



Dr. Rachel Larimore

Dr. Rachel A. Larimore is an educator, consultant, speaker, researcher, and author. Her work focuses on the intentional integration of nature to support young children's holistic development by learning with nature to expand their worlds and live rich, full lives. She has written multiple books including *Establishing a Nature-Based Preschool*, *Preschool Beyond Walls: Blending Early Childhood Education and Nature-Based Learning*, and *Evaluating Natureness: Measuring the Quality of Nature-based Classrooms in Pre-k Through 3rd Grade*.

Rachel is the founder and Chief Visionary of Samara Early Learning, an organization focused on helping early childhood educators start nature-based schools or add nature-based approaches into their existing program. Prior to founding Samara, she spent more than a decade starting and directing one of the first nature-based preschools in the United States.



Conference Sessions

Friday, April 26, 2023

8:00-10:00AM

Playing Beyond Walls: Leveraging the Power of Outdoor Play in Early Childhood

1:00-2:30 PM

Developing Nature-Based Large & Small Group Activities