

# Expressive Play Therapy for the Grieving Child

**FRIDAY, February 26, 2010**

**8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. \***

(8:00a.m. Registration, Continental Breakfast)

## ***Theory, Principles, & Interventions:***

Dr. Dhaese will be discussing: theoretical considerations relating to attachment and loss of primary attachment figures (through divorce, death, foster care, adoption, hospitalization, and other traumas); stages of grief/loss; and, principles underlying expressive play therapy. She will include an experiential component for participants.



**SATURDAY, February 27, 2010**

**8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. \***

(8:00 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast)

## ***Methods Used to Help Grieving Children at Different Stages***

Dr. Dhaese's child centered approach will show participants different expressive play therapy methods that can be used with children during the early phase of grief, for intense painful feelings of despair in the form of acute grief, and the later phase of the grief journey. She will include a myriad of examples and interventions.

***\*Lunch will be provided both days.***



## **Marie-José Dhaese, PhD, RCC, ATR, RPT-S, CPT-S**

Born and educated in France, Marie-José is an Adult, Child and Family therapist in private practice. She is a Registered Clinical Counselor, a Registered Art Therapist, and a Registered Play Therapist Supervisor both with the Canadian and American Play Therapy Associations.

Marie-José now celebrates over 35 years experience as a therapist. For the past 25 years she has been teaching her own approach to play therapy: Holistic Expressive Play Therapy, particularly on the topic of loss, trauma, abuse and neglect. She was a spectacular presenter for HAPT's annual conference in 2000.

She has shared her unique, innovative and constantly evolving methods with thousands of therapists from all over the world. Marie-José is the founder of the Centre for Expressive Therapy, located on Vancouver Island, B.C, Canada. As well as seeing clients of all ages, she mentors and offers healing retreats for helping professionals.

## **What to Bring to Conference**

Participants are encouraged to bring a few favorite objects/toys/miniatures that inspire your own sense of peace, protection, wisdom and courage. These objects will be used for an experiential exercise during the conference. However, please do not bring scented items/perfumes as your special object.

## **Conference Venue**

Join us in the Pagoda Hotel located at 1525 Rycroft Street Honolulu, HI 96814-2494 in the C'est Si Bon Room. For room reservations, contact the hotel at 808-941-6611 or visit their website at [www.pagodahotel.com](http://www.pagodahotel.com). Hotel parking is free with validation at registration.

## **Registration Information**

Early Registration deadline: January 22, 2010. Submit your registration before February 12, 2010 by mail or register online at [www.hawaiiplaytherapy.net](http://www.hawaiiplaytherapy.net).

Online transactions are secured through PayPal. Written notification of cancellation must be received by January 22, 2010 for a full refund. A 75% refund is available until February 12, 2010. No refund will be given after this date.

## **Continuing Education**

Play therapy continuing education (CE) credits will be awarded for those participants who attend a minimum of 80% of the conference each day. Partial credit cannot be given. Each day participants can earn 6 CEUs for a total of 12 for both days.



## Join APT & HAPT

By joining HAPT you not only get a discount to this conference as well as other trainings, but you also have numerous opportunities to grow professionally through association newsletters, journals, networking, and peer consultation. To join, go to the HAPT website at [www.hawaiiplaytherapy.net](http://www.hawaiiplaytherapy.net) to download membership application forms and submit by mail. Or go directly to the Association for Play Therapy (APT) website at [www.a4pt.org](http://www.a4pt.org).

### Conference Contacts:

General conference information  
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### Payment Questions

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### Word from the Conference Committee:

Mahalo Nui Loa to the HAPT Board of Directors, committee chairs, and the countless volunteers who come together each year with true aloha to help make this conference possible. If you are curious about or interested in volunteering your time with HAPT, please feel free to contact us by email or during the conference.

### Special Note:

*As a special request, please refrain from wearing perfumes/colognes on the day of the conference, out of respect for our presenter as well as to others who may also be allergic to fragrances.*

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