

# Melanie Smithson, MA, ADTR, LPC, CHt

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## Curriculum Vitae

### Professional History

Body-mind Psychotherapist – Private Practice, specializing in relationship, women's issues, play, childhood abuse, depression and anxiety, and performance enhancement. Fall 2000 to present.

Dance/Movement Therapist – Frasier Meadows Health Care Center, North Suburban Hospital; In-Patient and Out-Patient Psychiatric centers, and Boulder County Safehouse. Leader of movement therapy groups, individual counselor, involved in treatment planning, supervision duties. Fall 1996 to Summer 2000.

Trainer – The Moving Cycle Institute, a center for body-centered psychotherapy (BCP) and BCP trainings. Summer 1998 to present.

Faculty – Naropa University, Boulder Colorado – Practicum coordinator for internship and fieldwork students 1999-2003. Director of Play Therapy Training Program. 2002 to 2003. Teacher – Creative Art Therapies, Clinical Orientation, Developmental Issues in Play Therapy and Sandplay Therapy. 2000-2006.

### Education and Trainings

MA, Somatic Psychology: Dance/Movement Therapy, 1997  
Naropa University Boulder, Co

BA, Accounting, 1976

SUNY at Buffalo Buffalo, NY

**EMDR**, *Certified Practitioner*, EMDR trainings, Level 1 and 2, EMDR in the Treatment of Eating Disorders; EMDR and Chronic Pain, EMDR and Addictions, Strengthening the Self: Resource Development and Affect Tolerance, July 2000 through October 2001.

Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing  
International Association

NBCC Approved Clinical Supervisor Training, Spring 2002.

Reo Leslie, Jr., D.Min., LPC, NCC

Transpersonal Hypnotherapy Training, Winter 2005

Transpersonal Hypnotherapy Institute Frisco, Colorado

Sedona Method Releasing, Coach Training 01/07

Sedona Institute, Sedona, Arizona

Presentations

***Creating a Path to Joyful Connections***, weekend seminar using Sedona Method and creative modalities, Denver, Co. 6/07.

***Letting Go of the Myths and Illusions of Control***, 60 minute presentation for American Lung Association at *Catch Your Breath*, Denver, Co, 5/07

***Raising the Roof on Self Awareness***, 8 week class using Sedona Method and creative modalities, Smithson Clinic, Denver, Co, 3/07-5/07.

***Introduction to Sedona Method of Releasing***, 90 minute presentation at Smithson Clinic, Denver, Co. 2/07, 5/07,7/07.

***Journey of Souls: Life Between Lives***, 60 minute workshop presentation for Celebration Metaphysical Fair, Denver, Co. 3/07.

***Journey of Souls: Life Between Lives***, 60 minute workshop presentation for World Wellness Expo, Denver, Co. 1/07.

***Journey of Souls: Life Between Lives***, 60 minute workshop presentation for Celebration Metaphysical Fair, Colorado Springs, Co. 10/06.

***AH HA Moments Seminars***, 90 minute seminars on various health topics, including stress, play, relationship, worry, and the pain-brain connection. at Smithson Clinic, Denver, Co. 2004, 2005, 2006.

***Emotions and Physical Health***, presentation for Alternative Health and Medical Association (AHMA), Denver, Co. 7/04.

***Enhancing Standard EMDR Protocols with Dance/Movement Therapy***, workshop presentation for 36th Annual Dance Therapy Conference: American Dance Therapy Association, Denver, Co. 10/03.

***Enhancing the Somatic Intervention in EMDR***, workshop presentation for annual EMDRIA Conference, Denver, Co. 9/03.

***Using Play therapeutically with children, adolescents and adults***, in-service presentation at Maria Droste Services, Denver, Co. 10/02.

***Using Play therapeutically with children, adolescents and adults***, guest lecture in Art Therapy class, Naropa University, Boulder, Co. 10/02.

***Developmental Stages in Play***, workshop for 8<sup>th</sup> Annual C.A.P.T. Conference, Arvada, Co. 3/02.

***Using Play to Cultivate Intimacy***, private couples workshop, Boulder, 9/01.

***New Games Workshop***, week-long program for elementary children, Bixby School, Boulder, Co. 8/01.

***Group Play with Adolescents and Adults***, workshop for C.A.P.T. summer conference, Breckenridge, Co. 6/01.

***Integrating Sensory Integration with Play Therapy***, workshop for 7<sup>th</sup> Annual C.A.P.T. Conference, Arvada, Co. 3/01.

***Energy Management: Managing your energy in difficult situations, introducing Thought Field Therapy©, Muscle Testing for Health***, In-Service; Frasier Meadows Health Care Center, Boulder, Co. 6/00.

**Getting Playful: Strategies for Moving through Stressful Lives**, workshop for Alamosa County Department of Social Services; Alamosa, Co. 4/00.

**Play's Life Cycle: Playing With and Throughout Life**, workshop for 6<sup>th</sup> Annual C.A.P.T. Play Therapy Conference; Arvada, Co. 2/00.

**Play for Health: Surviving and Thriving through Stress**, mid-semester workshop for Somatic Psychotherapy students at Naropa University, Boulder, Co. 11/99.

**Play for Health: The Healing Power of Play and Movement**, presenter at Wellness Conference; National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Denver, Co. 9/99.

**Play for Health: Surviving and Thriving in a Stressful Work Environment**, In-Service; Frasier Meadows Center, Boulder. 8/99.

**Getting Playful: Navigating the Jungle with the Greatest of Ease**; workshop for 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Child Welfare Conference: It's a Jungle Out There!; Vail, Co. 5/99.

**The Life Cycle of Play: Why stop playing?**, workshop for 5<sup>th</sup> Annual C.A.P.T. Play Therapy Conference; Arvada, Co. 2/99.

**Full Vitality Play: Removing the Barriers to Conscious Evolution**; workshop for 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dance Therapy Conference: American Dance Therapy Association; Albuquerque, NM. 10/98.

**Getting Playful: Strategies for Recovering from Getting too Serious**; workshop for 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Child Welfare Conference: Cultivating Partnerships; 5/98.

**The Power of Play**; In-Service, North Suburban Hospital, Denver, Co. 2/98.

**Play for Health**; workshop for Soul Food: 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Creative Arts Therapies Conference, Denver, Co. 10/97.

**Dance/Movement Therapy with Geriatric Populations**; In-Service, North Suburban Hospital, Denver, Co. 9/97.

**Play for Your Life**; weekend workshop for the public, co-presented with Christine Caldwell, Boulder, Co, 2/97.

Research and

"Playful Being", In the Surge: Newsletter of the Moving Cycle Institute, Boulder, Co, Spring 2000.

Publications

"Play for Your Health: Renewing the Joy of Service", Care Connections: Boulder, Co, September/October 1999.

Teaching the Body to Play with Spirit: Developing a Body-Based Playshop; an un-published thesis, Naropa University, May 1997.

Professional  
Affiliations and

American Dance Therapy Association (ADTA), advanced registry, dance/movement therapist. Registry #904.

## Licenses

Licensed Professional Counselor, State of Colorado. License #2750.

Certified Hypnotherapist and Life Between Lives Spiritual Integration Hypnotherapist.

President, Rocky Mountain Chapter of American Dance Therapy Association. 2001 thru 2003.

Member, Association for Play Therapy

Member, EMDR International Association (EMDRIA)