**LIVE WEBINAR** 

# Utilizing Play Therapy for Children with Sexual Behavior Problems

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# UTILIZING PLAY THERAPY FOR CHILDREN WITH SEXUAL BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS

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## About the Program:

The goal of this workshop is to help play therapists and other clinicians identify and address the unique challenges of assessing and treating children with sexual behavior problems. This workshop will provide a range of information including definitions, types of sexual behavior problems, and most importantly, how to differentiate between normative sexual development and sexual behavior problems. The presenter will emphasize the importance of an assessment to both receive and give information to keep children safe in their environment. In addition, a brief child-friendly assessment process utilizing play therapy approaches will be presented so that play therapists learn how to address referral concerns directly with children, and at the same time gauge their willingness to participate with others about these issues. Treatment principles and target goals will also be presented along with ideas about using expressive therapies to advance treatment goals

### About the Presenter:

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 Abused 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.