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Professional Title/Occupation: Founder-Director

Organisation: Leap Years - An Adiksha Foundation Initiative

Address of Organisation/Practice:

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Professional Qualifications:

MA in Mass Communication and Journalism;

MA in psychology;

PG Diploma in Special Education (Autism)

Courses undertaken in Play Therapy:

Certified Therapeutic Play Practitioner for the Differently Abled

Details of any other relevant qualifications/courses taken in the field:

Certification in story telling as a pedagogical tool

Currently undergoing supervision in current practice: No

Ages catered for: 6 to 14 years

Services offered:

Education, speech therapy, and counselling for individuals with special needs and their care givers

Personal Profile:

I am the head of an 8-year-old learning centre, Leap Years, for special needs individuals. We have, as a policy, focussed on the emotional well being of our students and their care givers and have weaved our programme around it. While we wish to impart literacy skills to all children that come to us we believe in following the child. We value readiness more than academic milestones. We have been using the double-helix model in our practice where all learning goals are achieved using curricular, sensory and motor activities. Play therapy fits in neatly with our pedagogical practice and we look forward to

exploiting the same thoroughly. In fact, two of colleagues too did the certification in therapeutic play practices.