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Editor's Commentary

Another Look at Sandtray-Worldplay®

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This issue's article is another look at Gisela Schubach De Domenico's Sandtray Worldplay® (ST-WP). Gene Schadler shares with us working with children and adolescents. Detailed information about introducing this experience to children and how it varies for adolescents and adults is provided. Pictures of sandtrays give the reader rich views of the cases discussed.

In the March Issue of this year, Theresa Fraser described the use of ST-WP with grief and loss, identified by her as *grief walking*. These two articles continue to display the breadth of the work developed by De Domenico. As we are provided additional clinical applications of various theories and approaches of sand therapy to various populations as well as articulated, detailed theory articles, our field continues to grow and deepen. The expansion of published professional papers enriches us as practitioners, strengths our work with clients, and validates sand therapy.

Biography of Gisela Schubach De Domenico

"Dr. De Domenico holds a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the Pacific Graduate School of Psychology, Palo Alto. She developed Sandtray-Worldplay®, Nature-Worldplay, and The Principles and Practice of Dynamic Expressive Play Therapy for children, adults, couples, families, and groups after conducting phenomenological research with children's use of sandtray/sandplay in early 1980's. She studied with Dora Kalff, John Hood-Williams, and Julius Heuscher. She is a Registered Play Therapist Supervisor and a Marriage, Family and Child Therapist" (CACPT, 2013, p. 6). At last report, Gisela is retired and resides in California. While her only book (see references) is out of print, used copies, while expensive, are available.

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