



“If a child is to keep alive his inborn sense of wonder without any such gift from the fairies, he needs the companionship of at least one adult who can share it, rediscovering with him the joy, excitement and mystery of the world we live in.” Rachel Carson

Would you like to be a wonder guide?

WiNACC has committed to developing a community of inspired and intentional adults who nurture young children’s nature connection. As our tagline, “Spreading Seeds of Wonder”, states, we consider “wonder” to be especially important for both children and adults.

We are looking for a special group of people who will work with us to guide the adults in children’s lives so that they, in turn, can nurture that very important connection to the natural world in young children. We are calling these people “**wonder guides.**”

WiNACC is initiating a new project to:

- Provide action-oriented workshops and guidance for early childhood programs around Wisconsin.
- Develop regional support networks for early childhood educators who are already practicing, or are just beginning to use “children learning with nature”.
- Develop regional wonder guides to coordinate regional networks and assist early childhood educators through coaching and the provision of a variety of learning experiences.

We do not yet have enough funding to serve the whole state, but we want to begin now by selecting and preparing wonder guides and by offering initial workshops in 3 regions.

An initial orientation for wonder guides will be integrated with the WiNACC Nature Camp October 12 & 13, 2018. A special TTAP Training series to be facilitated by Angel Stoddard will be provided for wonder guides.

If you would like to play an important role in expanding and improving nature-based and nature-rich early childhood education in Wisconsin; if you have 3 or more years of experience as an early childhood educator &/or administrator; if you have experience and training as an adult educator or coach/mentor or are willing to take the TTAP training; if WiNACC’s mission, vision and guiding principles align with your values and interests, consider applying to serve as a WiNACC wonder guide.
