

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT: 2024/25

Submitted by Monica Bhatara and Johanna Simmons
Education Co-chairs

Education Committee:

<i>Education Chair:</i>	Autumn Stepanyants (Sept 2024 – Jan 2025)
<i>Education Co-Chairs:</i>	Monica Bhatara, Johanna Simmons (Jan 2025 - present)
<i>Marketing Coordinator:</i>	Brianna Campbell
<i>Vendor Coordinator:</i>	Lianne Naguiat
<i>Events Coordinator:</i>	Autumn Stepanyants (Sept 2024 – Jan 2025) Johanna Simmons (Jan 2025 - present)
<i>Play Café Coordinator:</i>	Mojdeh Rameshni
<i>Online Learning Coordinator:</i>	Dallas Shirley

The Education Committee completed the following tasks:

- Attended board meetings and created reports
- Chaired and attended ed comm meetings to compete planning for workshop and Play Cafés
- Coordinated three (3) workshops with the assistance of the board
- Held two (2) Play Cafés
- Created flyers and advertising for events
- Communicated and coordinated with vendors for events
- Communicated and coordinated with venues, catering and other in-person resources
- Arranged and attended to technical support for events
- Responded to email enquiries at education@bcplaytherapy.ca and eventcoordinator@bcplaytherapy.ca
- Reviewed all workshop offerings to be within CAPT and APT guidelines, as an Approved Provider
- Completed necessary CAPT and APT requirements
- Engaged in planning for future BCPTA events and educational offerings

Education Committee Meetings:

- Aug. 29, 2024
- Sept. 26, 2024
- Oct. 24, 2024
- Jan. 16, 2025
- Mar. 13, 2025
- Apr. 10, 2025
- May 1, 2025

2024/2025 Offerings:

Nov 2024	1-day workshop – <i>Exploring Trauma and Play: Integrating Polyvagal Theory into Play Therapy</i>
Nov 2024	Play Café – <i>Bridging the Gap: Key Insights for Play Therapists about Occupational Therapy</i>
Feb 2025	2-day Workshop – <i>Exploring Attachment Rhythms in Sandtray Therapy</i>
April 2025	Play Café – <i>Supporting Our Sensory Kids</i>
May 2025	1-day workshop – <i>Integrating Play Therapy and Internal Family Systems: Harnessing the Therapeutic Powers of Play to Heal Trauma in Children</i>

Planning for 2025/26

- June – Nov/25 *My Grandmother's Hands: Racialized Trauma and the Pathways to Mending Our Hearts and Bodies* by Resmaa Menakem. There will be 2 book clubs for these books; one book club will be an affinity group.
- Oct 2025 2-day trauma workshop being finalized with speaker
- TBD 2026 Potential 1-day workshop being explored
- TBD 2026 Free orientation session for those interested in becoming BCRPT or BCRPT-S
- TBD 2026 ARC recommended workshop
- TBD 2025/26 Exploring potential Play Café presenters

Good-byes:

The education committee and BCPTA say goodbye with much gratitude for the commitment, passion, contributions and thoughtfulness during their role on the committee for the 2024-2025 year.

Autumn Stepanyants for her commitment and hard work chairing this committee. Her contribution and efficiency was very much appreciated.

Mojdeh Rameshni for organizing the Play Cafés and bringing in engaging and informative speakers.

Brianna Campbell for creating our event flyers.

Monica Bhatara and Johanna Simmons will be ending their position as co-chairs as this was a temporary position until the 2025 AGM.