CAPT Certification Committee annual report for AGM on May 25, 2026

Current committee members: Hannah Sun-Reid, Betty Bedard-Bidwell, Krysteli Needham, Nicole Hotson, and Leslie Pearson.

We are proud to report to our members that we have been working on the following initiatives and services:

1. **Certification Numbers:**

We have certified 22 members since May 2025, including 16 Certified Play Therapists (CPT) and 6 Certified Play Therapist Supervisors (CPT-S). This is an exciting achievement for CAPT and the play therapy community across Canada.

2. **Updates to Certification Standards:**

We have made some minor changes to the standards for certification for both CPT and CPT-S. The latest version is identified as February 2026.

3. **New Certification Section on the Website:**

We have made relevant updates and changes to the certification section of our website, with a resources section, and clearly identifying the steps to certification.

4. **"Path to Certification" CEU Course:**

Our committee continues to offer the "Path to Certification" course. This is a free course and is live online for everyone to attend. Anyone attending the live course receives a certificate for 2 hours of CEU. We will be posting this course on our website as a resource for members to access during their journey to becoming a CPT.

5. **Monthly Q&A Sessions:**

We continue to offer monthly Q&A sessions to address members' questions regarding certification and the process to certifying. We have scheduled sessions on various days and times throughout the week and posted a series of sessions on our website to assist members in planning. These sessions have been well received and utilized by our members.

6. **Digital Badge Project**

We're excited to share that the committee has been developing a digital certification badge for members. This badge is designed to help clearly identify Certified Play Therapy practitioners within the community, offering a recognizable symbol of your specialized training and professional standing. Members will be able to display the badge across their professional platforms—such as websites, email signatures, and social media—to enhance visibility and build trust with clients, caregivers, and referral sources. The badge is tied to active membership status. To continue using it, members must maintain annual renewal in good standing with CAPT. This ensures the badge remains a reliable indicator of current certification and ongoing professional accountability.

7. **Community of Practice for Supervisors and Supervisor-Interns:**

This is a new initiative that has been created by this committee. The Community of Practice will meet approximately two-to-four times a year (this number is still to be determined) and aims at providing a collaborative community space for CPT-S and Supervisor-Interns (previously Supervisors-in-training) to discuss relevant topics, standards of practice, and issues related to the supervision process.

8. **Committee work:**

We continue to meet on a monthly basis as a committee as well as work together via email communications to address the diverse needs and questions of certifying members. Krysteli Needham has taken on the role as chair from Hannah Sun-Reid.

As members of the certification committee, we are committed to providing the best service to our membership and to strengthening the ethical standards and quality of play therapy practice.

Respectfully submitted by: Krysteli Needham (chair) on behalf of certification committee