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**Explora and the Coalition for Science Learning in Early Childhood present:
The 2023 Summit for Early Science Learning and
Worldwide Day of Play, September 30th!**

Albuquerque, NM—Explora and the Coalition for Science Learning in Early Childhood are proud to provide New Mexico early childhood educators and investors with this valuable professional opportunity: the 2023 Summit for Early Science Learning, on Saturday, September 30, 2023, from 8:00 am - 3:30 pm. This unique, annual gathering of pedagogical stakeholders, providers, and teachers features sessions at three pivotal Albuquerque centers of learning and culture: *Explora*, the *Albuquerque Museum*, and the *New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science*.

The event will accommodate about 200 participants from all over the state, who will collaborate, share best practices, and unify together investing in our youngest learners. Attendees also have the occasion to tour each museum, connecting exhibits, programs, and key STEAM opportunities with classroom curricula. The summit will launch at the Albuquerque Museum with a keynote presentation from Tara Hughes: New Mexico's Teacher of the Year, followed by a demonstration from Melissa Alderete, the Science Girl. Registrants can attend a wide array of flexible sessions at both Explora and the New Mexico Museum of Natural History featuring computer science, color, math milestones, dance, and an incredible catalog of inspiring STEAM topics meant to both invigorate and arm attendees with creative strategies ready for use the following Monday morning in any classroom environment.

Victoria Roanhorse, Explora's Manager of the Coalition for Science Learning in Early Childhood, states, "Experiential STEAM learning is Explora's specialty, one we're happy to share and build

amongst the educational community through professional development summits like these. Especially when they are geared toward the most formative time in a child's life—that's when the greatest impact can be made. And we can unify, to do it together." Summit Registration is only \$15, but tickets are limited, and a certificate for training hours will be given at the conclusion of the event.

As an added bonus, Explora will participate in Nickelodeon's *"Our World: Worldwide Day of Play,"* a global event on September 30th that celebrates joyful learning through play, while keeping families healthy, engaged, and active. Explora will personally host a playful building interactive program for families of all ages in its Experiment Bar from 10 am - 5 pm, and the PNC-Grow Up Great mobile learning adventure truck will be set up for children's enjoyment from 1 pm - 5 pm, where kids can tinker with a variety of stations from a Costume Wall, to the Storytelling Tree, and much more!

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About Explora: Explora is a science center and children's museum in Albuquerque, with a mission of creating opportunities for inspirational discovery and the joy of lifelong learning through interactive experiences in science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM). Explora serves thousands of people of all backgrounds each year and is dedicated to improving New Mexico's educational and economic outcomes.