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The Catawba Nation, iswa Early Learning Center

The Catawba Nation, iswa Early Learning Center is working with NLI to naturalize their outdoor play and learning environment and make it more expressive of the iswa culture (iswa means "river people"— of the Catawba River). A combined NLI and State of South Carolina project team recently visited the Catawba Nation Reservation in Rock Hill, SC, to work with Center staff and tribal representatives to collaborate on the design process...[read more](#)



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Observing Bugs and Plant Growth

NLI Shorts! Observing Bugs and Plant Growth

This micro-documentary YouTube "short" (2:59) shows preschoolers examining plant growth of warm season crops such as zucchini and cucumber. Children also learn about good and bad bugs in the garden as they explore together...[read more](#)

NC-DCDEE and NLI Collaboration!

In 2011, *Creating a Supportive Network* was successfully implemented in North Carolina as a collaborative project of the North Carolina Division of Child Development Early Education (NC-DCDEE) and the Natural Learning Initiative (NLI)...[read more](#)



OLE at Glencoe Mill Village

The Outdoor Learning Environment in Glencoe Mill Village Historic District, Burlington, NC, was initiated by the Alamance County Partnership for Children in 2012 as an innovative, community-based, nature play and learning area and early childhood education training site...[read more](#)



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