



Play Therapy with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children and Youth



Sponsored by Volunteers of America MN
Mental Health Clinics Deaf and Hard of
Hearing Program

Friday, February 11th, 2011
8:30am-4:30pm
Calvary Lutheran Church of Golden
Valley
7520 Golden Valley Rd
Golden Valley, MN 55422

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Mental Health Clinics
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Programs
5905 Golden Valley Road, Suite 100
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The Presenter:

Alexis Greeves, LPCC, Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor

Alexis Greeves, LPCC, RPT-S is a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor and a Registered Play Therapist and Supervisor with a specialized training in work with children, adolescents and their families. She received her undergraduate degree from Wesleyan University in Connecticut and received her MA from Gallaudet University in Washington, DC. Upon graduation, Alexis worked as a school-based mental health counselor at the elementary school on Gallaudet's campus. She then worked in the training department where she presented nationally on using play therapy techniques with deaf and hard of hearing children. Alexis sees children of all ages in private practice and has taught the graduate-level Play Therapy class for the Department of Counseling and the Department of Social Work at Gallaudet. She provides clinical supervision and consultation locally and long-distance and training on many topics related to providing play therapy and counseling services to deaf children. She lives in Minneapolis, MN with her husband David and their daughter Ruby.



In response to the growing awareness of the need to address the social and emotional developmental needs of deaf and hard of hearing children, child and adolescent therapists specializing in visual- and deafness-focused intervention strategies are in great demand. Play therapy is being regarded as a viable and important modality in working with deaf and hard of hearing children. Play therapy enables children to express their thoughts and feelings through their “natural language” of play.

Training Objectives:

Participants will learn:

- 1) What play therapy is and how it works.
- 2) The therapeutic and curative powers of play therapy
- 3) The difference between directive and non-directive play therapy
- 4) Modifications and applications in working with deaf and hard of hearing children
- 5) Directive techniques to address a variety of diagnostic presentations such as ADHD, anxiety, stress and explosive anger
- 6) Directive techniques to address specific issues such as divorce, grief and loss, and trauma.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Alexis Greeves is approved by the Association for Play Therapy to offer continuing education specific to play therapy. APT Preferred Provider 07-204.

We have also applied for RID continuing education credits.

SCHEDULE

8:30-9:00	Registration
9:00-9:45	Introduction to play and play therapy Why play? What is play therapy? What is not play therapy?
9:45-11:15	Child-Centered Play Therapy Basic elements of child-centered (non-directive)
11:15-Noon	Role plays
12-1:30pm	Lunch
1:30-1:45	The Play Therapy Room
1:45-4:00	Directive Play Therapy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anger • Anxiety • Identifying Feelings • Theraplay – Attachment-based therapy • Therapeutic Story-telling • Techniques using art • Sandtray • Gestalt techniques • Trauma
4:00-4:30	Requirements of the RPT and further training Q & A

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FEE: \$90 Individuals (Fee includes 6 APT CE credits, lunch, snacks, and interpreters)

Please print or type:
Name, Degree/Title:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Business/Employer/University:

Business Phone:

Home Phone:

Fax/Email:

Special Accommodations Needed:

**REGISTRATIONS DUE BY Feb. 1st, 2011
Cancellations prior to Feb. 1st will be fully refunded. After Feb. 1st, there will be a \$25 cancellation fee.**

Send form with checks made out to:
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This workshop will be presented in ASL with voice interpreting.