

# The Early Childhood Conference

A Spectacular Virtual Experience

## FEATURED PRESENTER

### Heather Bernt-Santy



Heather Bernt-Santy, M.A. Ed. has been in the field of early care and education for over 30 years in just about any capacity you can imagine. She currently hosts a podcast called *That Early Childhood Nerd*, presents workshops and webinars for a variety of audiences, works as an early childhood specialist for Purdue University's Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences and adjunct faculty at Ivy Tech Community College. She completed her BS in Early Childhood Education with a minor in Special Education and an M.A. Ed. in Early Childhood Education from Ball State University.

She has published articles in *Child Care Information Exchange* (2019, September) *Tattoos and piercings in early childhood workplaces: Are restrictive dress codes in line with developmentally appropriate practice?* and (2016, January) *6x7=Yikes! Coaching teachers past their math anxiety*. Heather is passionate about play learning and joyful childhoods!

### Conference Session

Thursday, April 22, 2021

8:00 am -9:30 am

*Supporting and Extending Play Using Schema Play Theory* (90 minutes)