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Cost: \$299

Playful EMDR with Children and their Caregivers

Parents and Caregivers as "Co-Therapists" in Processing



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Join Annie Monaco and Ann Beckley-Forest of Playful EMDR for our new Intermediate level course for child and teen therapists integrating EMDR with the therapeutic powers of play.

In this specialty training at the intermediate/advanced level, the focus will be on how to incorporate parents in the therapy room as essential partners to resolve traumatic memories. Attachment wounds and caregivers' mis-attuned responses to adversity are a common source of the kinds of traumatic material that can be hard to heal. We will describe (and even show via video clips) sessions which highlight attachment repair-focused play therapy and EMDR, and play-based dissociation interventions to manage challenges for trauma-exposed children and their parents and caregivers.

Prerequisite: Completion of EMDR basic training; Prior experience of EMDR with children/teens a plus

Recommended experience and/or prior completion of Fundamentals of EMDR with Children

15 CEs total
15 EMDRIA CEs
11 Play Therapy CEs

Some key features

- Practice interview scripts to assess for attachment challenges, dissociation and psychoeducation with caregivers in complex cases.
- Gestalt play therapy inspired interventions for preparation phase and attachment interweaves.
 - Engage caregivers in helping to repair the harm of attachment wounds.
 - Support EMDR therapy with children throughout all eight phases and how to seamlessly integrate EMDR with the approaches you already use.
 - Workshop will include video clips, transcripts and opportunities to practice interventions.

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Schedule

10:45am - 5:00pm EST

Start: 9:45am CST, 8:45am MT

45 minutes lunch

Two 15 minute breaks

Objectives

- Apply an in-depth attachment history of caregivers to assess for early attachment wounds and disruptions and the impact on their parenting.
- Describe an in-depth attachment history of the child to identify attachment wounds.
- Describe play-based animal archetypes to identify 8 adaptation strategies children use to cope with complex trauma and describe ways to employ these in the playroom as part of an extended preparation phase.
- Demonstrate how to use dissociation theory to educate parents about problematic behaviors.
- Demonstrate parent psychoeducation and coaching to support their highly dissociative children and engage hostile parts in sessions.
- Describe the EMDR storytelling approach and 3 examples of cases where it is used with preverbal trauma, medical trauma and attachment wounds and structures caregivers as a resource.
- Explain the EMDR storytelling method integrated with play therapy as an invitation to processing for children with a narrow window of tolerance for trauma work.
- Describe a targeting approach to the Phase 3 EMDR Assessment phase within the context of the child's post-traumatic play and symptoms.
- Describe 2 strategies to work effectively in play therapy with angry and hostile self-states to resolve traumatic experiences and reduce violent behaviors.
- Describe an example of using a family play therapy activity prescriptively to help caregivers recognize and respond to the child's needs for regulation and grounding.
- Describe 3 important considerations in integrating EMDR and play therapy in support of processing targets relating to racism, oppression and microaggressions in a case example of an adoptive family.

Ann Beckley-Forest, LCSW, RPT-S, 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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Annie Monaco, LCSW-R, RPT-S 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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