

# Engaging Outdoor Play: The ECE Administrator's Role

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Ol' Director had  
a playspace,



**E-I-E-I-O**

And on this playspace she had some children,





**E-I-E-I-O**

With a wiggle here,





And a giggle there,





Here a hop, there a stomp,

Everywhere a romp, romp!





O! Director had  
a playspace,

**E-I-E-I-O!**



# Poll #1

Which best describes your belief about why children need to play outdoors?

- A) To get rid of excess energy or to relax
- B) To learn about the world and to discover ideas and solutions



**"E"**

**Examine Attitudes  
and Beliefs**

# Outdoor Play Policy






# Hiring Criteria

**“Do As I Do”**







In what way  
can I say  
"YES!" ?



“ | ”

Imagine




What are the  
children doing?



What are the  
adults doing?



What kind of place?



In what way  
can I say  
"YES!" ?



**“E”**

**Embrace Risk**

# Provide a safe environment






# Too safe?



Children are  
competent and  
capable





In what way  
can I say  
"YES!" ?



“ | ”


Include All

genders, abilities, preferences



graded challenges  
vs.  
age appropriate





In what way  
can I say  
"YES!" ?



**“O”**

Opportunities for  
Outdoor Play




# Loose Parts





Rich  
Engaging  
Wonder-filled



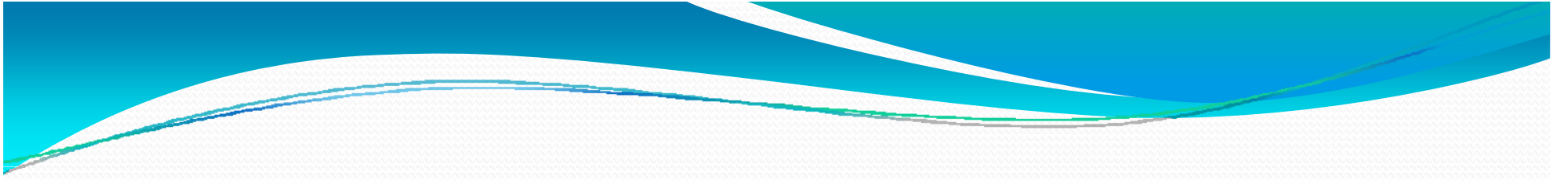
In what way  
can I say  
"YES!" ?



# Poll #2

I heard a “call to action”! My first step to engaging outdoor play in my program is:

- A) To share my passion and ideas with staff and families.
- B) To create plans and projects to enhance outdoor play.
- C) To seek more information and expand my knowledge about outdoor play.





# Let's talk!

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*If someone said, "Write a sentence about your life", I'd write, "I want to go outside and play."*

*~Jemma Elfman*