IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
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Connecting Children to Nature

Parents, teachers, and child care providers are invited to explore the wonder of nature and the benefits it offers children

Saturday, April 25, 2020

9:00 a.m.—Noon **Learning with Nature**

This interactive workshop emphasizes the need for children to have consistent time outdoors with an interested, caring adult. Discuss common barriers to preschool and elementary children's ability to create positive connections with the natural world and what you can do to counteract them. Discover engaging and practical hands-on ideas.

CDA—Planning a safe, healthy learning environment. **3 Clock Hours**

1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. Choosing Effective Indoor & Outdoor Materials

Some of the most important decisions educators make for preschool and elementary children relate to careful selection of materials and thoughtful planning of indoor and outdoor environments. In this workshop you will learn more about why adults need to manipulate materials personally and understand the properties of materials to best support in-depth, hands-on learning. Various learning theories and how they relate to teaching with a variety of commonly used and inexpensive materials, including materials from nature, will also be explored.

CDA—Planning a safe, healthy learning environment. Steps to advance children's physical and intellectual development.

3 Clock Hours

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Please note:
Space is limited so register early!
Workshops will be held rain or shine
Dress for the outdoor weather

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BY APRIL 16

Cost: FREE

Registration: Go to the Iowa Child Care Providers Training Registry: ccmis.dhs.state.ia.us/trainingregistry/.

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