



## NEW THERAPLAY® THERAPIST PRACTICUM PROTOCOL

In order to encourage more clinicians to seek supervision and enter the practicum, and to recognize significant milestones of those in the practicum, we introduce this new protocol on a trial basis. The basic requirements for qualifications, training, number of sessions and fees remain unchanged (refer to *Procedures for Obtaining Certification as a Theraplay Therapist 5.07*, hence forward referred to as *Procedures 5.07*). The revisions address the content and timing of what is submitted, and offer a three-step progression toward certification that recognizes the student's successful completion of each level.

### Step 1: Application and progression to Level One Theraplay Practitioner

- A. Submit the following written materials
- Curriculum vita or resume
  - Official transcript of credits from your college, university or professional training institution
  - Written permission from your supervisor or agency director and from the families whose tapes are being submitted for supervision
  - Confirmation of professional malpractice insurance
- B. Submit the following application case materials:
- Videotape of the MIM and your written summary of your analysis of it and how it guided your feedback to the parents and planning of first treatment session. ***This is not a formal MIM report.***
  - Videotape of the first treatment session with this same family along with 1) *Session Supervision Form* and 2) *Self-description by Dimension form* (please type on the forms and send via e-mail to: [practicum.application@theraplay.org](mailto:practicum.application@theraplay.org))

Submission of these materials will count as your application two sessions and should be accompanied by payment of the application fee (currently \$200). If the candidate is accepted into the practicum, these two tapes can be counted as the first two sessions submitted for supervision.

C. Submit six more sessions of Theraplay treatment, each submitted with the *Session Supervision Form* directly to the supervisor. These sessions should be of two different clients, one of which may be the same as used for application. It is not necessary to submit the *Self-Description by Dimension form* with these sessions.

D. During this period, complete a total of 40 Theraplay sessions and submit a log of them for your file.

E. Upon successful completion of Step 1, the student will be issued a certificate acknowledging their status in the practicum of a Level One Theraplay Practitioner. Please refer to *Procedures 5.07 Step V: Use of the Theraplay Servicemark* for information about how to describe the use of Theraplay in your work. This certificate only acknowledges progress in the practicum and enables the student to be recognized as having more experience and skill development than one who has not received any supervision. This is not a substitute for full certification.

## **Step 2: Progression to Level Two Theraplay Practitioner**

- A. Submit a brief (1-3 pages) narrative, including a personal history and a description of how you intend to use Theraplay in your work
- B. Successfully complete the Intermediate Theraplay/MIM training, including presenting a case at the training for one credit. This can be done at any time during Step 2.
- C. Submit eleven more sessions including one MIM analysis/first treatment session combination (see Step 1.B) with a new client. Except where noted, submit only the *Session Supervision form* with each tape.
- D. Complete an additional 60 Theraplay sessions and submit a log of them for your file.
- E. Pass the mid-term tape evaluation which is done by a supervisor other than your regular supervisor. Mid-terms should be sent with both supervisory forms.
- F. Upon successful completion of Step 2, the candidate will be issued a certificate acknowledging their status in the practicum of Level Two Theraplay Practitioner. This is the mid-way point of the practicum. Please refer to Step 1.E. for further explanation.

## **Step 3: Progression to full status as a Certified Theraplay Therapist**

- A. Submit 17 more sessions (using the guidelines in *Procedures 5.07*).
- B. Submit two written MIM reports. These should be formal reports, not summaries (refer to *Procedures 5.07, Step III.B*). Any report that requires more than 25% revision will be charged an additional fee. Please consult with your supervisor before writing your first report.
- C. Complete an additional 100 Theraplay sessions and submit a log of them for your file.
- D. Submit and pass the final exam tape evaluation which is done by a supervisor other than your regular supervisor. Final tapes should be submitted with both supervisory forms.
- E. Upon successful completion of Step 3, the candidate will be issued a certificate awarding them the status of Certified Theraplay Therapist.

Please note that this is a brief description of the new protocol and the candidate is responsible for reading and complying with the full practicum requirements as outlined in *Procedures 5.07*.