

# **Wisconsin Nature Action Collaborative for Children**

## **Mission**

Our mission is to develop a community of inspired and intentional adults who cultivate young children's curiosity about, and connection with nature, through purposeful interaction, exploration and collaboration.

## **Vision**

We envision young children joyfully thriving, learning and bonding with the natural world, guided by educators, caregivers, and family.

## **Guiding Principles**

- We are committed to reconnecting children with the natural world by making developmentally appropriate nature education a sustaining and enriching part of the daily lives of all Wisconsin's children.
- We demonstrate our commitment to the future by making decisions with the needs and hopes of several generations in mind.
- We are committed to restructuring the education of young children to focus on respectful interactions that awaken and inflame awe and wonder for the natural world.
- We are committed to keeping abreast of emerging needs and providing aid in establishing goals and action steps to meet those needs.
- We are broadly committed to equity, diversity, and inclusion in the provision of our services and in our operations.
- We are committed to practicing intentional self and group reflection on completed tasks as a continuing measurement of their effectiveness and value in meeting our mission, upholding our values, and maintaining a clear vision.
- We are committed to building partnerships with and among organizations having shared intentions and goals, emphasizing collaboration rather than duplication.
- We are committed to seek funds from sources who understand and share our mission, vision and values and do not require compromise of those standards.