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Creating environments for healthy human development
and a healthy biosphere for generations to come.

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NLI Shorts! New Video Series Launched

"Harvesting Collards" is the first in a series of 3-min videos on YouTube illustrating children's interactions with early childhood outdoor play and learning spaces (ECOPALS™) – in this example, gardening. The two series focus on physical activity and healthy eating. Watch out for shorts that follow warm season gardening, beginning with examining seeds and ending with preparing and eating the produce! A third series will focus on social-emotional development. A fourth will include all kinds of other serendipitous, unpredictable outdoor happenings. Please stay tuned!

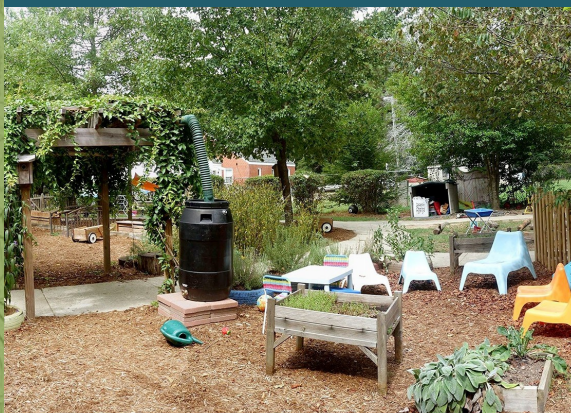


Early Childhood Outdoor Learning Environments Certificate

The spring certificate course registration is now open. This online self-paced course lasts from April 3 - June 6 and offers 2.4 continuing education credits (CEUs). [learn more](#)

Verner Central (VC) at Emma Elementary

The new Center for Early Learning in West Asheville, NC, grew from "Danny" Verner's 2001 vision for early care and education for mountain area children and families. As NLI had worked on the original Intermountain Children's Place (Spruce Pine, Mitchell County), joining the VC team early on was especially meaningful... [learn more](#)



Start Small-With A Vision

Kim Shaw is the Founder and President of A Safe Place Child Enrichment Center, which is a POD Wake Center. Kim will be presenting a keynote at Antioch University on April 1, discussing the importance of starting small with a vision that supports creating an outdoor environment for children. [learn more](#)

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