

## **Professional Development Workshop**

**Growing Up WILD: Exploring Nature with Young Children** is an early childhood education activity guide that builds on children's sense of wonder about nature and invites them to explore wildlife and the world around them. Through a wide range of activities and experiences, it provides a foundation for developing positive impressions about nature while also building lifelong social and cognitive skills. Workshop participants will receive a copy of the guide and certificate of completion.

## Growing Up WILD's activity guide:

- Is written for early childhood educators of children ages 3-7.
- Features 27 field-tested, hands-on, nature-based activities in a full-color 11"x 17" activity guide.
- Includes art projects, music, conservation activities, reading and math connections and much more.
- Involves social, emotional, physical, language, and cognitive domains to help foster learning and development in all areas.
- Supports developmentally appropriate practice allowing children to learn at levels that are individually, socially, and culturally appropriate.
- Is correlated to the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Standards and the Head Start Domains.

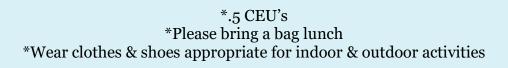
## Get Growing Up WILD:

**Date:** Saturday September 14, 2019 **Time:** 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Location:** Notch Visitor Center, 1500 West Street, Amherst https://www.mass.gov/locations/mount-holyoke-range-state-park

Workshop fee: \$25/person, \$3 additional for CEU's (pre-registration and pre-payment required)

**To register:** Please contact Pam Landry, <u>pam.landry@state.ma.us</u> or (508) 389-6310. Registration deadline September 4, 2019.



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