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PLAY THERAPY SUMMER INSTITUTE IN ROCHESTER – REGISTER NOW

Rochester, NY, April 14, 2008 – Children's Institute and Nazareth 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 on line 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.

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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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