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PLAY THERAPY SUMMER INSTITUTE IN ROCHESTER – REGISTER NOW

Rochester, NY, April 14, 2008 – Children’s Institute andNazareth College Center for
Play Therapy in the School of Health and Human Services are pleased to co-sponsor the
Summer Play Therapy Institute, June 9 - 10, 2008 on the Nazareth College campus.
Registration is open now and individuals are encouraged to register early. The registration
form and materials are available online at www.childrensinstitute.net/courses or by calling
Stephanie Fernandez at 1-877-888-7647, x231. Nazareth College is located at 4245 East
Avenue, Rochester, N.Y. 14618.

The two-day event will start with Dr. Jodi Mullen, from Oswego, N.Y., sharing her expertise
in the workshop Sand Play Therapy: Learning the Technique through Experience. Dr. Mullen
will offer this introductory-intermediate workshop that can be used with children, adolescents
and adults in individual, family and group therapy interventions. The second day will feature
What Do I Do Now? Challenges in the Practice of Child Centered Play Therapy, presented
by Dr. Stephen Demanchick, director of the Center for Play Therapy at Nazareth College and
Mary Anne Peabody, clinical associate at Children’s Institute. They will be joined by students
from Nazareth College.

The Summer Play Therapy Institute brings a variety of courses and trainings to the Rochester
area that focus on the value of play and play therapy. The Institute will be followed by a
summer course in play therapy and six trainings on play or play therapy topics throughout
the next year. This variety will meet the on-going needs of both the student and the practicing
professional desiring more information and training in this specialized treatment modality.

Play therapy is defined by the Association for Play Therapy as “the systematic use of a
theoretical model to establish an interpersonal process wherein trained play therapists use
the therapeutic powers of play to help clients prevent or resolve psychosocial difficulties
and achieve optimal growth and development.”

Founded in 1924, Nazareth College is a coeducational college with undergraduate and
graduate studies in the liberal arts and sciences and professional programs in health and
human services, education and management. The College is located on 150 scenic acres
near Rochester, New York, and currently enrolls approximately 2,000 undergraduate and
800 graduate students. Nazareth has a strong commitment to experience-based learning
and civic engagement. In the past decade, Nazareth has produced 18 Fulbright recipients
and two Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowships. For more information on the College, visit
www.naz.edu.
Children’s Institute is a national not-for-profit organization based in Rochester and affiliated with the University of Rochester. Its mission is to strengthen children’s social and emotional health. Through sound research and evaluation, Children’s Institute develops and promotes effective prevention programs, materials and best practices for children, families, schools and communities. Staff members include psychologists, an economist, a pediatrician, educators, social workers, business professionals and experts in public policy and evaluation.

Children’s Institute is approved by the Association for Play Therapy to offer continuing education specific to play therapy.

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