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Dani Svantner & Wendy Turcott

The Play Coaches, Dani Svantner and Wendy Turcott—are nationally recognized trainers, consultants, and keynote speakers who bring a research-backed, heart-centered, and highly practical approach to social emotional Learning for both children and adults. With expertise in early childhood education, emotional intelligence, trauma-responsive care, leadership development, and brain-based teaching, The Play Coaches help educators and caregivers understand how the nervous system, relationships, and play work together to shape lifelong learning and well-being. Their work is grounded in the belief that: “Children don’t learn to regulate unless they are first co-regulated. We can’t teach calm if we don’t live calm.”



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Conference Sessions

Thursday, April 23
3:00-4:30 PM

The Power of Play — Living Your Why, Building Brains, and Bringing Joy

Friday, April 24
1:00-2:30 PM

Process over Product Art: Creative Expression for Regulation, Release, and Joy

BONUS

5:00-6:30 PM

Taming the Tiger — Understanding and Nurturing Big Emotions