

# DYNAMIC DIMENSIONS OF BECOMING AND BEING AN EFFECTIVE PLAY THERAPIST

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## APTI 2020 CONFERENCE

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### DESCRIPTION

How is the process of play therapy different from other types of psychotherapy? Why is an in-depth understanding of the play therapy process critical to the healing and well-being of distressed children? Children are our most vulnerable clients and have difficulty understanding, communicating and working through distressing/ traumatic life events using words. Children need a play therapist who understands the uniqueness of children, who can connect with the inner world of children, and who is sensitive to the complex nuances of the play therapy process. Just as a child's progress in therapy toward healing and reaching his or her potential takes time and requires self-discovery; so, too, does the process of becoming an effective play therapist who seeks to provide the highest quality and ethical services to children.

Based on their over 80 years combined experience as clinicians, researchers, and internationally recognized authorities on child-centered play therapy, Drs. Landreth and Bratton will demonstrate that play therapy is more than simply providing children with toys and implementing one of the thousands of play techniques readily available in books. This interactive and exploratory workshop will focus on the significance of the therapeutic relationship characterized by a way of Being-With a child that touches the inner person of the child that is waiting to come forth and be experienced.

This type of relationship is especially significant for children who are slow to trust themselves and adults due to early life experiences that involved disruptions in their significant caregiver relationships. We will explore intangibles in the play therapy process that impact possibilities and progress in the child's journey toward self-discovery and becoming all that he or she is meant to be.

Workshop activities will include experiential learning about the play therapy process, videos and case examples from the presenters' experiences with children, and discussions regarding best practices and optimal therapeutic processes in play therapy to facilitate children's growth and healing. Based on our belief that the person of the therapist is an important therapeutic variable, you will be challenged to look within and to examine your core beliefs about children and the therapeutic process.

We look forward to meeting you!  
Garry and Sue



# GARRY L. LANDRETH EDD, LPC, RPT-S

Dr Landreth is Regents Professor Emeritus and founder and Director Emeritus of the Center for Play Therapy at the University of North Texas. He is internationally recognized for his writings, research, and work in promoting the development of child-centered play therapy and child-parent relationship therapy (CPRT) during his over 50-year career. He has conducted workshops on play therapy throughout the United States and internationally in over 10 countries. He is the author of over 150 publications and videos including, the 2012 3rd edition of the best seller, *Play Therapy: The Art of the Relationship* and the 2020 2nd edition of *Child-Parent Relationship Therapy (CPRT)*. He is a founding member and Director Emeritus of the Board of Directors of the Association for Play Therapy (APT). He had received numerous awards for his work and research including the APT Lifetime Achievement Award and the APT Research Award.

## INFORMATION

### PARTICIPANTS AND REQUIREMENTS

The conference is open to all professionals working with children (mental health field, education, rehabilitation, medical care, social assistance). The official language is English with simultaneous translation in Italian. We are committed to make the event accessible to everyone. Please let us know if you have any special needs.

### VENUE

Via Paolo III, 16, 00165 Rome-Italy at *Casa per Ferie S.ta Emilia de Vialar*. The venue has a beautiful view on the St. Peter's Basilica -- book your room (b&b) by contacting the structure: +39 063 936 65 28 [emilia1930@gmail.com](mailto:emilia1930@gmail.com). A limited number of rooms is available. Don't hesitate to ask about the Airport Taxi Transfer. Free parking is available on site. If you are joining us by bus: n° 46 or 49, stop "Aurelia/Paolo III".

### CERTIFICATE

At the end of the day a 6hr *Certificate of attendance* is issued by the Association for Play Therapy Italy APTI.

### APTI CONTACT

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# SUE C. BRATTON PH.D., LPC-S, RPT-S

Dr Bratton is Professor Emerita and Director Emerita, Center for Play Therapy, at the University of North Texas, with over 30 years of experience as a practitioner and prolific researcher examining the effectiveness of child-centered play therapy (CCPT) and child-parent relationship therapy (CPRT). Sue is internationally known speaker and author with over 90 publications including the 2011 *Integrative Play Therapy* and the 2020 2nd edition *Child-Parent Relationship Therapy (CPRT)*. She has conducted 300 play therapy workshops throughout the U.S. and internationally in over 10 countries. Sue is a Past President and board member of the Association for Play Therapy (APT). She is also recipient of many awards including the APT Lifetime Achievement Award, APT Outstanding Research Award, and the American Counseling Association (ACA) Extended Research Award.

## HOW TO REGISTER

### CONFERENCE FEE

Non-APTI Member € 120 • APTI Member € 80

The fee is nonrefundable. In the very unlikely event that the workshop must be canceled or postponed by the organizers, APTI will provide a full refund of the fee. Participants will be responsible for their own travel fees.

### BANK DETAILS

Transfer to: International Academy for Play Therapy, Via General Guisan 2, 6962 Lugano-Switzerland.

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