



2017-2018 EVENTS

OCTOBER 2017



28th Annual Networking Dinner

Thursday, October 26, 5-7:30pm
Church of the Holy Comforter,
Kenilworth

Administrators, teachers, and other professionals who work with young children are invited to dine and listen to a nationally recognized and respected educator in Early Childhood. The keynote speaker will be Dana Suskind, MD.



NAEYC Annual Conference

Thursday, November 16,
3:00-4:30pm

Atlanta, Georgia
Join The Alliance at the National Early Childhood Education Conference for a workshop entitled "Teaching Young Children In Affluent Communities: The Alliance for Early Childhood's Response to the 21st Century Challenges of Overscheduled Children, Too Much Media, and Too Little Play."

DECEMBER 2017



Early Childhood Directors Roundtable

Thursday, December 7, 12:30-1:45pm
Ronald Knox Montessori School
Early Childhood directors of The Alliance's member schools convene

quarterly in order to talk with one another about matters of common concern, tour others' schools, and discuss different early childhood philosophies.

JANUARY 2018



Biennial Preschool Survey Results Published

Monday, January 15
Alliance member stand-alone preschools are eligible to participate in and receive results from the biennial survey that investigates salaries, benefits, registration procedures, and more.



American Red Cross Babysitting Course

Monday, January 15, 9am-3:30pm
Biannually, junior high students learn how to be effective and competent babysitters through this all-day course facilitated by Stephanie Figlioli, PT.



The Anatomy Of A Meltdown: All Behavior Has Meaning

Friday, January 26, 9:30-11am
When a child has a meltdown, it is not easy for anyone involved. In this workshop, participants will learn the difference between a tantrum and a meltdown. Using a neuro/sensory perspective, individuals will discover what is happening to the body when feeling overwhelmed, under attack, hijacked, and helpless. By

understanding the anatomy of a meltdown, everyone who cares for and teaches children will be better equipped to offer help and support during these challenging times. Facilitated by Jennifer Rosinia, PhD, OTR/L.



Let's Play Community Winter Play Day

Saturday, January 27, 9:30-11am
Families come together quarterly to discover new area parks and promote the importance of children's unstructured play.

FEBRUARY 2018



Preschool-Kindergarten Summit

Tuesday, February 13
8:30am-3:15pm
Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe
Area preschool and kindergarten teachers and administrators are invited to this third annual event to learn about the latest research relevant to young children in the preschool and kindergarten years. The keynote address will be given by Gever Tulley, Founder of Tinkering School and Brightworks School.



American Red Cross Babysitting Course

Monday, February 19, 9am-3:30pm

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Early Childhood Directors Roundtable

Thursday, February 22, 12:30-1:45pm
Baker Demonstration School



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Thursday, April 12, 12:30-1:45pm
Joseph Sears School



5th Annual Inspiring Nature Play Conference

Wednesday, May 2, 9am-3:30pm
Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe
Join this unique professional development event to gain new ideas for nature play for young children, a deepened awareness of new research, and a new network of local professionals. Organized by The Alliance and the Chicago Botanic Garden.

MARCH 2018



24th Annual ScreenBreak

Sunday, March 4 – Saturday, March 10

Children and their families are encouraged to turn off their televisions and other screens for a week, and enjoy alternative activities at home or at events coordinated throughout the community.



ScreenBreak Kick-Off Event

Sunday, March 4

Come celebrate the kick-off of ScreenBreak Week with a special program geared to families hosted by The Alliance. Program details and time to be announced.



Early Childhood Directors Enrichment Speaker Series: Integrating The Challenging Child

Wednesday, March 7, 4-5:30pm
Sacred Heart School, Winnetka
Early Childhood directors of The Alliance's member schools learn behavior management techniques that foster cooperation, practical techniques and scripts that motivate students to behave appropriately; and discipline as an opportunity to teach the appropriate behavior.



Let's Play Community Spring Play Day

Saturday, April 28, 9:30-11:30am

MAY 2018



Wild Play: Parenting Adventures in the Great Outdoors with David Sobel

Tuesday, May 1, 7-8:30pm
David Sobel is Senior Faculty in the Education Department at Antioch University New England in Keene, NH and he consults and speaks widely on child development and place-based education. When David's children were toddlers, he set out to integrate a wide range of nature experiences into their family life, play, and storytelling. Blending his passion as a parent with his professional expertise, he created adventures tailored to their developmental stages: cultivating empathy with animals in early childhood, exploring the woods in middle childhood, and devising rites of passage in adolescence. In this talk, Sobel will weave together parenting experiences, stories he told his children, and developmental theory to present a model of healthy parenting in concert with the natural world.



Early Childhood Directors End Of The Year Lunch

Thursday, May 18, 1-3pm

JUNE 2018



Let's Play Community Summer Play Day

Monday, June 4, 9:30-11:30am

APRIL 2018



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