

Save the Date!

Play, Well-Being, and Academic Expectations: Creating the Balance

**The 28th Annual Kindergarten Conference -
A Focus on Children Ages 4, 5 & 6
Hilton Hotel, Burlington, Vermont
Friday, March 13, 2020**



The Vermont Agency of Education, UVM Early Childhood Birth-Grade 3 Program, and Vermont Association for the Education of Young Children (VTAEYC) invite you to participate in the 28th Annual Kindergarten Conference. This conference brings together kindergarten and primary level teachers, prekindergarten teachers, school and program administrators, pre-service teachers, and teacher educators to explore evidence-based practices, discuss issues, learn from each other, and become rejuvenated.

The Conference Planning Committee is happy to announce two exciting keynotes and workshops that will focus on the role of play in **fostering well-being, wonder, and intellectual growth**. We will also be offering workshops related to outdoor education, executive functioning, and literacy.

Keynote Speakers:

- ★ **Christine Hertz** is a Literacy Interventionist at Doty Memorial School in Worcester who has taught in classrooms from preschool to fourth grade. She is also the coauthor of the Heinemann titles, *Kids First from Day One* and *A Mindset for Learning*.
- ★ **John Cohn** is an IBM Fellow based at the MIT-IBM Watson AI Lab in Cambridge. He believes that taking time to play has always been critical for keeping his creative spark alive. John is an advocate for carving out time to play and pursuing projects and ideas simply because they are interesting.

We hope to see you at this year's conference!