



Publication of Action on Credentials

APT Professional Credentialing Program

March 1, 2026

Subject: New Policy on Publication of Action on Credentials, Effective April 1, 2026

Dear APT Members,

The Association for Play Therapy (APT) is committed to transparency, public protection, and maintaining the highest standards for credentialed play therapists. To support these goals, members of the Ethics and Registration & CE Committees, supported by the Board has approved a policy regarding the **publication of revoked, suspended or placed on probation of credentials**.

This policy ensures that stakeholders—clients, supervisees, referral sources, and the public—can access verified information about APT credentials while balancing confidentiality and fairness for members. The policy was developed through the collaborative work of a task force comprised of members from the APT Ethics Committee and the Registration and Continuing Education Committee.

Key Points of the Policy

1. Publication Scope

- Only **final decisions** are published.
- Temporary suspensions, revocations and probations are published for the duration of the sanction.
- Voluntary surrender of credentials during a formal review may also be considered as revocation for publication.

2. What Information is Published

Published records will include:

- Name of the credential holder
- Credential(s) impacted
- Effective date of revocation, suspension or probation

- Broad context category of the violation (e.g., ethical, clinical, professional)
- Status updates (e.g., permanent, remediation completed, or reinstatement)

Individual case details, investigative reports, or allegations are **not** published.

3. Duration, Placement and Access of Publication

- Permanent revocations will remain published **indefinitely**.
- Temporary revocations, suspensions, or probations will remain published for the duration of the sanction, with updates when remediation or reinstatement occurs.
- Publication will be made on a public-facing section of the APT website.

4. Purpose and Rationale

The publication of credentials revoked, suspended, or placed on probation serves to:

- Protect clients and the public
- Promote transparency and trust in the credentialing process
- Support accountability and professional integrity

This policy aligns with best practices of professional credentialing bodies and state licensing boards.

Next Steps for Members

- Members are encouraged to review the [public-facing FAQ](#).
- The Ethics Committee and CEO will continue to oversee implementation and answer questions related to the policy.

We appreciate your support in maintaining ethical standards and protecting the public. If you have questions about this policy, please contact the **APT CEO**, Kathryn Lebby, at klebby@a4pt.org.

Thank you for your commitment to the highest standards of play therapy.

Sincerely,



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