## COMING TO OVID-ELSIE

## WHERE DO THE CHILDREN PLAY?

March 14, 2012

6:30-8:30 pm

**Ovid-Elsie High School Auditorium** 

What:

Who:

"The video is superb and should be mandatory viewing and discussing for all educators and parents throughout the United

— Jack Zipes, University of Minnesota

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- Community showing of the awardwinning documentary Where Do the Children Play?
- Experts lead post-film forum
- Free and open to the public
  Supper provided
- **RSVP** if possible



Where Do the Children Play? is a one-hour documentary for public television that examines the vital importance of open-ended play for the healthy development of children. This kind of play is disappearing from children's lives because of unsafe neighborhoods, parents' fear of "stranger danger," even in safe neighborhoods; the seductiveness of electronic games and entertainment; an increase in teacher-led instruction in preschool and kindergarten that is pushing child-initiated learning and exploration out of the classroom; and children's diminishing access to woods, fields, vacant lots, parks, and other semi-wild play spaces.

www.wfum.org/childrenplay

Honorary Guests

Dale Espich The Live Healthy Coalition

Tracy McMullen DeVries Nature Conservancy Dr. Elizabeth Goodenough, Ph.D. University of Michigan

Dr. Mary Spence, Ph.D. Educational Psychologist