

Nature Play and Learning: Risky Play and the Adult Role

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 will focus on risky play, including its benefits and strategies for allowing children to safely experience developmentally appropriate challenges during outdoor play. We will discuss the role of an adult in nature play, and share activities that early childhood educators can use to prepare a group of students to safely experience time outside.

This session will take place on:

August 28, 2021, 9:00-12:00 at Albert Bridge School, Brownsville, 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 support community building and nature play
- 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 or call 802.353.0919 to secure your spot

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