

2nd International STORYPLAY® Conference

Agenda for Day 1 ~ Friday, July 14th

Registration & Continental Breakfast 8:00-9 am
Conference hours: 9 am – 4:30 pm
Breaks: 10:30-10:45 am & 3:00-3:15
Lunch (on your own) 12:15-1:30



9 am – 9:30 am - Keynote Welcoming: StoryPlay®: The Spirit and Wisdom of Healing
Joyce C. Mills, Ph.D. Founder

9:30- 12:15 Workshop 1: Positivity Pouches: Incorporating the Mind/Body/Spirit in Healing during Chemotherapy Treatment with StoryPlay®

Presenter/s: Cristina Yturralde, LPC & Elizabeth Cameron

How are we able to endure something so devastating as childhood cancer? The treatment itself is very difficult for a child to face. Chemotherapy, even though it is harsh, is also vital in curing the cancer. In this Presentation, we will explore mindfulness, play & creativity within treatment. Introducing a StoryCraft with multi-cultural diversity for the child to use during chemo therapy. This tool will allow the child to develop and use positive words and symbols to promote healing. We will explore the importance of providing a space for the child and family to focus on strength and hope during cancer.

Learning Objectives: Participants will be able to:

1. Create their own “Positivity Pouch” in play therapy sessions, which can be donated to children who are going through chemo therapy.
2. Learn how utilizing a child’s positive words in play and creative expressions can affect their healing process.
3. Meet and hear powerful insight from a young teen who used the practice of hope, play and creative healing during her cancer journey.

12:15 – 1:30 - LUNCH (On Your Own)

1:30- 4:15 - Workshop 2: Utilizing the Metaphorical Elements of Nature in StoryPlay®

Presenter: Janet A. Courtney, PhD, RPT-S, Founder of FirstPlay® Therapy

In nature, metaphors abound. This workshop will present several ways that the metaphorical elements of natural objects—stones, shells, feathers—can be therapeutically utilized within play therapy sessions. Nature naturally crosses cultural barriers and factors related to multi-cultural diversity will be addressed through the presentation of case study examples. Participants will learn and create a StoryCraft™ called “Stepping Stones to Success.”

Learning Objectives: Participants will be able to:

1. Demonstrate three elements of nature that can be therapeutically utilized within play therapy sessions with children.
2. State at least three precautions when using stones and other natural objects within play therapy sessions.
3. Create the “Stepping Stones to Success” StoryCraft™ in play therapy.

4:15 – 4:30 pm Questions - Special Closing

For those attending one day, Certificates of Attendance will be given at time of sign out only.

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Agenda for Day 2 ~ Saturday, July 15th

Registration & Continental Breakfast 8:00 – 9 am

Conference hours - 9 am – 4:30 pm

Breaks: 10:30 -10:45 am & 3:00-3:15

Lunch (on your own) 12:15 -1:30

9:00 am – 9:30 am - Welcoming Keynote: It's More than Technique: The Heart of Healing in Play Therapy – Joyce C. Mills, Ph.D., Founder

9:30-12:15 - Workshop 3: When More than One Wants to Play: Using StoryPlay® in Family Therapy Sessions

Presenter: Amy Davis King, LMFT, AAMFT - Supervisor

In this interactive workshop, participants will learn how to adapt StoryPlay specifically for use in Family Play Therapy Sessions, including how to use the Ericksonian concept of utilization when there is more than one client in the room, how to maintain cultural sensitivity when working with families of different cultures, and which StoryCrafts lend themselves well to family play therapy sessions.

Learning Objectives: Participants will be able to:

1. Two (2) ways to maintain cultural sensitivity using StoryPlay® with families.
2. Create a StoryCraft™ that is appropriate for use in family play therapy sessions.
3. Describe how to use the Ericksonian principle of utilization when there are multiple participants in the play therapy room.

Lunch 12:15 – 1:30 (Lunch on your own)

1:30 – 4:15 - Workshop 4: Using Storyplay® Approaches with Adults and Couples with the Sand Tray

Presenter: Rosa Ruales, MBA, LAMFT, LPC, NCC, CTP, RPT

This play therapy workshop is designed to provide Introductory training in the philosophy/techniques of Sand Therapy, a form of play therapy, and StoryPlay®. Attendees will become familiar with the values of sand tray therapy, along with themes, and specific techniques used in sessions with adults and couples using the StoryPlay model of play therapy.

Learning Objectives: Participants will be able to:

1. Create a StoryCraft that can be used with adults and couples.
2. Use Storyplay® approaches with the sand tray in play therapy sessions.
3. Describe how couples and adults can express themselves using Storyplay® in the sand tray.

4:15 – 4:30 SPECIAL CLOSING

CERTIFICATES OF ATTENDANCE GIVEN AT TIME OF SIGNING OUT.