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Day 4: June 29

Title: Healing from the Effects of Interpersonal Trauma: An Integrative Play Therapy-Family Therapy Approach for Young Children

Description Neurobiological and developmental aspects of interpersonal trauma will be discussed in approach to facilitating healing in children who have experienced early interpersonal/ relationship trauma. Through experiential activities and case/video examples, Sue/Dr. Bratton will illustrate the timing and course of therapeutic process grounded in Child-Centered Play Therapy (CCPT) and Child Parent Relationship Therapy (CPRT).

Participants will be able to:

1. Name two neurodevelopmental considerations in providing play therapy for children with a history of early interpersonal trauma.
2. Discuss two rationales for using an integrated CCPT/CPRT approach for this population of children.
3. Discuss two guidelines for clinical decision making regarding timing of play therapy and family work for this population.
4. Name two strategies for successfully involving caregivers in the play therapy treatment process.

Sue Bratton, Ph.D., LPC-S, RPT-S is Professor at the University of North Texas and Director of the UNT Center for Play Therapy with over 25 years of experience as a practitioner and researcher. Sue is nationally and internationally known speaker and author with over 80 publications and 300 professional presentations in the areas of child and family counseling. Sue is a Past President of the Association for Play Therapy (APT) and recipient of the 2016 APT Lifetime Achievement Award. She is an active social advocate for children at the local, national, and international level, particularly underserved minority populations who have experienced traumatic experiences.