# Group Play Using Child-centered Play Therapy Principles and Skills By Ms Lau Suet Ha, Lottie

### **ABOUT THE PROGRAM**

This program is a continuation of the series of training courses on Child-centered Play Therapy with individual children, as conducted by Ms Lottie Lau and organized by the Department of Social Work of CUHK.

Helping professionals working with children using child-centered play therapy may sometimes need

to place one or two more children in therapy sessions and conduct group play therapy. Such a therapy modality would be especially helpful in treating children's difficulties mainly related to socialization rather than personal ones (Axline, 1969; Ginott, 1961; Landreth, 2001). When conducting child-centered group play therapy, the therapist needs to acquire principles and skills facilitative of children's self-expressions not only on an individual level but in a relationship context as well. These principles and skills used in group play therapy, apart from having therapeutic value for children in a group process, can be adopted to facilitate children's daily interactions and even enhance child-parent relationships. (Information provided by Lottie Lau.)



# **OBJECTIVE & CONTENT**

This is a 21-hour training course that aims to prepare helping professionals to conduct child-centered group play therapy. Major theoretical concepts of the therapy, including its rationale, beliefs, and goals will be explored. Practical issues, such as principles of case selection, considerations of group arrangements, and possible group dynamics will be discussed. And, therapeutic responses facilitating children's self-expressions in a relationship context, including interactions among children in the therapy process and those in between child and parent will be addressed.

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# **TRAINER**

Ms Lottie LAU is one of the pioneers who introduces and cultivates the approach of Child-centered Play Therapy in Hong Kong. After receiving her Bachelor social work degree from the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Ms LAU pursued her postgraduate counseling study in The University of North Texas, where she specialized in learning Child-centered Play Therapy from Dr Garry Landreth, an internationally renowned scholar who developed the therapy based on Virginia Axline's nondirective approach.

Throughout her 27 years of clinical experience in counseling work, Ms LAU is particularly keen with working with emotionally disturbed children and steering psychological healing in them by means of child-centered play therapy. In addition to her formal teaching in tertiary education, Ms LAU began to extend her professional career to pioneering systematic training programs on Child-centered Play Therapy in Hong Kong in the 1990s. Over the years, she has laid down the cornerstone of the therapy in the local scene by conducting hundreds of related training programs with continual up-to-date refinement. Accumulatively, Ms LAU has delivered her basic training courses to more than 6000 helping professionals and parents. She has received numerous positive comments and her courses have always been fully enrolled with unreserved recommendations from participants.



# **FORMATS**

Mini-lecture, video demonstration, case illustration, exercise, discussion & role-play

# **PARTICIPANTS**

Helping professionals who have satisfied the required attendance in the following training programs conducted by Ms Lottie Lau:

- 5-day Basic Training on Child-centered Play Therapy, &
- 2. Practicum Course on Child-centered Play Therapy

#### **WORKSHOP DETAILS** Course Code : CE20190417 Course Name : Group Play Using Child-centered Play Therapy Principles and Skills Date : April 17, 25, 26, 2019 Time : 9:30 am - 5:30 pm (21 hours) Venue : The Chinese University of Hong Kong : Cantonese (Supplemented with English materials) Language Class Size : 40 participants Course Fee : HK\$ 3,500 **Discount Scheme Application Methods** (email notification on application status will be sent for application received (on or before Feb 27, 2019) by CPE, please contact us if you do not receive any notification) 10% (HK\$3,150) discount for Early Bird Registration 1. Send the following application form with a crossed cheque paya-20% (HK\$2,800) discount for CUHK Department of Social ble to 'The Chinese University of Hong Kong' to CPE, the Department of Social Work, CUHK, Shatin, N.T. Hong Kong. Work's members (Current staff, current students, SWK Alumni Association members, or CPE members) 2. Register the workshop online via our website: [20% discount is applicable by POST only] https://web.swk.cuhk.edu.hk/en-gb/continuing-professionaleducation/programmes-information Application Deadline: Mar 27, 2019 **Child-centered Group Play Therapy: Introduction** CE20190417 **Application form** Personal Particulars (中文**)**:\_\_\_\_\_\_ Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_ Full Name: (English) # Mr/Ms: Organization: Field of Service: (e.g. Youth/Rehabilitation/ Elderly) Highest education level obtained: \_\_\_ Academic training background: Tel. No.: (O) \_\_\_\_\_ (M) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: Prerequisite (Please attach a copy of the attendance certificate obtained from the courses) "5-day Basic Training on Child-centered Play Therapy" Attended Date (Month/Year): \_\_\_\_\_ Organizer:\_\_\_\_ "Practicum Course on Child-centered Play Therapy " Attended Date (Month/Year): \_\_\_\_\_\_ Orgańizer:\_\_ # Please delete as appropriate **Payment Information** ☐ Please tick appropriate boxes Amount: # HK\$3,500/HK\$ 3,150 HK\$ 2,800 Cheque No. : Bank name Membership : ☐ No ☐ Yes, if Yes, Staff ID/ Student ID/ Alumni Association member ID/ CPE Membership no: \_

#### **Important Terms and Conditions**

- 1. Application will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis.
- 2. Confirmation of application or cancellation of courses will be announced via email at least one week before the commencement of the course. No separate notification will be issued by post. Please contact us if you do not receive any notification.
- 3. Course fee is non-refundable or non-transferable to other course once the enrollment is confirmed.
- 4. Receipt of application fee will be issued on the first day of the course.
- 5. The training materials of the program, including its lecture notes, worksheets, power-point slides, and demonstration videotapes, were prepared by the trainer and all materials contained therein are the property of the trainer. No reproduction of any pieces of these training materials is allowed without the permission of the trainer and Continuing Professional Education (CPE).
- 6. No form of recording, including audio- or video-recording, during the training program is allowed without prior permission by the trainer and the Continuing Professional Education, Department of Social Work, The Chinese University of Hong Kong.
- 7. Certificate of Attendance will be given to participants who have attended at least 80% of the course.
- 8. If Storm Warning Signal No. 8 or above, or Black Rainstorm Warning Signal is hoisted by 7am, the lesson will be cancelled. Details of postponement or other arrangements will be announced afterwards.
- 9. Personal data provided on application forms are used by only for enrollment, course administration and future promotion purposes. All personal data collected will be treated as strictly confidential. Under the provision of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance, applicants have the right to request access to and make correction of their personal data. Applicants wishing to make amendments on personal data should submit written requests to CPE by email to <a href="mailto:cpe@swk.cuhk.edu.hk">cpe@swk.cuhk.edu.hk</a>.
- 10. All changes and amendments are subject to the respective course and the final decision of organizer.
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