

## **The Minnesota Experience: Identifying Challenges and Strategies**

Children in Nature: Healthy Development by Design Conference

Minnesota Landscape Arboretum - November 6, 2008

### **GUIDELINES FOR SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION**

You have a facilitator as well as a laptop note taker who will take detailed notes of the conversation. These notes will be available on the web after the conference.

Please appoint someone to take flipchart notes. These notes are to provide a visual reminder to the group about the highlights of your conversation. They do not need to document the conversation fully.

Please appoint someone who can present your group's decisions about items 2 and 3 below during the large group session that will follow this small group session.

Please address the following:

1. Introduce yourself and tell the group how you, or your organization, are addressing the children and nature connection.
2. Identify 1-3 specific factors that challenge you in the work of connecting children to nature.
3. Identify 1-3 specific suggestions that would help overcome these challenges.
4. What stakeholder groups need to be involved to overcome the challenges you identified? How could involvement from these stakeholders be encouraged?