

Featuring **Joan Almon**, internationally-recognized expert on children's play

# THE RISE OF PLAY:

*How We Can Support It  
At Home, In School, and  
In the Community*

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2017**

9:30-11:00am

**Church of the Holy Comforter**

222 Kenilworth Ave, Kenilworth, IL 60043



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**Free Event ••• Open to the Public**

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**Joan Almon** was a Waldorf early childhood educator for over thirty years and then co-founded the U.S. Alliance for Childhood, located in Annapolis, MD, out of a deep concern for the decline in children's health and wellbeing. She is known for her work to restore play to children's lives in early education, in school settings, and in communities. Her most recent publication is *Playing It Up - With loose parts, playpods, and adventure playgrounds* (available online at [allianceforchildhood.org](http://allianceforchildhood.org).)

*For 20 or more years children have had less and less time for their own free play. Fortunately, the trend is shifting as activists across the country offer opportunities for play, and health professionals call for play to remedy diverse problems such as obesity, ADHD, depression and anxiety. Today's emphasis is on child-directed play with loose parts - boxes, tubes, cloths, ropes, etc. that children can use in dozens of ways. We'll explore loose parts play and ways to bring it alive in homes, schools, parks, and neighborhoods. Please note: This event is Gateways to Opportunity Registry Verified.*

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