

9th Annual Natural Learning Design Institute

Design for Early Childhood: Health, Play, and Learning

October 6 - 7, 2011

North Carolina Botanical Garden
Chapel Hill, North Carolina



This year's Institute is focused on early childhood. The goal is to raise awareness about the role of the outdoors for early childhood healthy development and to offer innovative ideas and concepts for participants to implement. Outdoor, hands-on activities will be organized on the grounds of the NC Botanical Garden on Thursday and Friday afternoons. Come prepared to learn innovative ways to entice preschool physical activity, to see examples of how the designed environment engages children in outdoor play, and to explore the many ways outdoor activity supports healthy development.

9th Annual Childhood Outdoors Design Institute

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Confirmed Speakers

- **Rebecca Brouwer**, Project Director, Dept. of Community and Family Medicine, Duke University Medical Center
- **Nilda Cosco**, Education Specialist, The Natural Learning Initiative
- **Diane H. Craft**, Professor of Physical Education, State University of New York
- **David Gardner**, Executive Director, N.C. Center for Health & Wellness
- **Teri Hendy**, President, Site Masters, Inc (design and safety consultants)
- **Elizabeth Lake**, First Environments Early Learning Center, EPA-NIEHS
- **Dona McNeill**, Employee Services Manager, NIEHS
- **Robin Moore**, Director, The Natural Learning Initiative
- **Richard Rairigh**, Director of Programs and Early Childhood Development, BeActive North Carolina
- **Betsy Thigpen**, MS Child Development, Early Childhood Consultant
- **Philip Waters**, Play Project Coordinator, Eden Project, Cornwall, UK.

Participants include childcare and preschool providers, consultants, technical assistance providers, extension agents, master gardeners, public health professionals, designers, and those interested in creating and programming environments for young children to counteract sedentary lifestyles and encourage healthy eating.

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Registration

\$250 per person (\$300 after September 6, 2011) \$150 for FULL TIME college students (proof required). Limited space, please register early. Registration fee includes:
Two-day institute, handouts, continental breakfast, lunch and coffee breaks.

Click here to Register

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