



We are excited to announce more about the Annual Conference!

Save the Date! February 23-24, 2024

We are excited to announce that the Annual ArAPT Conference will be held at the University of Central Arkansas (UCA) in Conway, AR this year!

We are even more excited to announce our presenter!

Scott Riviere, MS, LPC, RPT-S, is a Licensed Professional Counselor and one of the first Registered Play Therapist-Supervisors in Louisiana. He is the Director of K.I.D.Z., Inc., Louisiana's first Play Therapy Institute, where his practice is limited exclusively to children and adolescents and their families. During his 30+ years of practice, he has worked in various clinical settings and has extensive training in the field of Play Therapy. He has served on various committees for the Association for Play Therapy and served on the Board of Directors. He has created several therapeutic products for mental health professionals and is a published author and frequent guest on various media outlets. Mr. Riviere has also produced a series of parent training videos titled Positive Parenting. He is an active speaker at national and state conferences and is approved to supervise counselors seeking state licensure or the Registered Play Therapist credential.



Lunch and Learn Opportunities coming soon!

Lunch and Learn

Alexis Necessary, LPC, LMFT, RPT

How to End Well with your Clients

Join us for FREE (for members) on Friday, August 18th, from 12:00-2:00pm. This



training provides an overview of how to terminate with clients successfully.

This will be a lunch conversation focused on graduating and terminating clients playfully!

[Email here to register!](#)

It's not too late! This training is this coming weekend!



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The Office of Play Therapy, Research, and Training
invites you to earn 12 CEUs on

June 9 & 10, 2023, at

Waldrip Hall, 1371 W Altheimer Dr, Fayetteville, AR

Play Therapy Through a Neurosequential Lens



Kim Vander Dussen

Kim Vander Dussen, Psy. D., RPT-S is a Professor of Clinical Psychology at the Chicago School of Professional Psychology | Anaheim. There she serves as full time faculty member and Coordinator of the Child and Adolescent Psychology concentration in the program. She is a member of the Board of Directors for the Association for Play Therapy and former President of the California Branch of the Association for Play Therapy. Dr. Vander Dussen is a licensed psychologist and registered play therapist and supervisor. She is certified in EMDR and as a Level 1 clinician in the Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics developed by the Child Trauma Academy. She has certificates in Play Therapy and Infant and Toddler Mental Health. She is also a certified Circle of Security Parenting Facilitator. Dr. Vander Dussen also serves on the faculty of UCSD's Play Therapy Certificate Program. She is in private practice and specializes in the treatment of trauma, attachment, and children with developmental disabilities and a frequent presenter at local and national conferences on child and adolescent related topics.

In this workshop participants will learn to:

- describe basic regions of the brain and how their functions manifest in symptoms and behavior in children in play therapy treatment.
- describe the sequence of engagement described by Dr. Bruce Perry and the Neurosequential Network and the relationship this has to play therapy treatment planning.
- describe how the Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics supports play therapy treatment.
- implement at least six specific play therapy techniques for each dysregulated region of the brain described.
- experience how playful multisensory play activities promote self-regulation.
- identify the eight sensory systems for use in their play therapy practice.
- describe interoception for use in their play therapy practice.
- identify and describe at least five sensory based play therapy interventions.
- experience how playful multisensory play activities promote self regulation.
- describe how co-regulation facilitates the development of self regulation.

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Congratulations on Gold Branch Status!

Thank you for being active with your local APT branch! Because of you, Arkansas reached Gold Branch Status this year!

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This means we show excellence in participation, training, and communication to advocate for Play

Therapy in our communities and provide quality experiences for play therapists in the state.

If you have any ideas about how we can do more, please email us your ideas!

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