

# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE OVERVIEW\* | 2024 National Conference on the Value of Play: THE FUTURE OF PLAY | April 16-18, 2024

VENUES	Frangipani	Persimmon	Maple	Sassafras	Redbud
8:30am	Registration desk opens outside Alumni Hall. Refreshments in Solarium. Posters display in Solarium begins (continues through luncheon on Thursday)				
9:30am–10:15am	LIBRARIES, LEARNING & PLAY FORUM Play and Learn in Library Summer Programs – E. McChesney, B. Clarke, B. Wunar	FEATURED SESSION Health Considerations for the e-Athlete – M. Suk	Play and Academic Rigor – Exploring the Relationship – J. Cichocka	Sustainable Playgrounds: Empowering Communities with Recycled Materials – J. Racek	
10:30am–11:15am	LIBRARIES, LEARNING & PLAY FORUM Play in Public Libraries - Using Play to Drive Social, Emotional & Learning Results for Kids, Families & People of All Ages – J. Fabicon, C. Christner, M. Papanastassiou	Panel Discussion: International Perspectives on the Role of Play – D. Ponella	Is Play Enough?: Easing Fears Around Kindergarten Readiness – K. New	The Need for Nature: How Outdoor Programming Can Help Build Connection & Better Mental Health – S. Reader	Inclusive Playground Design Research 2.0 – I. Kanics
11:30am–1:15pm	<b>Keynote Panel and Luncheon (Alumni Hall) – The Future of Play: Health   People. Place. Space</b> Michael Suk, MD; Brooke Buckley, MD; and Sandy Goodman, CHID				
1:30pm–2:15pm	LIBRARIES, LEARNING & PLAY FORUM The Playful Library: Inspiring Curiosity and Discovery – J. Allen	Building Mental Health Resilience Through Play with MESH – J. Gallagher	FEATURED SESSION (Research Symposium Kickoff) "Play is Like Story Building" – L. Smith	The Future of Playground Design for Social, Gender, and Cultural Equity – N. Schleicher & J. Zwart	From Ideas to Reality: How to Start a Play Program at Your Elementary School – A. Brandt
2:30pm–3:15pm	LIBRARIES, LEARNING & PLAY FORUM Shall We Play a Game? 16 Years of Play in University Libraries – Y. Hood	FEATURED SESSION Supporting a Movement for Play and Healing in Uvalde – J. De Melo	RESEARCH SYPOSIUM SESSION 1 • Unearthing Black Girls' Genius Through Play... – T. Velazquez–Smith • Identifying Educator Perceptions of Play – D. Nehring • Break time for Middle School Youth: It's not Recess – H. Von Bank & H. Adams	Mindful Monitoring@: A Balancing Act Allowing Risky Play While Ensuring Student Safety – C. Ramstetter & C. Brickman	<b>CANCELLED</b> A Circus Artist, a Comedian, and a Biologist Walk into a Bar: Notes from Play Fully! Podcast – E. Korte-Stroff
3:30pm–4:00pm	POP UP Play Break (Commemorative Garden/Tree Suites Lounge) – practice what you preach...and grab a snack!				
4:00pm–4:45pm	LIBRARIES, LEARNING & PLAY FORUM Visit The Lilly Library with our guide Andrew Rhoda, Curator of Puzzles	FEATURED SESSION Learning to Play and Playing to Learn – P. Oliviera	RESEARCH SYPOSIUM SESSION 2 • The Core of Play: Standards-Based Learning...Schoolyard Design – T. Metz • The Playground I Imagine – B. Cakirer • Active, Thrilling, Sensory Play...Public Playground – S. Quinn	Making a PEEP! – Activating Green Spaces Through Self-Led Education Guides for All Ages – J. Joly	Healthy Horseplay: Putting Theory into Practice with Nature-Based Personalized Play for Children – K. Vigil
5:00pm–5:45pm	LIBRARIES, LEARNING & PLAY FORUM Playful Collaborations: Partnering with Libraries – D. Hatcher, B. Wunar, C. McEachron	FEATURED SESSION Play in Early Childhood Settings: Agency, Equity, and Content – S. Friedman & J. Totsch	RESEARCH SYPOSIUM SESSION 3 • Cultural Translations of Froebelian Play... – M. McMullen • Executive Function & Spatial Skills in Children's Block Play... – Z. Gold • Screen-based or Screen-less Play in the Future... – K. Heljakka	Bringing Play Back - One Box at a Time – L. Brauer Dzielski	
5:45pm–6:30pm	Take a break!				
6:30pm–7:00pm	Newcomers Social (Solarium & Patio) – sign up details coming soon				
7:00pm–9:00pm	Dinner + PLAY (Alumni Hall)				

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8:00am–9:15am Coffee and Morning Snacks (Solarium)					
8:00am–9:15am <b>Coffee Talk: "Hot Topic" Round Tables – Kickoff day 2 with discussions facilitated by industry leaders...with a cuppa Joe! (Solarium)</b>					
9:30am–10:15am	FEATURED SESSION The Sims and Utopia: Playing for the Future – T. Russworm	Learning through Play – First Book & the LEGO Group's Sustainability Resources to Inspire Children to Create & Share Ideas for Real World Issues – J. Grubman, M. Elgersma, S. Tanner, S. Munoz	RESEARCH SYPOSIUM SESSION 4 • Improving Recess Through Collab... – W. Massey • Supporting Communities...through MoZAICS – J. Garcia • "We Play!" Interactions b/w Elders & Preschoolers...– C. Maron-Puntarelli	Leveraging Advocacy Efforts to Support Play-Based Learning – M. Leiber	Play is the Way to Optimal Wellbeing – J. Kimiecik
10:30am–11:15am	FEATURED SESSION Making and Breaking Rules – Teaching Design through Play – E. Zimmerman	What Happens When You Connect Multicultural Picture Books and Hands-On STEAM? Playful Learning! – D. Jackson Schnoor	RESEARCH SYPOSIUM SESSION 5 • Barriers to Outdoor Play in Education – A UK Study – A. Gummer • Exploring Opps for Multigenerational Play on Nature Trails – S. Truong • Mindfulness and Me... – T. Davis, S. Garner • Play Ball, Play Music, and Play the Stock Market – D. Ponella w/ grad students	Learning through play: A Model For Implementing Guided Play in Early Elementary Classrooms – K. DuBois-Garofalo	7 Don't Skips! Applying Principles of Youth Development & Engaging Experiences to Organized Play! – C. Foster & A. Skrocki
11:30am–12:15pm	Make + Play = Learn – J. Hemphill, M. Langmeyer	Reimagining Schoolyards as Oases of Nature, Health, and Learning – J. De Melo	RESEARCH SYPOSIUM SESSION 6 • Building Snow How... – K. Heljakka • Pool-Based Play...Safety Rules & Water Playscapes... – K. Anderson & W. Ramos • Nature-based ECE...Embracing Fire as a Loose Part – C. Gull	Fully Embodied Play to Support the Whole Child in the Early Years: Birth-to-Age Three Years – M. McMullen	Sustainable Playgrounds: Inspiring Young Children's Play with Loose Parts Materials in Turkey – O. Metin Aslan
12:30pm–2:15pm	<b>Keynote Panel and Lunch – Games, Screens and Public Play (Alumni Hall)</b> TreaAndrea Russworm (USC), Maura White (AARP), Eric Zimmerman (NYU) & Raiford Guins (IU)				
2:30pm–3:15pm	FEATURED SESSION Beyond Play: Elevating Educational Impact through Esports – J. O'Hagan	Finding Harmony: Nature Play Environments and Manufactured Play Equipment – C. Stephens, J. Gardner, B. Marr	Engaging Kindergarten Writers Through Play Experiences – A. Sanchez	<b>CANCELLED</b> ...ing With a Lens: Keeping a Play Cultural Sensitive – L. Jagodzinski	Prescribing Nature Play as a Healing Way – J. Langley
3:30pm–4:15pm	FEATURED SESSION The Importance of a Balanced Play Diet - Introducing the Play Pyramid – A. Gummer	Playful and Hands On: How Multimodality Enhances Learning – S. Peck	Playing in the Woods: A Look at Learning at an Indiana Forest School and German Waldkindergartens – C. Maron-Puntarelli, C. Barth, S. Sondergerath	Outsmart the Wiggles – P. Blackburn	Gaming and Cognitive Development: Beyond Learning Outcomes – J. Arora
4:30pm–5:15pm	FEATURED SESSION Move Think Learn – Using a Games-Centered Approach for Developing Fundamental Movement Skills with Children from K-6 – R. Fahey	Laughter & Play – Using Intentional Laughter for Health and Happy – E. Buchholz	Mindful Recess with The Walking Classroom – D. Hatcher (meet here & then go for a walk)	Using Block Play to Support Young Children's Engineering Thinking – Z. Gold & J. Elicker	
5:30pm–7:00pm	<b>Billiards and Bowling (Cosmic Bowling, that is!)</b>				
7:00pm–	Dinner on Your Own				

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	8:00am–8:45am	Morning Coffee Mixer - Get a jolt of java and grab some breakfast snacks. Let's fuel up and TALK about what we are DOING for PLAY! (Solarium)					
	8:45am–9:15am	<b>PLAYtalk — Play, Fun, and TAXES (Alumni Hall)</b> Bob Grennes, Commissioner, Indiana Department of Revenue					
	9:15am–9:45am	POP UP Play Break with Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (Alumni Hall)					
	10:00am–10:45am	FEATURED SESSION Learn to Love to Teach Again™ - with PLAY guiding the way! – K. Johnson	Outdoor Play and Learning in Elementary Schools: A Digital Tool for Success – M. Zeni	Body in Motion: Revitalizing Well-Being Through Adult Play Breaks – A. DePaulis	Toward an "Ethos of Play" in Afterschool Programs – E. Holder	Discoverers of Knowledge and Unicorn Bones – C. McEachron	
	11:00am–11:45am	FEATURED SESSION Growing Playful Communities: Lessons We Can Learn from Trees – J. Jones	Embracing Fire as a Loose Parts: Safely Exploring Fire Play with Children – C. Gull	Kinetic Play as PE at IU High School Online – R. Itow, D. Daria, P. Miller	Free Play Pedagogy and the Young Child's Learner Identity – H. Bernt-Santy		
	12:00pm–12:45pm	FEATURED SESSION Why Active Play Is The Best Form of Self-Care – D. Edwards	Omaha Urban Thinkscapes: Play Happens Everywhere – D. Wisneski	Joining the Fun: Providing Playful Experiences for Autistic People Across the Lifespan – R. Edelstein, N. Krahnke	Froebel's Gifts: Building Blocks for Play-based Education from Early Childhood to Higher Education – C. Maron-Puntarelli		
1:00pm–2:30pm	<b>PLAY Celebration Luncheon + Poster Reception + MarketPLAYce (Alumni Hall + Solarium)</b> Entertainment by Another Round, IU's only all-male acappella group + Retail Therapy + Special Honors + more!						
3:00pm–5:00pm	US Play Coalition Steering Committee Meeting (Invitation only)						

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