



APT Celebrates 40 Years



2022

Happy 40th Birthday APT!

2021

In memory of Charlie E. Schaefer, the Charlie Schaefer Scholarship is created

2021

Number of credentialed play therapists grows to 5,000

2021

APT collaborates with AETNA, receives Community Heart Award, and Play Therapist is added to Aetna's list of specialists.

2020

The American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) recognized APT as one of the "100 Associations That Will Save the World".

2020

International Journal of Play Therapy® celebrates 30th anniversary with a new cover design and special issues

2019

Annual APT Conference Scholarship created

2019

President's Award created

2019

APT membership reaches 7,500 with 4,381 holding the RPT or RPT-S credential

2019

French "Why Play Therapy?" brochure designed

2018

Why Play Therapy? Pediatrician Brochure launched

2018

PlayToday launched

2018

APT has 42 chartered branches

2016

School Based-Registered Play Therapist (SB-RPT) credential created

2017

APT membership reaches 6,000 with 2,543 holding the RPT or RPT-S credential

2014

Andres PSA video launched in Spanish

2013

Andrew PSA video launched

2010

APT YouTube channel launched

2008

APT E-Learning Center is launched

2007

APA begins publishing the International Journal of Play Therapy®

2006

First full color Play Therapy™ Magazine published

2005

Board adopts John Carver's Policy Governance® Model

2005

Awards of Excellence Program established

2004

Leadership Academy established

2003

APT has 25 chartered branches

2001

Why Play Therapy? Brochure is produced

2001

Gold Branch Award program created

2000

Play Therapy Best Practice guidelines are established

1999

Dual Membership system implemented

1998

APT has 3,346 members, 708 hold the RPT or RPT-S credential

1997

APT Mission Statement published for the first time

1996

First play therapy meta-analysis is published

1995

APT Approved Provider program is established

1994

APT has 3,150 members, 518 hold the RPT or RPT-S credential

1993

RPT credential is created

1992

RPT-S credential is created

1992

International Journal of Play Therapy is launched

1989

APT membership hits 900

1988

First Board of Directors meeting is held in Fresno, CA

1987

The 4th Annual Conference held in Denton, Texas with 400 attendees

1985

APT moves to California

1984

First Annual APT Conference in New York

1982

APT founded by Drs. Charles Schaefer and Kevin O'Connor in New Jersey

