



# Adventures in Risky Play: *What is Your Yes?*

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## Join Internationally renowned Playscape Designer and Author Rusty Keeler

Go to the heart of risk-taking and children. As parents and educators working with young children, we all have boundaries and feelings around what risky play should be allowed. Examine the cage of boundaries that we have created for ourselves and our children. Challenge each other to rattle our cage and discover where the lines are movable. In our role as educators and caretakers, when we allow children to play and confront risk on their own terms, we see them develop, hold their locus of control, and make choices on how to navigate the bumpy terrain of a situation. What better teaching tool for life is there?

**Spaces are limited, register early!**

**Saturday May 14, 2022 • 10:00 am to 4:00 pm**

Presented *In Person In Niagara* at the ECCDC Conference Centre, 3550 Schmon Parkway, Thorold. ***Your health and safety is our priority.*** This session will be moved forward or will be offered via webinar if it is not safe to meet in person in May.

Niagara Educators: \$55 • Outside Niagara Educators: \$75 • Both options include the full day workshop and an individualized boxed lunch plus the webinar on March 2!

Copies of *Adventures in Risky Play* will be available to purchase at the workshop. If you wish to receive a copy prior to the session please reach out to the ECCDC Resource Lending Library at [eccdc@eccdc.org](mailto:eccdc@eccdc.org)

### Breaking Down Barriers for Extending Play Outdoors - Free webinar for participants of Rusty's May 14 session!

The pandemic has encouraged early learning professionals to reconsider the importance and benefits of being outdoors. Join Internationally renowned Playscape Designer and Author Rusty Keeler to breakdown the barriers to getting outside with children in all seasons. This webinar will explore how to extend your indoor learning environment to the outdoors and how to rethink your daily plans to offer more time outside. Educators will also have the opportunity to reconsider the value they place on their outdoor environment, and how to discuss important outdoor learning opportunities with families.

**Wednesday March 2, 2022 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm**

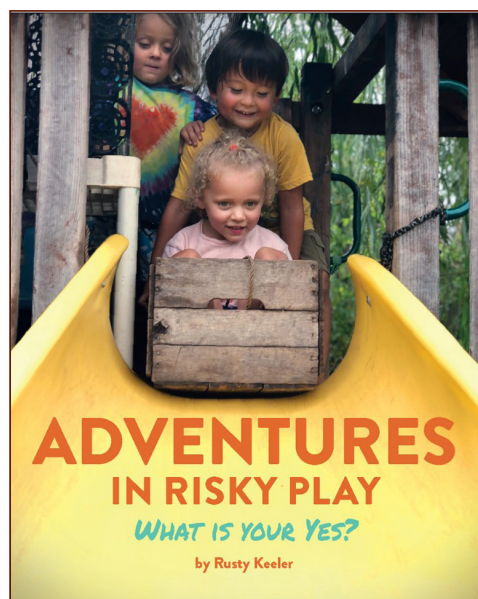


## About Rusty Keeler

For the past 20 years, Rusty Keeler has worked with hundreds of community, school, park, university, and child care leaders to dream, design, and construct beautiful outdoor environments for schools and centres throughout the world. Keeler is a frequent keynote speaker and a pioneer in the movement to reconnect children to nature.

## Join ECCDC Staff for an exciting new virtual book study on Rusty Keeler's Latest Book, *Adventures in Risky Play: What is Your Yes?*

Through his book, Rusty Keeler invites us to examine the cage of boundaries that we have created for ourselves and our children. He challenges us to rattle our cage and discover where the lines are movable. In our role as educators and caretakers, when we allow children to play and confront risk on their own terms, we see them develop, hold their locus of control and make choices on how to navigate the bumpy terrain of a situation. This book contains many inspiring photos, anecdotes and information that are sure to motivate you to consider "what is your yes?!" Through this book study, we will engage in discussion and reflection on each section of the book, as we share thoughts and ideas surrounding risk and play that challenges.



This book study will be broken down into four sessions:

**Session 1: Play Manifesto**  
Wednesday April 13, 2022

**Session 2: Ways to Support Risky Play**  
Wednesday May 18, 2022

**Session 3: Provocatives**  
Wednesday June 8, 2022

**Session 4: Program Tour & Extra Stuff**  
Monday June 27, 2022

New  
dates!

Presented Via Webinar • 6:30 to 8:00 pm - all sessions

Niagara Educators & Administrators: No charge - book not included (sponsored through funding provided by Niagara Region Children's Services)

Outside Niagara Educators & Administrators: \$25 for the full book study (book not included)

*If you wish to purchase a copy of the book through the ECCDC please email [eccdc@eccdc.org](mailto:eccdc@eccdc.org)*