

Developing Excellence:

Healing Metaphors in Play & Child Therapy

with

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Award-winning author of: *Therapeutic Metaphors for Children and the Child Within*
Awarded 1997 for an outstanding contribution to the field of Child Psychotherapy and
Play Therapy. Awarded by Play Therapy International

Six week - Small Group Training – CEU's 18 hrs.*

Goal: To become proficient in using metaphors for healing, communication, transformational change.

With the healing power of *story* at its center, this experiential workshop series will provide participants with the essential elements for becoming proficient in creating and utilizing *therapeutic metaphors* for helping traumatized and disengaged children and adolescents move beyond diagnosis and reconnect to hope, renewal and the inspiration to soar. Emphasizing *cultural diversity*, *natural healing abilities*, and *creative solutions*, all approaches can be used in a variety of settings to include: individual, group, classroom, hospital, and community.

My intention is to provide a small group of 6-8 participants with training and consultation - three hours per week - focused on developing excellence in creating and using Healing Metaphors in your practice.

Agenda will include:

- Developing Excellence in creating and utilizing Storytelling Metaphors: real-life and made-up/myth stories with children.
- Using culturally respectful symbols as seeds for developing Healing Metaphors.
- Developing and utilizing interspersed suggestions within the metaphor for success and healing
- Sensory Synchronicity: How to recognize and use the child's blocked sensory system as a resource for change.
- The Artistic Metaphor: Specific drawing strategies that promote problem-solving and healing.
- How to utilize the elements of our natural ecology; such as, the seasons, rocks, shells, trees, leaves, animals, etc., as Co-therapists and Co-storytellers for and healing.
- Case consultation with emphasis on Healing Metaphors.

Where: To be held in an informal and supportive group setting held in my office:
The StoryPlay® Center
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Scottsdale, AZ 85250

Go on-line to view my website: <http://drjoycemills.com/indexstory.html>. For full website info about this or my other work, go to www.drjoycemills.com

Time: 9am – 12pm – 3 hrs. per week.

Dates: Thursday – January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11th.

Fee: \$295 for six weeks, which breaks down to approximately \$49/week. Commitment is required for all six sessions. Non-refundable deposit of \$150 by Dec. 20th, unless other wised arranged directly with me.

Spots will fill up quickly, so call or email today to register for this specialized training experience. We accept credit processed through PayPal.

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***CEUs - Joyce C. Mills, Ph.D., Provider #02-119 is approved by the Association for Play Therapy to offer continuing education specific to play therapy. Joyce Mills maintains responsibility for this program. Joyce C. Mills is approved provider #PCE490 for MFT & SW as required by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences. CEU's for other disciplines are pending.**

All participants who complete the workshop will receive a signed certificate of attendance.

About Joyce C. Mills, Ph.D.

Known for her warm, dynamic and inspirational style, Dr. Mills is the recipient of the 1997 Annual International Play Therapy Award. Founder and director of The StoryPlay® Center in Scottsdale, Arizona and Co-Director of the Phoenix Institute of Ericksonian Therapy, Dr. Joyce Mills has developed a unique approach to helping children, families, and communities heal from trauma and disaster. She is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, a registered Play Therapy Supervisor, and professor of Child Psychotherapy and Play Therapy. For over two decades, Dr. Mills continues to co-lead healing retreats for all women with Native American spiritual and educational leaders and is on the Board of Directors of the Turtle Island Project, which is a non-profit organization dedicated to a participatory vision of health through research, education, and service. www.turtleislandproject.com.

Dr. Mills is the best-selling author of **Reconnecting to the Magic of Life, Little Tree, Gentle Willow**, and **Sammy the Elephant & Mr. Camel**. She is co-author of the award-winning book, **Therapeutic Metaphors for Children and the Child Within**. Her newest release is: **Butterfly Wisdom: Four Passages to Transformation**. To find out more, or purchase these items go to: www.drjoycemills.com