

Early Learning Fall Institute 2022

Pre-Institute Workshops:

Thursday, September 29 | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Attendees may choose one full day workshop option.



Inquiry Learning in STEM Investigations

Sponsored by the Iowa Regents' Center for Early Developmental Education

The morning session will describe a model for inquiry learning with infants and toddlers and will provide educators with ideas for exploring STEM in order to support inquiry learning for our youngest learners. Video exemplars and photos will be used to assist educators in implementing inquiry learning opportunities in their infant and toddler environments. The afternoon session will expand inquiry learning to include the Inquiry Teaching Model for learning and teaching STEM with children in preschool through grade 2. Photos and video will be shared to illustrate how early educators can support STEM learning every day.

Sherri Peterson, Program Coordinator, University of Northern Iowa

Beth Vanmeeteren, Director of Iowa Regents' Center for Early Developmental Education, University of Northern Iowa



Iowa Farm to ECE

Sponsored by the Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children

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Farm to early care and education (Farm to ECE) is a collection of strategies for connecting young children to healthy food and opportunities for physical activity. As an extension of the farm to school movement, farm to ECE focuses on the specific learning styles, needs, and environments in which very young children learn and grow. Site gardens, local food sourcing, and food and agriculture education are three core elements that connect kids to the foods they eat. Farm to ECE offers experiences for children in all early childhood settings while also benefiting their families, communities, and farmers. This pre-institute session includes all three Iowa Farm to ECE training modules, so you will end the day with lots of information and resources to make it work in your early care and education program.

Krista Smith, Farm to ECE Coordinator, ISU Extension & Outreach, Farm Food & Enterprise Development

Chelsea Krist, Farm to School Coordinator, ISU Extension & Outreach, Farm Food & Enterprise Development

Benefits and Importance of Assessment in Early Childhood

Sponsored by the Iowa Department of Education

This pre-session will cover the assessment process, use of data routines, analysis of data in formative and summative capacities, as well as action planning and goal setting in instructional planning.



Trauma Informed Care Schools, and Your Approach to Students/Yourself

Sponsored by the Iowa Head Start Association

This workshop will introduce what Trauma Informed Care is and how it can be utilized within the school environment to help both students and staff become more resilient. The 4 types of trauma will be discussed. The workshop will provide useful tools and practice opportunities to implement these tools. Vicarious Trauma and

Self-Care will be a key component to this workshop.

Gladys Noll Alvarez LISW, IMH-E®, Trauma Informed Care Project Coordinator, Orchard Place



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