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OU to offer workshop for counseling professionals

Oakland University's **School of Education and Human Services** is offering an "Introduction to Play Therapy" course from July 15-17 and continued July 22-24. Classes meet on Thursday and Friday evenings at 5:30 p.m. and on Saturdays at 9 a.m. on the university's campus.

Designed for counselors, social workers, psychologists and other counseling professionals, the symbolic meaning and value of play in discovering issues children confront will be discussed. Bibliotherapy, using books to help children solve problems, will be presented. Participants will acquire skills to apply play therapy with individuals, groups and families in private practice, agency, school and hospital settings.

Deanne Ginns-Gruenberg, a registered play therapist supervisor, private practice counselor and certified trauma and loss consultant, will lead the workshop. Her work has been published in professional journals and books including the "Journal of the National Institute for Trauma and Loss in Children," a chapter on bibliotherapy in Charles Schaefer's book, "Innovative Psychotherapy Techniques for Children and Adolescents" and in the International Association of Play Therapy newsletter.

The cost of the workshop is $295 if enrolled for continuing education units (CEUs). Participants have the option to take the course for two university graduate credits.

To enroll, contact Professional Development at (248) 370-3033 or e-mail **pro-development@oakland.edu**. The registration deadline is Tuesday, July 6.

For more information, visit the **Department of Professional Development and Education Outreach** Web site.

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