

6th Annual Early Childhood Spring Collaboration

Connecting Through Kindness, Music & Stories



With Special Guest

Stuart Stotts

Award Winning Singer, Author & Storyteller
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\$55

Early Registration

Late Registration \$65
after April 15th

8:00am-4:00pm | Saturday April 29th, 2017

The Northern Hotel

2nd Floor

South Ballroom

*Complimentary Valet & Self Parking in the
Empire Parking Garage (11N Broadway)

Check in begins at 8:00am

- 8:00am-8:45 am Registration Check-in with
Lite Breakfast
- 9:00am-12:00pm Everybody Started Out Small
- 12:00pm-1:00pm On Site Catered Luncheon
- 12:45pm-1:00pm Door Prize Drawings
- 1:00pm-4:00pm The Stories We Tell
- 4:00pm-4:15pm Certificates & Evaluations

6 Training Hours CEU Credits Available

*Parking validation ticket available from The Northern Hotel's front desk in the lobby

In collaboration with:



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Montana Association for
the Education of Young Children



EVERYBODY STARTED OUT SMALL: EXPLORING KINDNESS, MUSIC & BRAIN DEVELOPMENT

MORNING

Kindness is a touchstone for living. Although many of our children come to us with inherent tendencies shaped by their environment, teachers can explicitly teach kindness and foster a culture of compassion through a variety of activities, modalities and strategies. We'll try out some approaches and look at the underlying rationale behind encouraging kindness in us all. We will also explore what brain research tells us about connections between learning, literacy, emotion, and music. The morning will be filled with hands-on activities and ideas that participants can use immediately with their students.

THE STORIES WE TELL ORAL NARRATIVE WITH CHILDREN AND OUR ROLE IN THE EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSION

AFTERNOON

In the afternoon we will focus on storytelling and oral narrative as a way to engage students. We will practice the art form of story, learn resources and repertoire for the classroom, and reflect on how we can improve students prospects to build foundations of literacy. We'll conclude the by exploring our professional goals, motivations, and challenges, as well as the importance of our work for children, and for society at large.

