

Theraplay® Level 1 Training **Tuesday October 6- Friday October 9, 2020**

Theraplay® and The Marschak Interaction Method Assessment (MIM) are combined in this four-day training.

Theraplay® is a short-term, structured therapy which focuses on enhancing attachments. It promotes self-esteem, language skills, behavioural skills, social skills as well as enhances relationships between significant others. Theraplay can be used with a single child, an entire family or with groups of children. Professionals around the world have been trained in Theraplay and are using Theraplay in a wide variety of settings and populations, including: Attachment therapy for foster/adopted children, Therapy for trauma and abuse victims, Therapy for children with behavioral and developmental problems, and Group settings such as schools and residential treatment facilities.

The Marschak Interaction Method Assessment (MIM) is a structured technique for observing and assessing the relationship between two individuals, for example, biological parent and child, foster or adoptive parent and child, supportive caregiver and child. It consists of a series of simple tasks designed to elicit a range of behaviours in four dimensions.

Learning objectives of this course include:

- ☑ Understanding of the history and theory of Theraplay®;
- ☑ Increased knowledge on the interactional basis of parent-infant attachment and self-esteem;
- ☑ Skill development in the differentiation and use of the four Theraplay® dimensions;
- ☑ Knowledge of how Theraplay® is used to meet the needs of children with behavior problems, foster and adopted children, autistic children, adolescents, and traumatized children;
- ☑ Knowledge of how parents are guided to empathically observe and participate in Theraplay® sessions aimed at fostering better parent-child attachment.
- ☑ Knowledge of how to administer the MIM including methods of recording non-verbal and verbal behaviors, making inferences and formulating hypotheses;
- ☑ Knowledge of how an MIM report is organized;
- ☑ Knowledge of how a feedback session is conducted;
- ☑ Knowledge of how the MIM is used as a guideline for planning treatment.

Theraplay® training workshops are intensive, active and rewarding. The number of participants is limited so that each person can receive the special attention that makes for a good training experience. There are opportunities to:

- Observe live and/or video taped treatment of a family, including the assessment via the Marschak Interaction Method, feedback to the parents, and several Theraplay® sessions
- Watch videotapes of treatment with a variety of clients
- Practice the use of Theraplay® techniques
 - Plan how each participant can use Theraplay® with their own clients

Registration Form

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This four day training will be held in LEDUC, AB

Peach Lutheran Church (4606 48a St)

This 4 day training is open to qualified, licensed, certified or registered professionals in a field that prepares them to work with children and families. Participants who have experience working with children and families, but who have not yet completed their professional degree (for example: those with diplomas in Early Childhood Education or in Child and Youth Work) can be admitted into Theraplay training.

Opportunities to become certified as a Theraplay Therapist are outlined during this course. Light refreshments included but participants will be responsible for their lunch. Course handouts are included.

Theraplay Text books are an additional cost, but required for the course and can be purchased on amazon.ca.

<https://www.amazon.ca/Theraplay-Helping-Children-Relationships-Attachment-Based/dp/0470281669> (Theraplay: *Helping Parents and Children Build Better Relationships Through Attachment-Based Play*)

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After June 1, 2020 = \$950.00 + \$47.50 GST = \$997.50

Refunds minus \$100.00 administration fee for cancellations up to September 1, 2020.

Certificates of Attendance will be given on last day of workshop