

Sense of Place conference October 15, 2011

7:30 – 8:00 a.m.	Registration
8:00 – 10:00 a.m. Lori Harris and Johanna Booth Miner	General session will include information about obesity, research, latest findings regarding special education, autism, and other reasons to have a healthy lifestyle and environments in our child care programs that support that effort. Big part of that is what we do outdoors – no matter where you are located or what you have for natural resources.

Two basic tracks – infant and toddler and preschool – you will choose one track for the morning and choose between three tracks in the afternoon. We will provide opportunities for a few people to join in on the cooking activities – please choose a second choice if you choose food prep as your first choice for the morning.

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Infant and toddler track
Kathy Audet, Sarah Reed, Jessica Adams, Tom Ballou and Sam Howe from DHMC	Infants and toddlers enjoy the outside just as much as preschool age children and gain skills while they are out there! If you work with infants and toddlers or are interested in that age join us for a morning of exploring the environment and cooking. We will share activities that work with this age group and explore new possibilities.
Julie McNally, Nikki Barrow, Willow Moore, Amy Ashley and Richie Belmonte from DHMC	Preschool track
	Children this age love to be outside – running, jumping, sitting quietly, building a fort, playing in water...all kinds of things to do and learn about outdoors. Join us for a morning of discovery; new activity ideas, how to address the developmental domains and curriculum you do indoors, and how to meet NAEYC accreditation standards at the same time! It is hands on so come prepared to be outside.

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch
Tina O’Keefe and Diane Young from DHMC	We will eat food that has been prepared by the staff of DHMC and Live and Learn – delicious and nutritious! Using the principles of healthy nutrition and fresh ingredients you can prepare dishes that are appealing to all. We will also talk about nutrition, portion size, allergies, and the new food “pyramid”.

<p>1:30 – 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>Johanna Booth Miner and Gerry Mathieu from Live and Learn</p> <p>Dave Miner</p> <p>Pete Sawtell and Joe Drake</p>	<p>Afternoon choices include a track for infants and toddlers, two tracks for preschool, and a movie option. Please choose one.</p> <p>Infants and toddlers Join us for a presentation that shares information about the latest research from Dimensions Foundation and the Arbor Day Farm regarding infants and toddlers and outdoor time. Come learn about DIRT – Discovery, Investigation, Research, and Touch – an outdoor curriculum that really works!</p> <p>Preschool 1 Design on a Dime: Outdoor classroom design with low cost solutions. Designing nature discovery into an outdoor classroom.</p> <p>Preschool 2 The Power of Play in joining children of all abilities and nature together In this workshop, participants will learn games, activities, and strategies to play with children in nature and discover nature even in the smallest sidewalk crack.</p>
<p>DHMC staff</p>	<p>Video presentation – Mother Nature’s Child This video is an exploration of nature’s role in the health and development of children released in December 2010 through the Children in Nature Network. As an entire generation of children disconnects from the natural world, we ask: what will they lose intellectually, emotionally, physically, spiritually? Why do children need unstructured time outside? How important is risk-taking to healthy child development? How is play a form of learning? Why are teachers resistant to taking students outside? How can inner city kids connect with nature? What does it mean to educate the “whole” child? Join us to see this important film.</p>
<p>3:00 – 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Lori Harris and Johanna Booth Miner</p>	<p>Making the connections We struggle in play based environments to explain what we are doing and how it relates to the “academic” world. We will wrap up the day with discussion about how to do that; how do we use documentation to show the projects that happen outside? How do we explain that when an infant rolls a ball down a hill they are learning the basics of physics or when a preschooler lines up sticks in order of length they are discovering patterns and the basics of math?</p>

Registration form

Name _____

Address _____

Email address _____

Phone _____ mobile _____ land (please circle one)

Workshop choices

Morning

Infant and toddler _____ Preschool _____

Food preparation _____ if you choose this please indicate a second choice as these numbers will be limited.

Afternoon

Infant and toddler _____ preschool 1 _____ preschool 2 _____

Video presentation _____

Cost for the day is \$75 per person payable to DHMC Child Care Center. You can register through paypal or by sending a check to:

**DHMC Child Care Center
Sense of Place conference
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Call 603-650-9700 if you have any questions.