

Registration

Cost of workshop: **Registration \$150**

(Received by Monday, August 17th, 2026)

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Every Toy Holds a Story: Finding Themes and Metaphors in Play Therapy

Offered by
Jane L. Johnson, LLC, LCSW,
Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor

In-Person in Centennial, CO

August, 22nd 2026
8:30 AM – 4:15 PM, MDT

Every Toy holds a Story: Finding Themes and Metaphors in Play Therapy

In play therapy children use themes and metaphors to communicate their fears, their pain and their joy. When we listen to a child's play; what the toys represent symbolically, when metaphors are created and which themes emerge, we can respond and reply in the child's native language.

This workshop takes you on a journey recognizing the stories in themes and metaphors that you see, hear, and feel in children's therapeutic play. Case examples will demonstrate how toys are used as symbols to construct metaphors. We will dive into the deep meaning of themes as they emerge over a series of play therapy sessions. Video case review and story making activities will elevate our capacity to translate what children tell us through their play.

Learning Objectives Participants will be able to:

- 1. Identify common play themes and their possible meanings given the child's developmental age.**
- 2. Describe how play themes emerge from session to session in play therapy.**
- 3. Demonstrate recognition of metaphors that children create in therapeutic play.**
- 4. Practice participating in the child's metaphorical play dialogue to facilitate their healing process.**

5. Design therapeutic metaphors for young clients who need a message of encouragement, hope, or resolution.

6. Compare how meaning is derived for themes and metaphors from different theoretical perspectives.

**Workshop Schedule:
Saturday, August __, 2026**

8:00 am Check-in (MDT)

8:30-11:45 am Morning Session

11:45am -1pm Lunch Break

12:45-4:15 pm Afternoon Session

A 15" Break is provided in each session.

Handouts will be emailed for you to print out before you attend the workshop.

Workshop Location:
**Mayfield Counseling
1283 Kelly Johnson Blvd, Colorado
Springs, CO 80920**

As providers for Colorado Play Therapy Training, Jane L. Johnson and Linda Klein are approved by the Association for Play Therapy to offer continuing education specific to play therapy. COPTT is APT approved provider 10-277. This workshop may count as 6 in-person contact hours of continuing education for the Registered Play Therapist credential.

Cancellation and Refund Policy

We reserve the right to cancel this workshop in the event of insufficient registrations or other unforeseen circumstances in which event the registration fee will be refunded. A partial refund of your registration fee will be provided if request is received via mail or email 24 hours prior to the event.

**For more information, you can call Jane at
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**Your
Workshop
Presenter:**



Jane has been a play therapist for over 40 years and a Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor since 2001. As a member of APT, Jane has enjoyed a wide variety of learning experiences and exposure to the most current research and practice approaches in play therapy. Jane has extensive experience in abuse, trauma, divorce, school problems and other children's issues. Jane has presented in-services and workshops on play therapy for over 25 years.