

## Pretend Play, Brain Growth and the Outdoors Workshop

A free educational presentation for childcare providers, teachers, parents/guardians and community members

Hear how pretend play is so important for brain growth and child development. Playing outdoors and physical activity promotes physical health, critical thinking, problem solving, risk assessment, conflict resolution, creativity and cooperation.

Featuring Erin Akers, M.Ed., Director of Education and Development, at the Gesell Institute of Child Development, Yale University.

Sponsored by the Early Childhood collaborative of Southington

DATE: Thursday, March 15, 2018

TIME: Doors open at 6:00 pm -- Presentation from 6:30 to 8:30 pm PLACE: YMCA Early Learning Center, 30 High Street, Southington.

Register at: www.southingtonearlychildhood.org/events/

Free childcare will be provided by the YMCA if requested in advance. Certificates of attendance will be given to childcare providers.

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