

CROWLEY ISD BOARD MEETING

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Introductions



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Development of New Community Partnership

Purpose of the Initial Partnership

- Provide NO cost mental health services
- Train our Clinical Mental Health Counseling Master's students

Done at 1 specific elementary school
and 1 specific middle school

Future Steps

- To expand into more schools
- To eventually offer services to the broader community

Family members, and parents of
Crowley ISD students

Why Now?

The Impact of Covid-19 on Children

Grief and Loss
Adjustment Changes
Social Development
Academic Challenges

The New Tarleton Campus in Fort Worth

Presidential Fund for
Excellence Grant

What is Play Therapy?

Play therapy is an interpersonal, dynamic relationship between a child and a therapist trained in play therapy procedures. Since play is the natural language of children, it gives them the opportunity to express their emotions symbolically, make the connection between abstract and concrete thoughts, learn coping skills, and build self-esteem.

Play therapy helps a child develop responsibility, decision making skill, and self-control in a safe, predictable, and non-threatening manner.



What is Sandtray Therapy?

- Sandtray therapy is a form of counseling designed to allow children to express themselves by creating their own unique worlds in a tray of sand using a collection of figurines. Because children often have difficulty expressing their emotions with words, Sandtray therapy helps by providing a safe expressive environment in which they can work through any issues that might distract them in class.
- In sandtray therapy, children are given the opportunity to use the time to symbolize or discuss concerns with a therapist trained in counseling children. Many children create sandtray worlds to symbolize their school life, peer relationships, and emotions.



Thank You!

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