

# Nature Play and Learning: Loose Parts Play

For Childcare Professionals and Educators Pre-K through Grade 3

Children develop curiosity, wonder, a sense of place, and an appreciation for the earth when they play in nature and with nature. In their nature-based play, children encounter natural phenomena, ask meaningful questions, work collaboratively, solve problems, communicate, and practice science and engineering skills. **Join this professional development session** for childcare professionals and early elementary educators who would like to, or already do, provide regular and extended nature-based play and learning opportunities for children.



This session, focused on loose parts play, will support early childhood professionals in developing rich and developmentally appropriate outdoor play experiences for children in their care. Topics will include the benefits of loose parts play, practical tips and strategies for fostering it, and hands-on time with different materials. This session will take place on:

**May 15, 2021, 9:00-12:00** at My Second Home, Lake Morey Rd., Bradford VT.

\* This session will take place outside, following CDC and VT state COVID guidance. Please be sure to have a mask with you, and dress for the weather!

## This session will include:

- extended time outdoors
- activities to promote nature play and science learning
- suggested resources to enhance change in practice
- welcome and closing circles
- commitments to enrich/extend nature-based play and learning opportunities for children
- reflection and support for changes in practice

**Cost** Free, thanks to a generous grant from the Wellborn Ecology Fund  
3 hours of professional development

Maximum enrollment 12

**Contact** [elly@fwni.org](mailto:elly@fwni.org) or call 802.353.0919 by **Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>** to secure your spot

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