# **Outline**

# **Art Therapy**

Which clients benefit from art therapy?

Ethical implications and limitations of using art therapy in your practice

Creating products vs creative process Go with the flow

# **Clinical Application of Art Therapy**

What materials to use and when

Normative development in art making and developmental stages

Indicators in the artwork that suggest a child needs more support

Seeing it differently (client perspective) Art talk, they made it now what?

# **CREATIVE TECHNIQUES AND** STRATEGIES TO...

#### **Build Relationships & Connection**

For ASD, Trauma & ODD

Quality world

Magical thinking

About me collage

Play building

Collaborative drawings

**Group activities** Family art making

# **Build Safety**

For Trauma, Anxiety & Mood Disorders

Containers, containers, containers....

boxes, circles, worry and calm down jars

Create a safe place

Color it in

Special person

A gift Erasers

Animal family & other family art activities

Trauma feelings

Coming and going

3 wishes

#### **Build Self-Esteem**

For ADHD, Anxiety & Mood Disorders

Inside out

Mask making

Strong person Power animals

Tree drawings

Yeahs & yucks

Self portraits

Beading, knitting, weaving, sewing, rainbow loom

# **Increase Responsibility**

For ADHD, Trauma, ASD, ODD, Anxiety & Mood Disorders

Miracle question

Create the problem

The science experiment

A really bad day

An ideal day

Feeling faces

Bridges

Cartooning problems & solutions

#### **Increase Control**

For ADHD, Anxiety & Mood Disorders

Change the channel

Chill out boxes

Brain dumn

Blow it out

Spray it away On the other hand

Feelings volcano

Sensory play: finger painting, paper folding, dripping, goop & more

Mindful mandalas

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Road drawing

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# **Objectives**

- 1. Determine the stages of a child's normative artistic development, and identify the indicators suggesting a need for additional clinical support, such as regressive behaviors or artistic expression that is inconsistent with developmental age.
- 2. Develop a step-by-step plan for introducing art into your clinical practice by identifying the client's core issues, determining the therapeutic objectives, and choosing the art materials and activity to support the client's therapeutic goals.
- 3. Summarize the physiological reasons why children become dysreguated and explore the benefits of art making for clients impacted by trauma, anxiety, depression and other diagnosis.
- 4. Practice the creative process via interactive hands-on art therapy experiences to understand how to implement art into your current clinal practice to promote safety, encourage client selfawareness, and facilitate creative self-regulation strategies.
- 5. Consider the ethical implications and clinical limitations of using art in your clinical practice.
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# **ART THERAPY**

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# Speaker

Laura Dessauer, Ed.D, ATR-BC, is a board certified art therapist with a doctoral degree in counseling psychology. She has worked with families for 25+ years in over 21 school districts. Dr. Dessauer is passionate about helping families develop creative ways to confidently communicate and creatively connect. In her private practice she specializes in working with children who shutdown, meltdown and act out. She playfully blends cognitive behavioral skills, art-making, and creative problem solving to help clients create individualized social, emotional, and behaviors interventions that "stick to their brain".

Dr. Dessauer's work has been included in Parent's Magazine, eHow Parenting, YourTango, FoxNews, PBS "This Emotional Life", Lifetime Network, Working Mother, and Psychology Today. Dr. Dessauer is contributing author of "Healing with Art and Soul: Engaging One's Self Through Art Modalities" (Cambridge Scholars, 2009). She has presented at the Eighteenth Annual National Expressive Therapy Conference, National American Art Therapy Association 40th Anniversary Conference, and American Art Therapy Association Institute for Creative Education in Art Therapy (ICE/AT), and has created international online training courses for therapists. Dr. Dessauer has created a relaxation CD, "The Creativity Queen's Superfabulicious Self-Soothing CD", and therapeutic coloring book, "The Creativity Queen's Superfabulicious Colorific Adventure Book" for her clients. Her business, the Creativity Queen, LLC, was the winner of the 2007 Small Business of the Year Award (SCORE).

Speaker Disclosures:

Financial: Laura Dessauer is the founder and director of Creativity Queen, LLC. She receives a royalty from the American Art Therapy Association for Continuing Education (ICE/AT) for the online course, "Tools of the Trade: Creating a Successful Art Therapy Business." She receives a speaking honorarium

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