

Play Therapy Live Webinar with  
**Eliana Gil, PhD, RPT-S**  
Cultural and Social Diversity Training

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**"Creating an Anti-Racist Play  
Therapy Practice:  
The Environment and Attending to  
Clinical Themes"**

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# Creating an Anti-Racist Play Therapy Practice:

## The Environment and Attending to Clinical Themes

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The overriding goal of this workshop is to raise awareness about creating an anti-racist practice and the proactive ways that play therapists can address issues of equity and racial justice in our clinical practices. This workshop will be experiential in nature and will provide several guidelines for assessing the messages we might be sending to clients as they enter our therapy spaces. And more importantly, this workshop will help clinicians think through the potential continuum of responses when facing generic play that clearly manifests racist thoughts and attitudes. The balance between honoring play themes children raise, and a clinician's perspectives about racism, will be discussed through a variety of scenarios that clinicians could face in the play therapy office.

Eliana Gil, PhD, ATR, RPT-S, LMFT, is a Founding Partner of Gil Institute for Trauma Recovery & Education, LLC, a group private practice in Fairfax, Va, She is an Approved MFT Supervisor as well as a Registered Play Therapist/Supervisor and a Registered Art Therapist. She is also a Circle of Security Certified Parent Educator, a Level II Theraplay provider, and participated and completed a two-year Individual Certification process with Dr. Bruce Perry. Dr. Gil provides specialized trainings on an array of topics involving trauma, attachment, and treatment options, with an integration of expressive therapies (art, sand, play). In the last two decades, Eliana has directed two child sexual abuse treatment programs in Northern Virginia and continues her work in the field of child abuse prevention and treatment. She is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. She has served on the Board of Directors of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children and the National Resource Center on Child Sexual Abuse. She is also a former President of the Association for Play Therapy and received APT's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2011.

Dr. Gil has written numerous chapters, journal articles, and books on child abuse and related topics and has participated in educational videotapes that feature her work through Guilford Press, as well as a self-published DVD on Family Play Therapy. Dr. Gil is a well-known international lecturer, author, and clinician. She is bilingual and bicultural with Ecuadorian parents. Since 2014, she has been semi-retired and continues to supervise, consult and teach. Dr. Gil conducts specialized, unique trainings in Fairfax, VA and provides trainings across the country on a regular basis, although greatly reduced from previous years. She also sponsors the Mid-Atlantic Play Therapy Institute in Northern Virginia on an annual basis.