All Day On Play

The Play Instinct: Have You Lost Yours
We know that play is an essential part of every child's life and is vital for the enjoyment of childhood as well as healthy brain development. But, play is not just for children! If we are going to be successful advocates for play in the lives of children and families, then we need to be in touch with our own playful selves. In the morning session, come explore several types of play in an effort to reconnect with your own play instinct. From there, the discussion will focus on the value of play and ways in which we can promote playfulness as the foundation for strengthening the families with whom we work. Sure to be fun and insightful!

Why Outside Play Matters: The Provider's Role in Fostering Young Children's Development Outdoors
Do ALL the children in your program get outside everyday, even the youngest babies? How do you spend your time outside with your children? Provider involvement in outdoor play can heighten a child’s learning experience and stimulate positive developmental achievements. But what does that involvement look like? This afternoon session will allow us to reflect on our currently held beliefs about the functions of outdoor play and discover ways of thinking about the role adults play in facilitating quality experiences. We will examine best practices and discuss strategies we can use to broaden our perspectives and access the full potential for learning in an outdoor environment. We will also explore the idea of outdoor classrooms, making sure all the learning areas that are visible in the indoor learning environment are represented outside as well.

Mini Conference Fee: $40
$40 fee includes six training hours, continental breakfast, afternoon snack and a chance at door prizes. Lunch is on your own – bring a brown bag, dine on site in the cafe or food court, or eat off-campus and return by 1:00 pm.

Half-scholarships are available for family child care providers in the Child Care Project coverage area in need of financial support. For more information, or if you require special accommodations in order to participate, contact child.care.project@dartmouth.edu, (603) 646-3233 or (800) 323-5446.

Our presenter, Lisa Guerrero, MEd, has been a professional in the field of early care and education for over twenty years and has come to be known for her energy, passion and dedication to supporting children and families. Her roles have included being an early childhood educator of children birth through age 8 in traditional, private and early intervention programs; an administrator of a center-based early childhood program; and an owner and operator of a home-based infant and toddler center.

Currently, Lisa presents professional development trainings and seminars on promoting quality outdoor experiences for children, supporting the development of sensitive and inclusive learning environments, and advocating for play. She also consults with programs on the adoption of the Strengthening Families Framework practices and works as VAECY’s Program Director for T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood VT.

When not working, Lisa can be found pursuing a PhD in Leadership, Policy and Change; exercising and dancing; hanging out with her 17-year-old twins and dogs; volunteering in the community; or walking through the beautiful Vermont countryside.
Dated material. Please respond by May 7th.

May 14 Child Care Project
Early Childhood Mini Conference Registration Form

Print name as you wish it to appear on your name tag.
One name per registration form please; make copies if necessary.

Name

Program Name ___________________________________________

Mailing Address ___________________________________________

Email ___________________________ VT BFIS#___________

Phones: Work (_____) ___________ Home (_____) ___________

Register with credit card online OR mail completed registration form, with $40 check made payable to Child Care Project, by May 7 to:
Child Care Project, 17 1/2 Lebanon Street, Suite 2, Hanover, NH 03755.

Register online at http://dartmouth.imodules.com/ccp
OR via mail with paper registration form; no phone or email registration accepted.

Space is limited. Registration is first-come, first-served. Enrollment confirmation will be sent via email.