



*Supporting the Advancement of
Learning Stories in America*
"Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean."
- Ryonosuke Satoro

Spring 2023 Newsletter

SALSA's Mission:

SALSA advocates for the Learning Stories approach that enhances intentional teaching, reflective practices, and advances equity and diversity by acknowledging early childhood educators, families, and children as both learners and teachers.

Quarterly Recap:

We are busy putting together some great new experiences for this year! We also recently welcomed a new board member to our team who we are happy to be introducing to you in this newsletter. The big news we have this quarter is that we will be offering a scholarship to attend a Learning Story intensive in New Zealand with several members of our board! The information is included with this newsletter as well as an attached flyer to post (please help get the word out!) Please also keep a look out for some announcements regarding our website!

-The SALSA Board

Get to know Azul Mueller

Hello SALSA Community,

I am excited to introduce myself as the newest member of the board at Supporting the Advancement of Learning Stories (SALSA). I am thrilled to be joining the board of passionate and dedicated individuals who are committed to making a difference in the field of early childhood education using Learning Stories.

Throughout my 7 years in the field of education, I have seen first-hand the benefits of using Learning Stories to support children's learning and development. I am passionate about spreading the word about this effective tool and helping more educators and families to understand its value.

As an educator and current program supervisor at an early childhood education center, I believe that every child is unique and has their own strengths, interests, and learning styles. Learning Stories allow me to capture each child's individual learning journey and provide a holistic view of their progress. I have seen how these stories help to engage parents and caregivers in their child's education and build strong relationships between families and educators.

In addition to my work with Learning Stories, I am also passionate about coaching and facilitating learning with adult learners. I have facilitated professional learning communities and workshops centered around Learning Stories. I have an M.A in Early Childhood Education from San Francisco State University and continue to learn from my peers to improve my skills and knowledge in the field of early childhood education.

As a member of the board, I am committed to supporting the organization's mission of advancing the use of Learning Stories in America and beyond.

Sincerely,

Azul Muller

Virtual Learning Stories Conference

Save the Date for the 2023 Virtual Learning Stories Conference!

**The Language of Care:
Respectful Relationships
through Learning Stories**

which will be held on

Saturday, Oct 7th 2023.



Learning Story Intensive!

Are you passionate about Learning Stories?

Do you want to deepen your knowledge and skills of writing Learning Stories? Are you ready to share your experiences and perspectives with others?

Are you committed to advancing Learning Stories beyond your work setting?

We are so excited to be offering a scholarship to attend a Learning Story Intensive in New Zealand with members of our board! SALSUSA is looking for educators to join the movement in advancing the Learning Stories movement in the USA and beyond. SALSUSA welcomes all interested and eligible parties to apply for the scholarship, and highly encourages educators who are leaders/emerging leaders, and other practitioners who work directly with children and families, that are interested in advancing Learning Stories beyond their work setting, to apply.

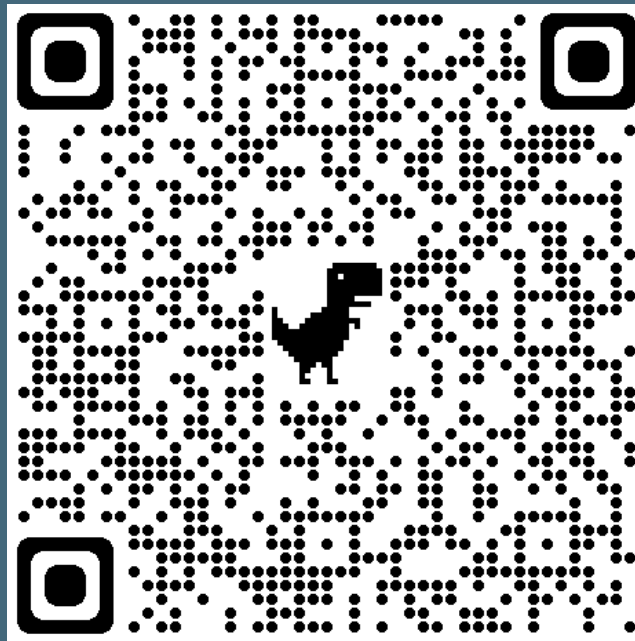
Eligibility:

1. Currently actively using Learning Stories in your professional role.
2. Leader/Emerging Leader in the field of early childhood education
3. Willing to advance Learning Stories beyond your own context
4. Agree to (co)present a workshop at the NZ Learning Stories Conference, which is part of our study tour (Oct. 2023) and at the virtual annual SALSUSA Learning Stories conference in Fall 2024
5. Provide one letter of recommendation from a colleague or supervisor (pdf)
6. Scholarship application submitted by April 30th, 2023

Date of the Intensive: **October 13-20, 2023**

Application is due by April 30.

Notification of selection by May 10, 2023



** Priority will be granted to early childhood educators and educational leaders from underrepresented communities. Please, apply. **

Learning Story Inquiry Groups

Interested in learning more about Learning Stories?

Email SALSUSA at salsa.usa10@gmail.com to find out more and participate/join a free Learning Story inquiry group!