



Synergetic Play Therapy Certification Program Rules and Legal Agreement

This is an important legal document. Read it carefully. Sign it only if you understand and agree with all the provisions in it. In this document, “SPTI” means the Synergetic Play Therapy Institute.

By signing this agreement, you are officially enrolled into the Certification Program. If for some reason you choose not to follow through with this agreement and pull out of your commitment to participate in the program, you must adhere to the cancellation policy of the course.

1. General

I have read the Synergetic Play Therapy Learning Platform and understand the requirements necessary to complete the 9 month Certification program required to become a Certified Synergetic Play Therapist™. I understand that I am embarking on completing my journey to further my growth and knowledge of what it means to be a Synergetic Play Therapist™. I also understand and agree to all the financial, copyright, teaching, and advertising requirements in the learning platform and this agreement.

I also understand that if finances become an issue for completion of the 9 month program, I will contact SPTI as soon as possible to discuss the SPTI’s emergency financial policies and programs and to discuss the financial agreements outlined in the learning platform. We also understand that life emergencies occur and we will try to work with you under those circumstances to decide the best course of action; however, we make no promises regarding a specific outcome.

I understand that I am a part of a limited number of individuals that have the opportunity to explore this work each year.

I have completed one of the pre-req required to take this courses.

I agree to maintain current malpractice insurance during the course of this program and while under supervision at SPTI. I agree to adhere to all guidelines outlined by the governing boards under which I practice.

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2. The SPT Teacher Training Program. The ability to teach or train others in SPT is a selected role based on length of study of SPT philosophy and skills, ability to teach, remain “current” in the model, and must hold credentials as a "Certified Synergetic Play Therapist™" and a "Certified SPT Supervisor"

SPT Teachers and Trainers must willing to represent Lisa Dion, the Synergetic Play Therapy Institute, and the Synergetic Play Therapy brand with professionalism.

Until you are a Certified Teacher for SPT, you must not teach an Introduction to Synergetic Play Therapy course or training, a Synergetic Play Therapy Intensive Training, or a Synergetic Play Therapy Advanced Training Program. You may not train or certify anyone else to become a Synergetic Play Therapist™. You may teach the following topics in individual parts as long as you are not training therapists in SPT:

- Brain Function

- Nervous System Regulation

- Authenticity/Congruency

- The Set Up/The Offering

Examples of classes/topics you may teach are: (Please reference SPT in your presentation and provide the SPT website information) 1-3 hour presentations are perfect for these types of materials.

- Understanding Symptoms from a Nervous System Perspective

- Understanding the Importance of Authenticity when working with children

- Understanding "The Set Up" in relationship

- What is a Threat?

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3. The SPT Supervisor Training Program. Once certified, students who are interested in becoming

Synergetic Play Therapy Supervisors will have the opportunity to do so. You must contact SPTI for an explanation of requirements and eligibility.

I understand that I am not able to supervise as an SPT Supervisor unless I am certified to do so.

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4. Credentials and Advertising Yourself as an SPT Therapist

a. Credentials. Those who complete the 6-day Intensive Training or Introduction to Synergetic Play Therapy training can say they have received "training in Synergetic Play Therapy" but not that they are "Certified Synergetic Play Therapists" or a "Trained Synergetic Play Therapist." The "Certified Synergetic Play Therapy" title is only for those that have completed their certificate requirements and been certified. If you earn your certification, you will be eligible to be listed on the Synergetic Play Therapy website.

b. Advertising. If you want to mention SPT on your website and/or on marketing materials, you must first obtain Lisa Dion's written permission. Provide your proposed material to Lisa. Lisa will not approve materials that describe SPT in any way that deviates from the descriptions on the SPT website. For purposes of this provision, an email from Lisa approving your materials will be sufficient. Please feel free to copy and paste from the SPT website for your description. Further, you may not have a sole specific "website page" dedicated to Synergetic Play Therapy on your personal website where the URL would read like this: janelletherapy.com/synergeticplaytherapy.com. It is recommended to include information about Synergetic Play Therapy in your "About" section or include a link back to our website: www.synergeticplaytherapy.com if you want to talk about the type of play therapy you do.

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5. Staying current as an SPT Therapist

I understand that in order for SPTI or Lisa Dion to advertise me as a Certified SPT Therapist, I must remain current in my SPT education. "Current" status means refreshing the Intro to SPT course once every 3 years (at a reduced rate) to keep myself informed of new information and new applications of SPT. I will not be required to participate in the consultation aspect of the course- only the class content is required.

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6. Ownership of Intellectual Property. I understand that "Synergetic Play Therapy™," "Synergetic Play

Therapist™,” “Certified Synergetic Play Therapist™,” “Trained Synergetic Play Therapist™,” “Synergetic Play Therapy Trainer™”, “Synergetic Play Therapy Supervisor™” are trademarks of Lisa Dion and I must not use them in any way without Lisa’s written permission. I also understand that Lisa owns the copyright on the SPT model and on all training materials. If you modify any of the materials without approval, Lisa Dion will own those materials and modifications, and you will not be entitled to any compensation.

I understand that Lisa Dion is certified to teach Dr. Demartini’s work. I understand that his work cannot be replicated without permission from the Demartini Institute.

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LEGAL ACTIONS

7. Governing Law / Venue / Waiver of Jury / Attorney’s Fees. Colorado law governs this agreement. The exclusive venue for any action arising out of this agreement shall be in Boulder County, Colorado. You waive federal diversity jurisdiction to the extent allowed by law, but agree that any federal action will be in the U.S. District Court in Denver. The parties waive trial by jury. In any action arising out of this agreement, the court must award the prevailing party its attorney’s fees, expenses, and court costs.

8. Dispute Resolution / Notice Requirements. If you have a dispute with the Synergetic Play Therapy Institute or any of its officers, employees, or agents, you must provide us with prompt written notice of the dispute in sufficient detail and with sufficient supporting documents that we can intelligently evaluate it and give us thirty days to respond.

9. Mediation. In any dispute arising out of this agreement, the parties agree to participate in non-binding mediation, with each party to pay 1/2 the costs of mediation. The mediator will be Steve Clymer of Accord Dispute Resolution in Boulder. If he cannot serve for any reason, the mediator will be Robin Amadei of Common Ground Mediation Center. If neither can serve, the mediator will be appointed by Mark Cohen, J.D., LL.M., and all parties release him from any liability for doing so. The parties must participate in mediation prior to filing any lawsuit, except the Synergetic Play Therapy Institute, need not participate in mediation if it seeks only to collect a debt owed to it and/or to restrain behavior that violates this agreement.

10. Not Assignable. You may not assign this agreement without SPTI’s written consent.

11. Severability and Invalidity. The invalidity of any provision of this agreement shall not affect the validity of any other provision. If a court invalidates any provision of this agreement, it shall modify

the provision for SPTI's benefit to the maximum extent the law allows.

12. Waiver. Failure to invoke any right, condition, or covenant in this agreement by either party does not imply or constitute a waiver of any rights, condition, or covenant and neither party may rely on such failure.

13. Reading / Review of Counsel / Voluntary Agreement. You represent that you have carefully read every provision of this agreement and that you had the opportunity to have qualified counsel review it. You represent that you entered into this Agreement of your own free will, free of any coercion or duress of any kind.

14. Construction. Both parties had an opportunity to have counsel review this agreement. Therefore, the fact that SPTI's lawyer drafted the agreement shall not be considered in construing any ambiguity that a court finds in this document.

15. Entire Agreement / Modification. This agreement contains all the representations by each party to the other and expresses the entire understanding between the parties with respect to the transaction at issue. The parties agree that all prior communications are merged into this Agreement, and that there are no terms or conditions other than those set forth herein. No statement or promise of SPTI or its agents shall be binding unless reduced to writing and signed by an authorized officer of SPTI. No modifications of this agreement shall be binding unless they are in writing and signed by the parties.
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_____ Student Signature (Date)

_____ Printed Name (Date)

_____ Dates of Certification Program