



Anna Reyner, MA

Art Therapist / Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist

Founder & CEO / CreativePlayLA

Hands-On Professional Development / Early Education



State / Regional Conference Presentations

CAPPA Network Conference, 2020, 2021
Every Child California, 2020 - present
Region 9 Head Start Association 2014 - present
California AEYC, 1998 - 2018
California Head Start Association, 2010- present
Best Arts Conference, 2009 - present
Illinois Head Start Assn - 2020
NAMI Mental Health Pathways Conference, 2017-2019
Beyond Out of School Time Conference, 2008 -2009
California Kindergarten Association 2000-2018
CCDAA Child Care Administrators, 2014, 2016
CA R&R Network Conference 2013-2016
California School-Age Childcare Consortium, 1994 – 2014

Keynote Speaker

Illinois Head Start Assn, 2022
Stanford University Medical Center, 2022
NAEYC Pre Conference Institute, 2010 / 2011
PACE Regional Leadership Institute, 2007 / 2009
So California Family Child Care Assn, 2015
CA Child Dev Admin Assn, Pre Conf Institute 2008
Beyond School Hours, Foundations, 2001, 2005
Florida School Age Childcare Coalition, 2000
Tennessee School Age Care Coalition, 2001
Kentucky School Age Care Alliance, 2002
Missouri School Age Care Association, 2001

National Conference Presentations:

National Assn for the Education of Young Children, 2010 - 2014
U.S. Dept of Education, 21st CCLC Institute, Wash DC, 2004
National Afterschool Association, 1999 – 2005
Foundations, Beyond School Hours, 2002-2011
Infant Development Association, 2006
UCLA Expressive Therapies Summit, 2019, 20, 21

International Conference Presentations

International Therapeutic Recreation Assn, Toronto, 1993
International Art Therapy Association, Montreal, 1984
World Federation Occupational Therapy Assn, Australia, 1992

Professional Awards

Creating Joy Award, A Window Between Worlds, 2014
Director's Choice Award: 2005 for book Smart Art Ideas
Director's Choice Award: 2006 for book Smart Art Ideas 2
Artist in Residence, Zimmer Children's Museum, 2002
Citation Award, California Park & Recreation Society, 1995
Grant Recipient, American Art Therapy Association, 1990
Lifetime Achievement Award, Chi Kappa Rho, 1992-94
Best in Show Artist, Studio City Art Festival, 1993

Contact Information:

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Books and Publications

In process for 2023: Trauma Informed Art in Early Childhood
Smart Art Ideas: 36 Art Lessons with Learning Outcomes
Smart Art Ideas 2: 36 More Art Lessons with Learning Outcomes
Art & Creativity in Early Childhood Blog 2006-2016

Television and Media Productions

Wrote & produced two instructional videos:
1. BioColor Art Activities 2. Liquid Watercolor Art Activities
Good Morning Arizona, "Interpreting Children's Artwork,"
Carol Duvall Show, "Arts & Crafts for Kids and Teens"
Cable TV, "Art Therapy With Children of Alcoholics"

Workshops and Keynotes

Art In the Trauma Toolbox: Therapeutic Art in Early Education
Renew Your Passion - Creativity & Wellness for Educators
Stem to Steam: Teaching Creativity & Critical Thinking
Math, Science & Sensory Play: Engaging Active Learners
Art Therapy 101: Recognizing Red Flags in Children's Artwork
Messy Art: Tickle Your Senses / The Power of Sensory Play
Building Community in the Multi-Cultural Classroom
Toddler Art and Early Brain Development
See more training topics at CreativePlayLA.com

Licenses and Certifications

Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist
Registered. Art Therapist
Certified NAMI Instructor: Family to Family Course

Education / Experience / Volunteer Work

BFA: Studio Art & Psychology, Ohio Wesleyan University, 1973
MA: Expressive Art Therapy, University of Louisville, 1982

Founder & CEO, Creative Play LA, 2019 - present
University Guest Lecturer, 1985-present: UCLA, University of Southern California, CalState LA, CalState Northridge, Loma Linda University, Mount St Mary's College, CalPoly Pomona, City Colleges throughout CA
Director of Training, Discount School Supply, 1999-2019
Regional Manager & Trainer, S&S Arts & Crafts, 1987-1999
Youth Arts Program Manager, Boyle Heights, 1984-86
Art Therapist, Fairfax Hospital, 1982-84
Peace Corps Volunteer, El Salvador 1974-76

Volunteer: A Window Between Worlds, Venice, CA 2002-present
Write curriculum and present trainings on trauma informed art for staff who deliver therapy and support services to domestic violence shelters
Volunteer: VA Hospital, Los Angeles 2012-2013
Developed a PTSD Art Therapy program for combat veterans, a therapy program which continues in operation today.
Volunteer: National Alliance for Mental Illness, Westside Chapter.
Certified Instructor: Family to Family 10 wk curriculum / mental health education for families, currently teaching class year round.