

# Jocelyn Manzanarez

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**Video Teaser:** <https://youtu.be/6stqxjqBRjs>

## **Bio:**

Jocelyn Manzanarez received her BA from the University of Montana in Music Education and her MA in Music Education from the University of Washington. She is a certified K-12 music educator in Washington state as well as a Washington state S.T.A.R.S. certified trainer for childcare providers.

Jocelyn is the founder of Musically Minded, a Seattle based early childhood music education program that provides weekly music classes at childcare centers and preschools both in person and virtually.

She is a frequent presenter at conferences throughout the Pacific Northwest teaching teachers how to keep circle times fresh and fun through active, hands-on learning.

Jocelyn is the author of *Circle Time Success*, an early childhood curriculum to help teachers take the overwhelm out of circle time by providing engaging activities and practical strategies that bring joy back to teaching.

## **Keynote:**

**Bringing Joy Back to Teaching: How to rediscover your JOY for teaching in challenging times.**

Over the last 2 years, the education of young children has been turned on its head and educators like you have been asked to teach in ways you could have never even imagined. From keeping tables sanitized to ensuring little ones are socially distanced throughout the day, the path has not been easy. Yet, you've continued to show up.

For many educators, this has caused them to seriously consider leaving the profession. But if there is anytime that kids need you the most, it's right now.

In this motivating and inspiring session, Jocelyn will help you make the ultimate shift away from feeling burnt out, frustrated, tired and even considering changing careers simply by tapping into a source of energy that's inside each one of you. This energy source will fuel a fire that will make you feel excited, empowered and motivated and help you Bring Joy Back to Teaching.

## **Training Session:**

**From Chaos to Calm: 7 Secrets for Circle Time Success**

Tired of feeling like a peace keeper at circle time? Learn seven secrets to turn your circle times around. Based on research and many years of classroom experience, Jocelyn will demonstrate effective ways to tackle challenges that may

be standing in the way of learning and fun. This fast-moving session is packed full of felt stories, songs, movement games and more. Participants will gain valuable skills to use when they return to their early learning sessions on Monday morning.