



International Journal of Play Therapy® **Special Issue Call for Papers** **APT Publications**

Artificial Intelligence, Technology, and the Practice of Play Therapy

Important Dates:

- Submission of proposals to Dr. Kimberly Jayne (drkimberlyjayne@gmail.com) by **April 10, 2026**.
- An invitation to submit full manuscripts will be sent to authors by May 15, 2026.
- Submission of completed manuscripts through [Editorial Manager](#) by September 15, 2026.
- Anticipated publication in the April 2027 issue.

Details:

The *International Journal of Play Therapy®* invites submissions of research, case studies, and theoretical and conceptual articles focused on the impact and use of artificial intelligence (AI) and technology in play therapy. Our goal is to provide the journal's readership with an exploration of the therapeutic, clinical, ethical, developmental, and social implications of AI and technology on play therapy practice, training, and supervision.

Theoretical or conceptual manuscripts that provide theoretical foundation, ethical consideration, or recommendations on professional standards or policies for the use of AI and technology in play therapy.

Case studies of professional and clinical experiences directly related to the impact and use of AI and technology in play therapy.

Innovations in clinical practice, supervision and professional training in play therapy with the use of AI and technology.

Empirical research (qualitative, quantitative, mixed-methods) on AI and technology use in play therapy.

We invite a range of manuscript proposals to be evaluated on alignment with the mission and scope of IJPT and their relevance to the special issue topic. The editorial team will review proposals and invite authors to submit full manuscripts that will then undergo full, masked peer review. Final acceptance to the special issue cannot be guaranteed. Manuscripts must adhere to IJPT author guidelines as well as the 7th edition of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association.

Proposals should not exceed 3 double-spaced pages (12-point font, 1-inch margins) and must include:

- A title or working manuscript title
- A one-paragraph abstract of the manuscript
- A detailed description of the manuscript's purpose, structure, empirical basis, and study information (if applicable)

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