DESCRIPTION

A complete, comprehensive play therapy resource for mental health professionals

Handbook of Play Therapy is the one-stop resource for play therapists with coverage of all major aspects written by experts in the field. This edition consolidates the coverage of both previous volumes into one book, updated to reflect the newest findings and practices of the field.

Useful for new and experienced practitioners alike, this guide provides a comprehensive introduction and overview of play therapy including, theory and technique, special populations, nontraditional settings, professional and contemporary issues. Edited by the founders of the field, each chapter is written by well-known and respected academics and practitioners in each topic area and includes research, assessment, strategies, and clinical application. This guide covers all areas required for credentialing from the Association for Play Therapy, making it uniquely qualified as the one resource for certification preparation.

• Learn the core theories and techniques of play therapy

• Apply play therapy to special populations and in nontraditional settings

• Understand the history and emerging issues in the field

• Explore the research and evidence base, clinical applications, and more
Psychologists, counselors, marriage and family therapists, social workers, and psychiatric nurses regularly utilize play therapy techniques to facilitate more productive sessions and promote better outcomes for patients. *Handbook of Play Therapy* provides the deep, practical understanding needed to incorporate these techniques into practice.

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