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Purpose

The purpose of *Play Therapy™*, a quarterly professional publication produced by the Association for Play Therapy (APT), is to publish and disseminate clinical and professional articles, critical reviews, and other news and information to member mental health professionals and the general public.

Critical reviews of play therapy books and audio/video programs are included not to market a particular product but to help play therapists select those materials that increase their play therapy knowledge or practice.

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