# **Outline**

#### **Why Play Therapy Works**

Therapeutic power of play Facilitates communication

Fosters emotional wellness Enhances social relationships Increases personal strengths

#### **Assessment and Diagnosis**

Common myths of behavior disorders Systemic assessment of emotional and behavioral distress

School, home, and community relationships

Impact of inconsistent and harsh parenting/relationship practices

Race, gender, ethnicity, culture issues and bias

Trauma assessment

# TREATING DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR DISORDERS

#### **Oppositional Defiant Disorder**

Recurrent behavioral and relational patterns

Impact on the family system

Shame and vulnerability (in the family) - The Kryptonite!

Cycle of disconnect, rejection, and attachment ruptures

**Environmental risk factors** 

# Play Therapy Interventions to Combat Negative Behaviors

Play-based regulation and co-regulation techniques

Calm down jars

Lemon squeezies

Blast It!

Guided imagery

Repair and enhance relationships

Shame shields

Feeling monsters

#### **Conduct Disorder Treatment**

Misdiagnosis and misunderstandings Gender and racial bias in diagnosis

Trauma history of the child

Impact of trauma on brain development and maladaptive coping response

Patterns of engagement in the home, school, and community

Impact on family relationships

#### **Trauma Treatment**

Etiology of trauma in disruptive behavior disorders

Impact on neurological functioning and development

PTSD - the most overlooked diagnosis contributing to Disruptive Behavior Disorders (DBD)

Assess for attachment ruptures and relational trauma

Shame-based punitive parenting
Repair and restore safety in the home

# Play Therapy Interventions to Address Underlying Trauma

Increase emotional intelligence and understand trauma symptoms

Bound and rebound

Sandtray

Expressive arts in play

Repair and rebuild relationships

Nurturing spoons

Volcano inside of me

#### Play-Based Interventions to Promote Parent/Child Attachment

Building bridges of connection and communication

Create emotional safety

My safe place

Telling my story

My many colors of me

#### **Inviting the Parent in the Playroom**

Help the parent become a resource to their child

Decrease shame and vulnerability in the relationship

Improve healthy attachment-seeking behaviors

Repair attachment wounds and ruptures
Teach positive parenting strategies

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# **Play Therapy**

# **Engaging and Powerful Techniques for the Treatment of Disruptive Behavior Disorders and Trauma**

Childhood Disruptive Behavior Disorders are on the rise! Tantrums, anger, defiance, threatening behavior...

How can we as therapists more effectively decrease acting-out behaviors and help repair, rebuild and create strong parent-child relationships?

Join me, Clair Mellenthin, expert in child and family trauma and attachment, as we dive into the impact of Oppositional Defiant Disorder and Conduct Disorder on children, teens, and their families. You'll learn effective, powerful, evidence-based play therapy interventions including guided imagery, mindfulness, expressive arts, and sandtray play—all of which include parent-child relationship enhancement activities.

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- the impact of attachment plays a role in the etiology of childhood disruptive behavior disorders
- to utilize attachment-centered play therapy techniques to treat these diagnoses in children
- to strengthen parent-child relationships
- to improve overall self-esteem and confidence—giving the child tools to control their challenging symptoms and help heal the family system.

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**Clair Mellenthin, LCSW, RPT-S,** is an international speaker, author, psychotherapist, and Registered Play Therapist Supervisor. Throughout her career, she has specialized in providing play therapy to children, teens, and their families. She is currently the Director of Child & Adolescents at Wasatch Family Therapy. Ms. Mellenthin frequently presents professional play therapy and family therapy trainings on Attachment-Centered Play Therapy, Family, and Trauma issues both nationally and internationally.

Ms. Mellenthin is a sought-after supervisor, training graduate students and interns in play therapy, and an adjunct faculty member at the University of Southern California MSW program. She is the past-president of the Utah Association For Play Therapy and remains an active member on the Board of Directors. She is the author of the books Attachment Centered Play Therapy; Play Therapy: Engaging & Powerful Techniques for the Treatment of Childhood Disorders; My Many Colors of Me Workbook, and has authored several chapters and articles. In addition to being an experienced play therapist and professor, Ms. Mellenthin also appears on local and national TV and radio as an expert on children and family issues. She holds a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Southern California.

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