

**This is Not School.  
This is liberated learning.**



# THE PLAY LAB FOUNDATION WELCOME PACKET

**Play & Nature Based  
Early Childhood  
Community  
OAK PARK, IL  
[PLAYLABOAKPARK.ORG](http://PLAYLABOAKPARK.ORG)**

# WELCOME



THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO CONSIDER JOINING THE PLAY LAB EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMUNITY. NEWLY ENROLLED CREW WILL BE IMMERSED IN THE MAGICAL LAND ONLY FOUND IN OUR YOUTH. A LAND WHERE IMAGINATION IS ENCOURAGED, RISK TAKING APPLAUDED AND FAILURE IS NECESSARY FOR BUILDING CONFIDENCE.

HERE, PROCESS COMES BEFORE PRODUCT, FINGERNAILS GET DIRTY, AND ROCKS AND WORMS ARE SACRED TREASURES.

LIFE IS SHORT, BUT CHILDHOOD IS EVEN SHORTER. LET'S CELEBRATE IT WHILE WE CAN.

*Stay Gold.*

KISA MARX





# WHAT TO EXPECT

- ✓ **100% CHILD-LED & CHILD-CENTERED PROGRAM**  
a child learns best when actively engaged with the environment around them. My job is to provide an environment that is rich with opportunities for them to take risks, problem solve, develop autonomy and thrive. It is through these multi-sensory, meaningful experiences that true learning takes place.
- ✓ **NATURE AS A CO-TEACHER**  
Time in nature contributes to physical and mental wellness, strengthening of gross & fine motor skills, multi-sensory experiences, empathy, language, and literacy. Besides that, it's just plain fun and we are prepared to be outside learning every season of the year.
- ✓ **RESPECTFUL COLLABORATION**  
I come to the table with a wealth of knowledge about children, child development, and a play & nature pedagogy. You come to the table as an expert on your child/children, your family, and your family history. Through open communication and the understanding that we share the best interest of the child in common, we will be an unstoppable team.





# The Play Lab Foundation's Early Childhood Community

**DEPOSIT:** A two-week deposit is expected upon enrollment in our program. This deposit is non-refundable and can only be used for the remaining two weeks of enrollment before written 30-day notice. Payment is due every Monday before the start of service. a \$25 fee will be added to payments that isn't received by 3:30 on Wednesday afternoon.

Receipts will be distributed annually or by request for the purpose of work reimbursement.

## Rates & Services

**PROGRAM FEE**  
**\$333 per week**

**HOURS OF OPERATION**  
**8:30-4:00**

**PAYMENT TYPES**  
**Zelle, Pay Pal, Cash**

**PAYMENT OPTIONS**  
**Monthly or Weekly**

**COMMUNITY DAYS**  
**Monday-Friday**

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**PLAY  
LAB**  
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# COMMUNITY CENTERED

*Culture*

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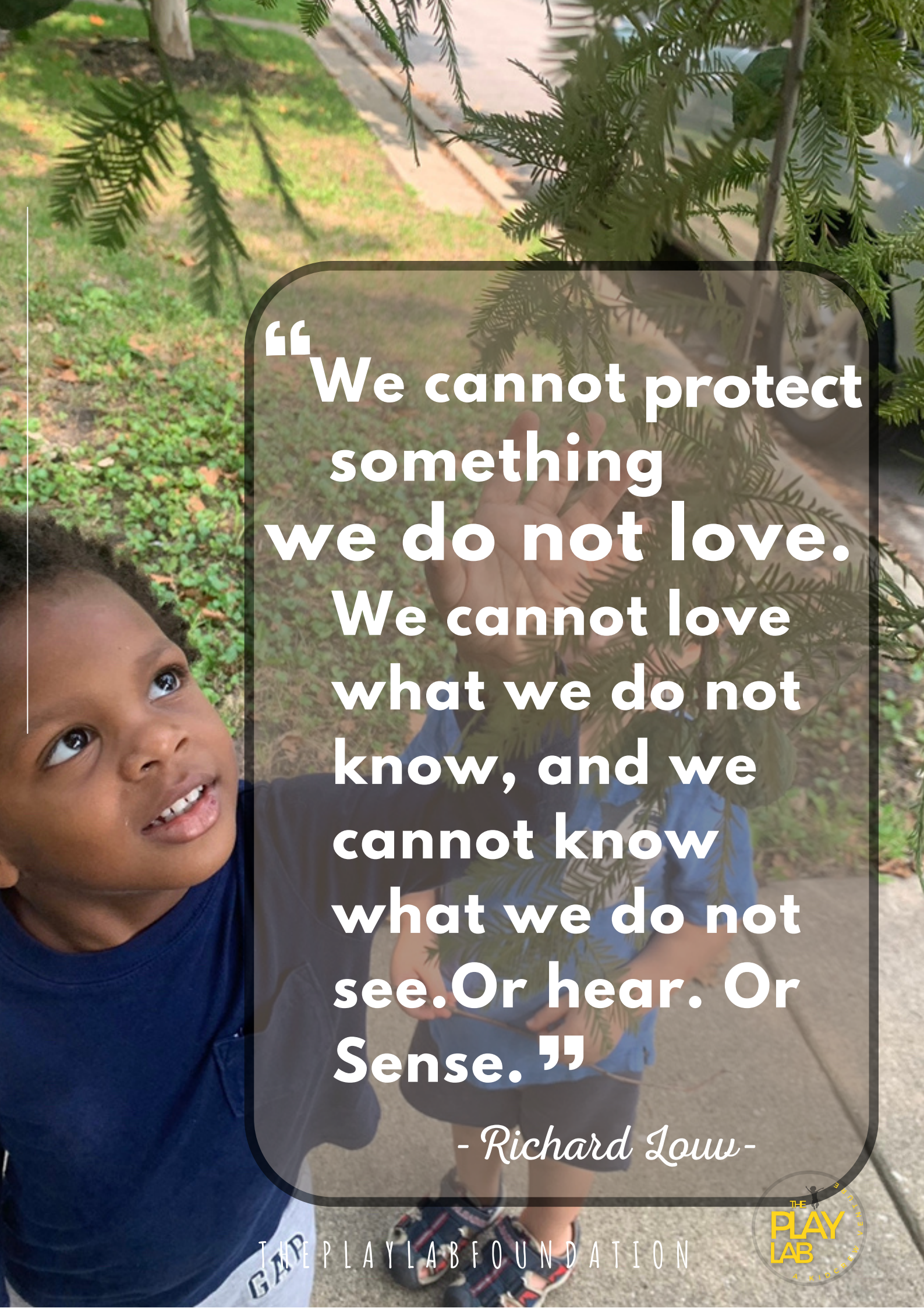
HOME VISITS  
FAMILY OUTINGS  
COMMUNITY  
OUTREACH

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KIDCREWADVENTURES



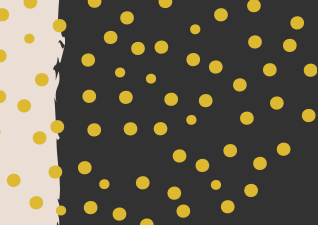


A young child with dark skin and curly hair is looking up at a tree branch. The child is wearing a dark blue t-shirt. The background is a blurred outdoor scene with green foliage and a paved path. A semi-transparent dark box with rounded corners is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing a quote in white text.

**“We cannot protect something we do not love. We cannot love what we do not know, and we cannot know what we do not see. Or hear. Or Sense.”**

*- Richard Louv -*





# *Parent Questionnaire*

ANSWERS CAN BE PROVIDED VIA  
EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE

**What are your thoughts about play?  
IF you are unfamiliar with what pure  
play is, please let me no so that we  
can discuss it.**

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**What aspects of childhood do you  
value most?**

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**Our Community Program is closed  
three months per year to devote time  
to research, writing, and child  
advocacy. Is that a schedule that can  
work for you and your family?**

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**What thoughts (if any) do you have  
about risky play?  
What is the last risk YOU took?**

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**Tell me a bit about your childhood.  
What do you wish your child could  
experience from that time? What do  
you wish to protect them from?**

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*A note from  
a childhood advocate*

**The narrative that earlier is better is a false one that needs to be eradicated from the early childhood lexicon because it does not serve the child. Here, I serve the little people: the brave, the wild, the worried, the unknowing, the loud, the fierce, the timid, and the mighty. at kidcrew adventures I do more than hear children, I really listen. I see them. I am them. we all are In early childhood, everyday possibility is renewed. Wonder is a gift, and creativity is a resource that can be sustained.**

**We do not become who we are on demand. Our larger selves are a reflection of the small, so everyday you will find me fighting for the small, and to quote the author Amber Maree Brown, "small is good, small is all."**

**I LOOK FORWARD TO  
CONNECTING WITH YOU!**

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