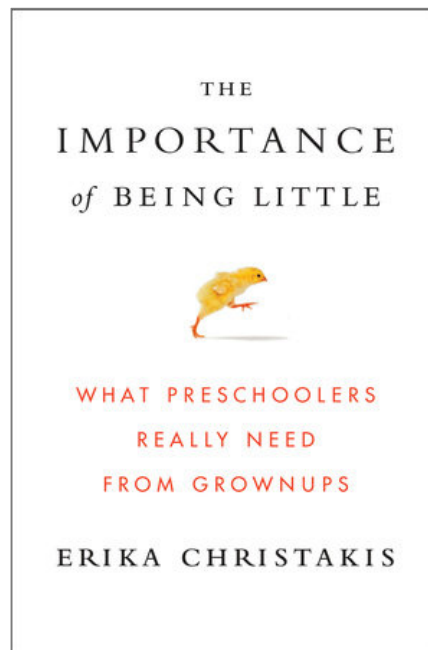




The Alliance for Early Childhood and Loyola University Chicago School of Law, in partnership with the Family Action Network (FAN) and The Book Stall present:

# THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING LITTLE

with Erika Christakis



**TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2016, 9:30-11:00 AM**

Winnetka Covenant Church, 1200 Hibbard Road, Wilmette, IL 60091

Free Event | Open To The Public | Book Signing Following Program

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**Event Details:** Tuesday, April 19, 2016, The Importance of Being Little with Erika Christakis, 9:30-11 AM, Winnetka Covenant Church, 1200 Hibbard Road, Wilmette, IL 60091. Free and open to the public. To register, visit [www.TheAllianceForEC.org](http://www.TheAllianceForEC.org). Onsite childcare available at \$15 per child. Space is limited. Online reservations must be received by 4/12/16.

**Program Overview:** In her recent *New York Times* bestselling book, The Importance of Being Little, early childhood education expert, Erika Christakis, argues that today's young children are often not getting what they need from parents, teachers, and administrators. Instead of rote instruction, worksheets, and standards-based evaluation, youngsters need more play, social interactions, and creative open-ended projects. Join Erika Christakis as she peels back the mystery of early childhood, revealing a place that's rich with possibility. Her message is energizing and reassuring - Parents have more power (and more knowledge) than they think, and young children are inherently creative and will flourish if we can learn new ways to support them. Following the program, books will be for sale by The Book Stall and Erika Christakis will be available to sign copies.

**Erika Christakis**, MPH, MA, M.Ed., is a Lecturer in early childhood education at Yale University's esteemed Child Study Center, where she teaches undergraduate courses on childhood and education policy. An honors graduate of Harvard College, she has a MPH from Johns Hopkins; an MA in communication from the Annenberg School (University of Pennsylvania); an M.Ed. in early childhood education from Lesley University; and she is a Massachusetts-certified early childhood teacher (pre-K through 2nd grade) and licensed preschool director. She wrote a TIME.com Ideas column for two years and her work on children and families has appeared in numerous outlets, including CNN.com, the "Washington Post," the "Boston Globe," the "Huffington Post" and ABC's "Nightline."

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