

# Creating a Culture of Reflective Practice: The Role of Pedagogical Leadership in Early Childhood Education Programs

## Book Signing and Full Day Institute with Anne Marie Coughlin and Lorrie McGee Baird

We are living in a rapidly changing world, where we are becoming more aware of the societal and environmental challenges that impact all of us. As people who live and work with the earth's youngest humans, we make decisions every day that have an extraordinary impact on children, ourselves, and our communities. As early childhood educators and leaders, how might we start to evolve our approach to early learning and take up the work of creating inclusive, vibrant learning communities in a way that is responsive to our times? How might we nurture an approach to leadership that is constructed around relationships rather than rules? How do we focus our teaching practices on compassion, curiosity, imagination, experimentation, collaboration, innovation, and kindness? As the field of early learning continues to grow and evolve, we must consider the impact of our approaches to working with adults and children. Early childhood professionals and leaders need to reconcile the responsibility between never-ending administrative tasks, ensuring program quality and supporting the growth of others. This institute takes a comprehensive, practical look at creating systems, structures and protocols for supporting people in large and small organizations, and individuals working as mentors, coaches or pedagogical leaders to invite educators into a thinking and learning process about their work. Participants will develop the skills and mindsets that can enhance their performance and effect organizational change. The institute will offer stories and structures connected to four principles of pedagogical leadership with specific ideas to enhance the work of educational leaders from a place of values and vision.

**In this Institute, we will discuss:** Building strong relationships; Seeing and supporting strengths and competencies; and Supporting professional learning in multiple ways

Presented *In Person in Niagara* (3550 Schmon Parkway, Thorold)

Friday April 21, 2023 5:30 to 7:00pm Book Signing and Meet the Authors | Saturday April 22, 2023 Full Day Institute from 9:00am to 4:30pm

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The book may be purchased through the ECCDC by calling 905.646.7311 ext. 304. To register visit, [www.eccdc.org](http://www.eccdc.org), call the ECCDC or email [eccdc@eccdc.org](mailto:eccdc@eccdc.org)

Wishing to attend this Institute in Fall 2022 instead? Our friends at ASCY are hosting the same session on October 14 and 15, 2022. To register visit, [www.ascy.ca](http://www.ascy.ca) or connect with Angela at [ascy@ascy.ca](mailto:ascy@ascy.ca).

