

Playful EMDR Training Solutions

Integrating EMDR and Play Therapy



LIVE Online, Interactive Training

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Let's Play EMDR: Fundamentals of EMDR with Children in a Play Therapy Setting

Nov 10th & 11th, 2025
10:45AM - 3:00PM EST
Or 9:45am CST
Beginner/Intermediate



Who Should Attend/Pre-Requisite:

Therapists who have completed
the EMDR Basic Training.

Why Integrate EMDR and Play Therapy?

The principles and practices of a prescriptive play therapy approach enable practitioners to engage and motivate child clients in the therapeutic process by harnessing the healing power of play. Play therapy enables the therapist to become a trusted part of the child's world. By grounding the therapist in the concept of using play as the process for client learning we can better integrate Shapiro's Adaptive Information Processing and EMDR with play therapy to increase the insights, creativity and innovation of the therapist and make psychotherapy more developmentally appropriate for children.

Program Instructors

Annie Monaco, LCSW-R, RPT-S



Annie Monaco is co-founder of Playful EMDR, an online hub for training and consultation in treating trauma-exposed children. Annie travels internationally and throughout the US providing specialty trainings on EMDR with children and teens and how to effectively treat attachment wounds and dissociative strategies and self-states. Annie has extensive experience with foster care,

out of country adoptions, and at-risk teenagers and family therapy. Through the Child Trauma Institute & Trauma Institute, Annie is an EMDRIA approved trainer of EMDR and provides consultation to therapists and agencies.

Annie was a Director of Restorative Justice programs at a non-profit agency where she oversaw juvenile and adult offender programs for over 10 years. Presently her private practice includes a multitude of behaviors and issues including foster care, out of country adoptions, juvenile justice and dissociation. Annie is the co-editor and contributor of chapters for EMDR with Children in the Play Therapy Room, An Integrated Approach (2020) and contributing chapter (Future Self) for EMDR and Creative Arts Therapies (2022).

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Ann Beckley-Forest is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in private practice in Buffalo, New York. Her specialties include attachment and child and adolescent trauma, and she also works with adult survivors. She is certified in EMDR, is an EMDR Approved Consultant and Trainer, a Registered Play Therapist and Supervisor, and an Approved Provider of play therapy continuing education through the Association for Play Therapy.

She provides consultation in person and remotely, and gives trainings across the US and internationally. Her primary interest is in the intersection of play therapy and EMDR and has published on this topic including as contributor and co-editor of EMDR with Children in the Play Therapy Room: An Integrated Approach (2020).

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Post-test required for CE credit.

Dates: November 10th & 11th, 2025. 10:45am - 3:00pm EST, or 9:45am CST

Cost: \$189

Who Should Attend: Must have completed EMDRIA approved basic training.

Description: When child and adolescent therapists complete training in EMDR therapy, they sometimes find it challenging to integrate EMDR into their current work and are often looking for ways to deliver the 8 phase EMDR protocol in more developmentally sensitive ways. This workshop will help clinicians integrate Play Therapy principles and EMDR for children to increase the confidence of the clinician and make EMDR therapy possible in a child friendly setting. Children learn best through the tactile/kinesthetic or full body learning of play, thus making the integration of play therapy and EMDR therapy an important component of effective treatment for traumatized children. We will master a variety of preparation phase interventions and explore how to invite children into re-processing phase in the context of their play. We will expose participants to titration of trauma content in using EMDR with play-based trauma narratives using some video examples and discussion of how to respect the child's movement towards and away from the trauma content. Case examples illustrating how to integrate parents into this work will be woven throughout the day.

Objectives: Participants will

- List 8 essential considerations in integrating the therapeutic powers of play therapy with EMDR for children.
- Apply a play therapy scripted technique for obtaining a trauma history from the child in a developmentally sensitive way during phase one.
- Practice a play therapy intervention to install and enhance positive beliefs and resources during phase two to make the client stronger.
- Select materials and activities to prepare children for the EMDR protocol and notice their own body sensations during play therapy sessions.
- Explain 2 ways of inviting and guiding play narratives that titrate the approach to traumatic material during assessment, desensitization and reprocessing phases.
- Demonstrate a sequence of interventions to involve caregivers in all phases of EMDR.
- Identify 5 prescriptive play therapy activities to promote self-regulation
- Recognize when to directly include parents through the use of a scripted parent interview and inventory.

Format and Registration

This workshop will be held live online via Zoom with opportunity for live Q&A and active, small group participation. It will be limited to 40 participants and it will not be available as a recording.

Handouts and Webinar link will be sent prior to training. Post-test required for CE credit.

Participants must have completed an EMDRIA approved EMDR basic training. Please register online at: [Upcoming Live Trainings.](#)

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Cancellation

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ADA Accommodations

If you require any support for your ADA needs, please contact at least 3 weeks prior to the event at playfulemdr@gmail.com. Please write "EMDR and Play Therapy" in the subject line of the email.

Grievances

We are happy to respond to any concerns or questions you may have. Please contact playfulemdr@gmail.com and write "EMDR and Play Therapy" in the subject line of the email.

Daily Schedule

 All Times Eastern, or 9:45am CST

Start : 10:45am - 1:00pm

Break : 1:00pm - 1:15pm

End : 1:15pm - 3:00pm

There is no known commercial support for this program

There are no known conflicts of interests for this workshop

- This course is NOT available for NBCC credit
- This training does not offer ASWB ACE credit to social workers.
- 8 CEs for play therapists in skills/methods/special topics are available. Ann Beckley-Forest is an Approved Provider 15-406. Play therapy credit will not be granted to non-mental health professionals.
- Annie Monaco is an EC Provider (#18007) and this program (#18007-100) is approved for 8 EMDRIA Credits. Eligibility for EMDRIA Credits is restricted to those who have completed an EMDRIA-Approved Basic EMDR Training.
- EMDRIA Credit Approval: #18007-116

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