayToday Weekly member e-newsletter distributed every Tuesday.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Leadership Academy With a focus on the "business of play therapy" APT offers an online leadership course.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Member Directory Exclusive access to the membership directory to connect with your peers and fellow play therapists.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Community Forum Online discussion forums to promote networking and a diverse professional community.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Branch Services Chartered branches providing access to local training and networking opportunities.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
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Committee Participation Volunteer opportunities to help shape APT programs and services.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> **			
Governance Participation (Voting) Professional members are eligible to elect members of the national board.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Find a Play Therapist Directory Credentialed members (RPT, RPT-S, SB-RPT) are included in the Registered Play Therapist Directory.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Discounts Discounted fees on Credentialing, APT store products, and Annual Conference.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

* E-Students can access the *Play Therapy™* Magazine and mining report digitally via the APT website
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I offer Free consultations!

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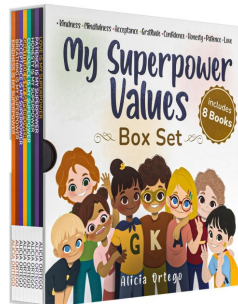
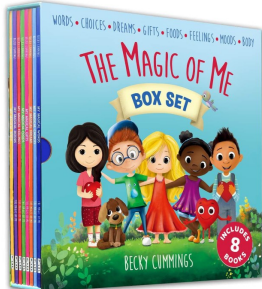


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Upcoming NDAPT Board Meeting Dates:

October 11@ Noon (CST)

November 8 @ Noon (CST)

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"Play is the highest form of research."
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