



Community
Connections
for Children

NATURE & PLAY-BASED LEARNING SUPPORT



WHAT WE OFFER

Technical Assistance Coach Elizabeth Marcello and Outdoor Learning & Play Consultant Susan Chlebowski can partner with you to provide customized center-based or individual classroom coaching and professional development on the following:



Play-Based Learning

We provide PD on play-based learning methods and bring loose parts to your facility, inside or outside, and help you create a "pop-up playground" to encourage open-ended, exploratory play. We follow up with a document that connects the play experience to standards, making the learning that happens through play visible to providers and parents alike.



Classroom Management Support

We provide evidence-based methods that can limit conflict, manage challenging behaviors, ease transitions, and support young children in the all-important development of self-regulation, empowered communication, and emotional intelligence. We will look at each element of the Prepared Environment: the child, the adults, and the physical environment, and identify steps to create calmer and more peaceful days in our work with children.



Nature-Based Learning

Studies supporting the vast benefits of nature-based learning cannot be denied. We help providers incorporate nature-based learning practices into the classroom, outside or into the more wild areas beyond the playground. Attention is given to the role of the adult in nurturing play. We also provide coaching around all-weather play.



Creative Solutions

We use the Design Thinking process to help you address barriers and co-create solutions to bring more nature and play-based practices into your program.

For more information, contact [Elizabeth Marcello](#).

*Coaching is currently available for ELRC 8 facilities only, but please reach out if you are in ELRC 9 or 10 and would like support. Our virtual trainings are available to ERLCs 8, 9, & 10.