



Best Practice Requirements – Theraplay Canada Agreement

Now that you have completed a Theraplay® training course, you will be considering how to use the skills in your work. In Canada, a wide range of people working with children and families attend training. It is essential that any Theraplay® related work you now do is carried out within appropriate boundaries so that your skills can develop and the families and agencies you work with are assured of high quality, safe interventions. You must agree to the Best Practice Requirements below if you wish to receive your training completion letter and to use Theraplay® principles in your work.

I agree to accurately describe my work

After completing Level 1 or Level 2 Theraplay® training, you should describe your work as 'based on Theraplay® principles' and you should describe your assessments as 'based on the Marschak Interaction Method (MIM)'. You cannot say that you are 'doing Theraplay', or describe yourself as a 'Level 1/Level 2 Theraplay practitioner/therapist'. If you enroll on the Theraplay® practicum and complete Foundational Stage, you can describe your work as 'Theraplay® Informed Practice'. Only when you complete all three stages of the practicum, can you refer to yourself as a 'Certified Theraplay® Practitioner', describe your work as 'Theraplay®' and say that you are 'carrying out a MIM assessment'.

An appropriate way to describe your work following Level 1 training would be: 'Chris Smith, Social Worker using Theraplay® principles. I have undertaken Level 1 training'. An appropriate way to describe your work following Level 2 training and after completing Foundational Stage of the practicum would be: 'Sam Brown, Foundational Theraplay® Practitioner in the role of Play Therapist using Theraplay® Informed Practice'.

I agree to use my Theraplay® based skills appropriately

You can now use Theraplay® principles within the limits of your professional qualifications, and with cases you are used to working with (eg a social worker already working with adoptive families, a play therapist already working with families in a school). If you are not an accredited professional with a regular supervisor and a professional body, you should not use Theraplay® principles in an independent or self-employed basis (eg a teaching assistant cannot take on cases for an adoption agency).

I agree to use the Theraplay® service mark correctly

You should use the Theraplay® service mark correctly at all times in line with the protocol below. This applies to all written materials including websites, reports, case notes, supervision forms, consents, and e-mail signatures.

- The service mark ® must be used in the phrase 'The Theraplay® Institute'.
- In a short document, such as a consent form, the service mark must be used throughout. This includes the phrases 'Theraplay® Informed Practice' and 'Theraplay® based principles'.
- In a long document, such as a supervision form or report, the service mark must be used the first time the word Theraplay® appears, and thereafter Theraplay may be written without the service mark.

- On a web site, the service mark must be used throughout in descriptions of Theraplay® Informed Practice. A link to the US Theraplay® Institute and Theraplay® Canada websites must be provided.
- Any use of the service mark must be accompanied by a footnote or note consisting of the following phrase: “Theraplay® is a registered service mark of The Theraplay Institute, 1840 Oak Ave., Suite 320, Evanston, IL 60201, USA”.

I agree to be adequately insured

You will ensure that you, or your workplace, have relevant and sufficient indemnity and/or public liability insurance to cover your Theraplay® related work. The Theraplay® Institute in the US or Theraplay Canada cannot assume responsibility for the quality of your work. Attending training does not bestow any status or endorsement to your work.

I agree to be adequately supervised

So that you are supported in your Theraplay® related work and guided in choosing suitable cases, you should receive appropriate supervision. If you enroll on the practicum, your supervision has to be with an Associate or Certified Theraplay® Supervisor (or a supervisor in training). Theraplay® supervision can take place individually, or in a group, or consist of presenting a case at a regional support group. If you are not on the practicum, ideally supervision would also be with an Associate or Certified Theraplay® Supervisor, but could also be with your regular clinical supervisor from your professional body or your regular workplace manager.

I agree to maintain good practice

If you intend to use Theraplay® principles in any setting, you need to establish and maintain good standing with Theraplay Canada. This is done by signing the online Attestation Form to confirm your current qualifications, insurance, etc. The form can be found on the Theraplay Canada website and should be signed immediately after training and in January each year. There is no fee associated with this.

I agree to comply with Data Protection legislation

You should refer to your professional body and your workplace to ensure that you gain relevant consents, keep and maintain appropriate records, inform families and agencies about your privacy practices, and erase records, including videos, in a compliant manner.

I have read and agree to the terms of the Best Practice Requirements for the practice of Theraplay® in Canada as described above.

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| Name | | Email address | |
| Training type | Level 1 / Level 2 / Group | Training venue, Trainer and dates | |
| Today's date | | Signed | |