



Play, Well-Being, and Academic Expectations: Creating the Balance

The 28th Annual Kindergarten Conference -
A Focus on Children Ages 4, 5 & 6
Hilton Hotel, Burlington, Vermont
Friday, March 13, 2020

The Vermont Agency of Education, UVM Early Childhood Birth-Grade 3 Program, and Vermont Association for the Education of Young Children (VTAEYC) invite you to participate in the 28th Annual Kindergarten Conference. This conference brings together kindergarten and primary level teachers, prekindergarten teachers, school and program administrators, pre-service teachers, and teacher educators to explore evidence-based practices, discuss issues, learn from each other, and become rejuvenated.

Keynotes:

- ★ **Christine Hertz** is a Literacy Interventionist at Doty Memorial School in Worcester who has taught in classrooms from preschool to fourth grade. She is also the coauthor of the Heinemann titles, *Kids First from Day One* and *A Mindset for Learning*.
- ★ **John Cohn** is an IBM Fellow based at the MIT-IBM Watson AI Lab in Cambridge. He believes that taking time to play has always been critical for keeping his creative spark alive. John is an advocate for carving out time to play and pursuing projects and ideas simply because they are interesting.

Workshops for Administrators and Early Childhood Educators include:

- ★ Gardens, Food and Play in Nature: Watering the Souls of Young Children
- ★ Reclaiming Kindergarten!
- ★ A Vermont Portrait of a Graduate: Implications for Early Childhood Programs
- ★ Becoming Animals in a Forest Classroom
- ★ Come Together: Launching a Network of Vermont Kindergarten Teachers
- ★ Children Do Well If They Can: Understanding and Helping Young Children in Challenging Times
- ★ Playing Around with Engineering: Teaching Prek-1 STEM through Exploration
- ★ Trauma-Informed Mindfulness Practices
- ★ Ukuleles in the Early Childhood Classroom
- ★ Talking with Young Children About Gender
- ★ Outdoors as our Extended Classroom

For additional information, please go to the [registration site](#).
Register early so you can get your first choice of workshops!