



the therapist who treats those children. Understanding what their play means takes years of training, and Beth Hughes is at the point in her career where teaching those skills is a way she can give back to her home of West Virginia. Beth is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker for over two decades, and during that time, she has acquired additional credentials as Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor, Certified Trauma Therapist, and Approved Provider of Play Therapy Continuing Education through the Association of Play Therapy. Beth is widely recognized expert witness in the areas of child



Beth Hughes, Creator of WV Power of Play Therapy

sexual, emotional, physical abuse in criminal and civil cases in West Virginia and Alabama. These abuses often occur in the drug endangered homes in which children live. She also works with and advocates for children who have endured challenging circumstances of child grief, loss, and attachment issues resulting from being separated from their biological family due to the addiction of a parent.

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says Hughes.

Beth gets asked many times, "I couldn't do what you do... I couldn't deal with all of that trauma and see those abused children." Hughes stated, "I understand that sentiment, but they don't have the opportunity to see the immense transformation a child makes when they learn that their abuse is not their fault – that they are worthy of love – and now they can get back to overcoming their trauma and ultimately thriving in spite of the trauma."

Beth and her husband, Robert Noone, who is an adoption lawyer in the state of West Virginia for almost four decades, produce a weekly Facebook informational live video every Thursday at 7:00

pm. Here, Bob answers the viewer's questions about legal issues of adoption, and Beth is there to provide information about the psychology of adoption.

Beth concludes, "The name, "Play Therapy" is often confusing to people who are just learning of this mode of therapy for traumatized children." "It is PLAY, but the play is meaningful and allows the child to tell their trauma story while staying safe without reliving the trauma story."

For more information, contact Beth Hughes at 304-946-5659 about a child in need. If you have questions about becoming trained in Play Therapy, don't let money stop you from inquiring. West Virginia Power of Play Therapy, LLC has a mission to educate all who want trauma-informed knowledge, no matter if you want to get the RPT credential OR you are a bus driver, teacher, grandparent, literally anyone who wants to know how to handle the traumatized child you care for and/or love.

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