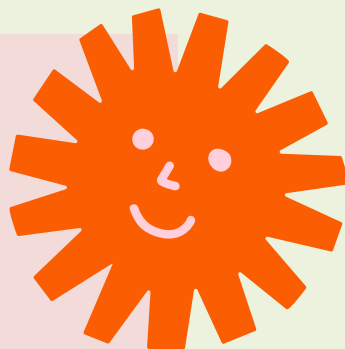


KRISTEN RB PETERSON

keynotes

workshops

trainings



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HI

Meet Kristen.



Kristen RB Peterson (B.A. Education and ECE) is the founder of a play and nature based preschool and forest school in central Minnesota, host of The Play Based Learning Podcast and creator of The Camp Renegade Play Virtual Summit. Kristen retired from teaching two years ago to travel the world and inspire early childhood audiences to give children the most developmentally appropriate environment possible.

Kristen shows up in life authentically and is real with her audience. Her presentation style can best be described as a conversation with a best friend. Funny and dramatic, she captivates adult learners with stories that can be applied to the life of any early childhood professional. She leaves ECE professionals motivated to take risks so they can better serve the children in their lives.



WHERE SHE'S BEEN

Coachella Valley Unified Schools, Iowa AEEYC, California UPK Summit (Keynote), Texas AEEYC (Keynote and Breakouts), Michigan AEEYC Conference (Keynote and Breakouts), North Dakota Family Child Care Association Annual Conference (Keynote), Southern Utah Early Childhood Conference (Keynote and Breakout), Alabama ECE Annual Conference (Keynote), Mt. Pleasant Independent School District, Grosse Pointe Public School System, Elk River Public Schools, University of Nebraska Early Childhood Conference (Keynote and Workshops), Beatrice Public Schools, PLUS many other independent preschool and child care centers throughout the United States and Canada.

KEYNOTES



Inspire and Motivate. 60 minutes

**TRUST THE CHILDREN
AND YOUR CAPE.**



**I AM NOT
GETTING THEM
READY FOR
KINDERGARTEN...**

Fear. Fear holds us back from doing what is right for the children we serve. Fear of what others will say or think. Through personal stories, research studies, and anecdotes, Kristen will inspire attendees to release fear and to trust brain research as they head back into the world to care for and teach children in the most developmentally appropriate way possible. Attendees will laugh (and maybe even cry) as they see themselves in these stories over and over again.

BECAUSE I AM GETTING THEM READY FOR KINDERGARTEN BY LETTING THEM HAVE 3, 4, AND 5 YEAR OLD EXPERIENCES. Let's challenge society's favorite phrase, "ready for kindergarten". Children deserve childhood and when we rush from one stage to the next, we miss the stage the children are currently in. Learn to embrace childhood in the age the child is in NOW. Kristen will share stories and research to inspire the audience to slow down and trust play.

TRAININGS

Learn. 60 minutes each



They Can't Learn With an Itchy Butt

Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs lets us know that children can't learn with an itchy butt or an absence of relationship with their caregiver (or any other basic unmet need). Learn to apply Maslow to your everyday routine with young children. After all, we often forget we are caregivers first when working with young children, teachers second.



The Great Break-Up

There are many things that happen in early childhood environments that are not developmentally appropriate for young children. Learn why breaking up with calendar time (along with weather time, criss cross applesauce, letter of the week and more!) will lead to a happier, calmer, and more enriching environment for you and the children in your care.



Yes, Yes, Yes

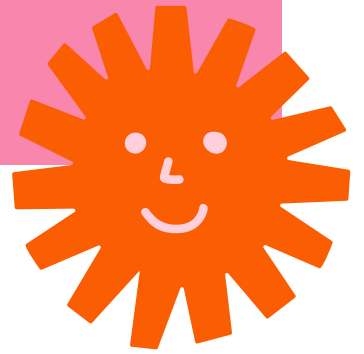
Saying yes can be a lot harder than saying no. However, when you say no, you are taking away valuable learning experiences for the children in your care. Learn why saying yes is a way to meet the needs of each child, why saying yes propels learning, and how to easily flip a NO to a giant YES!



The 5 Pillars of a Play Based Program

Time, Play Facilitator, Space, Basic Needs, and Developmentally Appropriate Practices... These 5 things are essential elements to any play based, early childhood program or classroom. Learn why each element is so important and how to release fear around each one to give children the most developmentally appropriate environment possible.

MINI WORKSHOPS



Example Based Learning Workshops
60-90 minutes

FREE THE GLUE

When adults think of glue, they may think messy and sticky. This leads them to never consider allowing children to fully experience glue as a play and exploration material. We are setting out to change that!

Glue can be an amazing learning (and sensory) experience for young children. They can't learn how much glue is too much if they are never allowed to use too much!

Kristen will entertain with funny glue stories and provide video and photo examples of creative glue play ideas in this training! From gluing on pumpkins to gluing on sticks, scented glue, glue guns and more, attendees will walk away and be ready to FREE THE GLUE when they get back to the classroom. And, if glue resources are slim, Kristen will give examples of how teachers can still say YES to glue play when gallons of glue may not be in the budget!

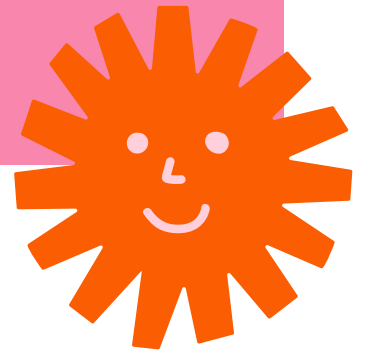
A LOOSE PARTS ADVENTURE

You've heard the saying, "One person's trash is another person's treasure."

Most early childhood educators fully live into this philosophy! Kristen has worked with schools all over the world that are on tight budgets but find the best "toys" for children to use in their play.

This workshop will explain what Loose Parts are, why we should have them in our classrooms, how to introduce them into the classroom, how to select them, and, the best part... Kristen will show creative loose parts ideas from early childhood classrooms around the world!

MINI WORKSHOPS



Example Based Learning Workshops
60-90 minutes

LIGHT IT UP UP UP

Do you have that song stuck in your head now? I'm on FIRE!

Light play is something that doesn't usually get enough attention in early childhood programs.

In this workshop, Kristen will explain why light play is something that should be added into the classroom environment, easy light play ideas on a budget, and how to incorporate literacy and math into light play.

Kristen will also show video and photo examples of creative light play ideas from her connections around the world to give educators and caregivers new inspiration for when they head back to the classroom!

NO MORE PENGUIN BEAKS

We need to hold onto creativity just a little longer in early childhood! We have the power to do this when we allow children the time and space to create their own art!

Teachers don't have to spend their weekends cutting out penguin beaks and feet anymore! In this training, Kristen will explain the difference between product based crafts and process art, why process art experiences should win out over crafts, art supplies that children should have access to all the time, and how to teach parents/at-home-caregivers about process art!

Kristen will show video and photo examples of creative process art experiences from around the world that will inspire educators to drop the control and let children live fully into their own creativity!

WORKSHOPS



Hands-on Learning Experiences.

2-3 hours

MESSY PLAY*

Kristen brings a whole suitcase full of fun and mess for this workshop! Process art and sensory play experiences are often put on the back burner in many early childhood programs because of the mess involved. But, the learning that takes place when children have access to a variety of materials should override the adult's own opinions and holdups when it comes to messy play.

We start with a messy play showcase and then attendees get to play for 45 minutes. We wake up our adult creativity and get messy with our friends and coworkers.

After cleanup - Kristen shows attendees many examples of messy play they maybe haven't thought of before through photos and videos!

*Kristen must have one hour to setup this workshop, access to a water source, and preferably free of event attendees during setup. There is a list of materials that needs to be purchased and available by the conference committee or event organizer (things like paper, paint, soap, paper towels etc.) Setup is included in the 7 hour training window for this workshop.

PLAY DETECTIVES**



Let's go on a stakeout for learning. Oftentimes play is overlooked because worksheets and assessments are easier to show the adults outside of the early childhood classroom the progress a child is making. But there is a better way. We can let children play and suss out the learning to show the other adults the learning taking place through play.

In this workshop, Kristen will lead attendees through a series of exercises to familiarize them with their state's early learning benchmarks/standards*** and apply them to videos of children in play to extract the learning happening.

Kristen will give attendees examples of different ways to document learning as well as give them opportunity to practice documentation.

**Each attendee will receive a virtual "swag bag" from Kristen that contains pdf and google drive resources for documentation (worth over \$100!)

***A copy of the state standards must be printed and ready for each attendee for this workshop.

WORKSHOPS

Hands-on Learning Experiences. 2-3 hours

CABINET OF CURIOSITY AND CREATIVITY *

Rooms of Wonder, Cabinets of Curiosity... Many years ago, people paid to see people's collections of curious things. The Cabinet of Curiosity became a traveling show to showcase collections that would wonder the audience. To capture that feeling, Kristen has created her own Cabinet of Curiosity (and Creativity) and travels with it to spark curiosity and wonder in the heart and soul of caregivers around the world.

The Cabinet is filled with open ended materials that will get children (and adult learners) curious and creative. There will be many things that will make attendees say "Why didn't I think of that?".

Kristen starts with a showcase of the contents of the Cabinet of Curiosity, then attendees will have time to interact with the materials and create their own play. Attendees will learn the benefits of curious and open ended materials, understand how play schema drives behaviors in early childhood and walk away with SO MANY NEW IDEAS.

*Each attendee will receive a virtual "swag bag" from Kristen containing an Ebook with over 30 Creativity Labyrinths to spark creativity and curiosity in their early childhood environments.

EVERYTHING'S A CANVAS **

With the World Economic Forum projecting that the #1 skill employers will look for in 2024 as creativity, it is more important than ever to give children the chance to be creative. When product based craft projects are disguised as art, we are taking away creativity from our youngest members of society.

In this workshop, Kristen will teach attendees why process art is beneficial, give ideas for how to deal with the mess process art can leave behind, and give many tangible examples and creative inspiration so educators can leave with new ideas to implement right away in their classrooms!

For the in-person version of this workshop, each attendee is tasked with bringing along something white (or something totally random) they can paint or added to... a list of ideas will be provided that can be sent out to attendees ahead of time.**

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LEARNING WITHOUT CENTERS**



Early childhood educators often think that learning centers are one of the best ways to teach young children. These centers are often rotated between and include math, science, and literacy activities among other things. Kristen (and the amazing thing called the brain) has found a better way. Play. In this workshop, Kristen will show the attendees what play looks like and how play is learning through hands-on centers* that Kristen will set up beforehand. Attendees will have the chance to play and engage with the materials, giving them many new ideas they can take back to the classroom.

After they have had time to play, the adult learners will work together to be Play Detectives and label the learning that could potentially happen at each center to see the learning that can happen when adults let go of control and let children play. ***

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** Each attendee will also receive a digital copy of Kristen's Daily Check-In Guide as well as a documentation bundle to help them connect learning to play.

***A copy of the state standards must be printed and ready for each attendee for this workshop.

FEES

IN PERSON



Should you decide that Kristen is a good fit for your event, conference, or training, you will gain access to her humor, energy, and brain for one day (up to 7 consecutive hours which includes lunch and any break times scheduled in). You can use her time to keynote for a large group, host multiple breakout trainings, or a workshop or two!

All costs associated with travel, lodging, and planning are **included** (excluding handouts and any required supplies) in the fees. The following fees do not include any before/after conference or training networking events. There is an additional fee for adding Kristen to the mix - please inquire if you are interested.

PRIVATE EVENTS

(Private events include child care centers, preschools, or school districts where Kristen is speaking to the staff.)

Continental USA One Day Event - \$5,500
Continental USA Two Day Event - \$7,500

HI, AK and Canada One Day Event - \$6,500
HI, AK and Canada Two Day Event - \$8,500

CONFERENCES

(Conferences include any event where more than one school/entity is involved and/or attendees must pay to attend)

Continental USA One Day Event - \$7,000
Continental USA Two Day Event - \$10,500

HI, AK and Canada One Day Event - \$8,000
HI, AK and Canada Two Day Event - \$11,500

MINNESOTA NICE Half Day Event - Kristen will travel within 140 miles of Alexandria, MN for half day trainings at a cost of \$3,000. We can typically fit in two trainings or one workshop during that time!

International Events - All international, one day events are billed at \$11,500 USD. A second day can be added for an additional \$6,000 USD.

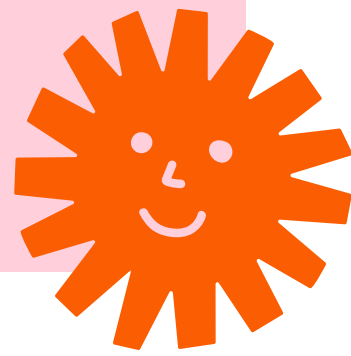
For all events - A non-refundable deposit of 50% and signed contract are required to solidify the date. The deposit will be applied to the balance due. The balance is due on or before the event date. A late fee of \$500 will be billed if payment is not received on or before the event date.

Recordings of trainings cannot be done without Kristen's authorization. There is an additional fee of \$500 for a recording and a usage agreement must be signed.

EXTRA PAPER WORK FEE

Because Kristen loves to use her right brain as much as she can, left brain stuff is HARD. There is an extra fee if team Kristen is required to fill out or provide extra information for any forms required for continuing education approval, state approval, CEUs etc. We will provide descriptions of sessions and objectives if requested, but anything beyond that will be billed at \$350.

FEEES



VIRTUAL – LIVE (Trainings and Mini-Workshops)

Kristen can present to your group virtually - live! Virtual trainings typically last 60-75 minutes for one of the **trainings** or **mini-workshops** listed previously. A 50% deposit is required for all zoom trainings. The remainder is due 24 hours prior to the event.

You may choose from the topics listed under **TRAININGS** or **MINI-WORKSHOPS**

Cost per 60-75 minute Zoom TRAINING/MINI-WORKSHOP:

1-20 attendees - \$700 for the first training. Add a second for the same date for \$400 more.

21-40 attendees - \$900 for the first training. Add a second for the same date for \$500 more.

41-100 attendees - \$1100 for the first training. Add a second for the same date for \$600 more.

Recordings of virtual trainings are not provided, there is an additional fee of \$500 for the recording and a usage agreement must be signed.

VIRTUAL – LIVE (Workshops)

Kristen can turn any of her **workshops** into a virtual training (attendees won't get the hands-on experiences but will still see the materials through the screen). Workshops are typically 90-120 minutes in length. A 50% deposit is required for all Zoom workshops. The remainder is due 24 hours prior to the event.

You may choose from the topics listed under **WORKSHOPS**

Cost per 90-120 minute zoom WORKSHOP

1-20 attendees - \$950 for the first workshop. Add a second for the same date for \$550 more.

21-40 attendees - \$1150 for the first workshop. Add a second for the same date for \$650 more.

41-100 attendees - \$1350 for the first workshop. Add a second for the same date for \$750 more.

Recordings of virtual workshops are not provided, there is an additional fee of \$750 for the recording and a usage agreement must be signed.

VIRTUAL – LIVE (KEYNOTE)

Kristen is available to do her keynotes for any size audience via Zoom. **The fee is \$2000 for each 60 minute keynote.** A 50% deposit is required for all Zoom keynotes. The remainder is due 24 hours prior to the event.



WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

“Kristen Peterson is an incredibly knowledgeable and engaging speaker. Her expertise in early childhood and play-based learning shines through in her presentations. She brings so much knowledge, passion, humor, life experience, and fun. Attendees walk away from her presentations feeling inspired, with their passion either ignited or reignited. I know this to be personally true as she has presented to our teaching staff and school district administrators on several occasions over the past few years. Each time our staff walks away wanting more. So much so we have hired her to do additional trainings via Zoom as a follow-up to her in-person engagements, but nothing beats having her present in-person. Her positive energy, passion, and genuine nature makes the audience feel at ease. You feel as though you've gained a friend by the time she completes her time with you. In fact, teachers and administrators now refer to her as the early childhood guru. She truly made a positive impact here with our staff.

In this day and age where we need to saturate the ECE workforce with knowledge of developmentally appropriate practice and play-based learning, she is your girl to do just that. I promise you, she will not disappoint! Kristen is influencing the field of early childhood in a big way...in all the good ways possible.”

Jean-Mari Dagarin, MS.Ed,
Coordinator of Early Learners
Coachella Valley Unified School District

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING



"I was totally blown away!!! I could just keep listening to her!"

"YOU ROCK!!!! I was laughing and smiling listening to you. You have given me very profound and relatable analogies to use when I am speaking with parents and fellow educators. I love your energy and passion and you have added to my excitement in advocating for play!"

"There is something so refreshing about Kristen's delivery of knowledge and truth bombs!!! You can't deny her passion and wealth of knowledge!"

"This is AMAZING! Kristen's personality is so engaging. I truly felt like I was sitting across the table from her having this conversation. She is so genuine and such a strong advocate for play. My notes page is FULL of valuable pieces of gold from this hour."

"Amazing! This was the best early childhood professional development I have ever seen! It was so fun to watch. Kristen's passion, knowledge and upbeat personality shined!"

"Kristen is refreshing! She makes me proud of what I do, which is advocate for play!"

