

STORIES AND STARDUST: An Arts Integration Training for Early Educators

Saturday, June 6, 2026

9 a.m. – Noon | Fee: \$25

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This interactive session supports early learning through the intentional integration of dance, spoken word, and drama. Participants will engage in practical, arts integrated strategies that strengthen language development, build academic vocabulary, reinforce emerging STEM concepts, and foster meaningful adult-child interaction. The workshop also highlights effective collaboration with outside teaching artists to support well-rounded, developmentally responsive learning environments. Presented in collaboration with Arts Ed West and facilitated by teaching artists Dustin Loehr and Caila Rochelle, whose work centers culturally responsive practice, community engagement, and whole child learning, and Barton Community College's Coordinator of Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education, KellyAnn Bonnell.



DUSTIN LOEHR is a tap and spoken word artist who has performed, choreographed, and directed. As a teaching artist, he works in low-income communities supporting whole-child initiatives through culturally inclusive programs. He was the 2021 Arizona State Leader of the Year for Arts and Culture.

Loehr is an expert in arts education policy and administration, having served five years as Arizona director of arts education and Title IV-A. He specializes in arts education and social and emotional learning (SEL) and helped author Arizona's SEL competencies and Seal of Artistic Literacy. He currently works on federal contracts and is the founding executive director of ArtsEd West.



CAILA ROCHELLE is a teaching artist and arts administrator focused on community-led design and arts engagement. She serves as director of arts and special events for a low-income, arts-based charter school in downtown Mesa, where she revitalized post-pandemic arts programming.

Her background includes visual art and theatre production, with partnerships across Arizona. She serves on the advisory board of (X) Collective and is the founding director of community engagement for ArtsEd West.

