

# NatureStart™

A Program of the Chicago Zoological Society

professional  
development

## Location:

**ZooTampa**  
at Lowry Park

## Course Dates:

**Friday, February 7 – Sunday, February, 9  
2020**

**9:00 am – 4:00 pm**



The Chicago Zoological Society is offering a regional model of its NatureStart™ professional development course. This competency-based training is for teachers and staff from Head Start programs and for informal educators from zoos, museums, and nature centers who provide programs for young children and families. Together, educators will build skills for developing and facilitating nature play experiences for young children in all settings.

**Cost: \$550 includes NatureStart™ Toolkit and 18 hours of interactive training. Lunch is provided each day.**

## *The training will provide you with the tools to:*

- Feel confident and competent to incorporate nature-based early learning opportunities
- Understand how nature play and nature-based experiences meet essential needs for the whole child
- Interact with young children and their families to foster lifelong connections with nature

Upon completion, you will be able to assist your team in implementation of nature-based early learning competencies. The NatureStart™ training team will provide you with ongoing support to help ensure successful implementation of NatureStart™ practices at your organization.

## *For additional dates, locations, or more information, contact:*

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