

**AUDIENCE:** Early childhood professionals, including Kindergarten to Gr. 3 teachers, preschool and pre-Kindergarten teachers, support staff, multidisciplinary teams, speech/language pathologists, occupational therapists, psychologists, teacher assistants, early childhood providers, daycare operators, principals, and administrators are encouraged to attend.



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# PLAY: HOW IT SHAPES THE BRAIN, OPENS THE IMAGINATION AND INVIGORATES THE SOUL

**"How do we measure up?"** All registrants will receive a Feedback Form by email within the week following the session. We thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this brief survey as future learning opportunities are based on your input.

**Date:** Monday, November 21, 2011  
**Time:** 8:45am – 3:30pm  
**Location:** Lower Level Banquet Hall Country Kitchen Catering – 1717 Mayor Magrath Dr.  
**Cost:** \$60 includes lunch and refreshments

What is it that triggers our emotional engagement with the world? What holds attention and helps to craft our uniquely human social brain and, when developmentally attuned to the individual player, fosters progressive mastery? A close look at the evolution, characteristics of play behaviors, and the growing data on the relationship of play to performance, emotional regulation and overall well being will be presented. The consequences of play deprivation to individual life or culture will likewise be reviewed. Because play is the genesis of innovation and real-world problem solving, we will focus on how play can be integrated into the classroom so students' and teachers' play natures are activated, turned on, tuned in and creatively sparked.

**Stuart Brown** - Trained in general and internal medicine, psychiatry and clinical research, Dr. Brown first recognized the importance of play by discovering its absence in the life stories of murderers and felony drunken drivers. His years of clinical practice affirmed the importance and need for healthy play throughout the human life cycle and his independent scholarship and exploration of the evolution of human and animal play have led to the establishment of the National Institute for Play. The Mission of the National Institute for Play (NIFP) is to bring the unrealized knowledge, practices and benefits of play into public life. Dr. Brown was the instigator and Executive Producer of the three-part PBS series, "The Promise of Play." His experience as a medical administrator, producer, and scientific consultant or creator to numerous other productions on Joseph Campbell, Cosmology, Animal Play, plus his scientific and popular writings have identified him as the foremost "practical champion of the knowledge of play." Dr. Brown's recent book is the title of his topic: *Play: How it Shapes the Brain, Opens the Imagination, and Invigorates the Soul.*

Payments received after workshop date will be assessed a \$10 late fee

## REGISTRATION FORM

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