



Manitoba Child Care  
Association

6th Pedagogical Institute

# Reclaiming Care: The Sacred Work of Early Childhood



October 16 – 18, 2025

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**Thursday, October 16, 2025  
7:00pm - 9:00pm**

**Reclaiming Care: The Sacred Work of Early Childhood  
Keynote Address**

In this engaging keynote, we will reimagine what it means to lead with heart in early childhood education, reconnecting with the sacred nature of our work. We'll explore the deep connections we share with children, each other, and the earth, and reflect on how care and leadership intersect in our classrooms and communities. We'll discuss ways to build resilience and mental well-being in a profession that can often feel draining. Together, we'll challenge outdated ideas that limit meaningful connections and replace them with those rooted in hope and purpose.

**Bring your whole team to this evening keynote!**

**Friday & Saturday, October 17-18, 2025  
9:00am-4:00pm (Fri) & 9:00am -3:00pm (Sat)**

**Reclaiming Care: The Sacred Work of Early Childhood  
A Two-Day Hands-On Learning Institute for Early Childhood Educators and Leaders**

This two-day learning institute is designed for early childhood educators and leaders who are ready to reclaim the critical importance of care in early education. In a world where we face a growing care crisis, it's time to elevate care to its rightful place—honoring its sacredness and the extraordinary skill it requires. Through meaningful group discussions, personal reflection, and hands-on activities, participants will explore how care, connection, and leadership intersect to shape a profession that both nurtures children and responds to the evolving challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Together, we will deepen our understanding of relational leadership and explore the essential human connections that make our work transformative. Participants will engage with real stories of practice, uncover ways to foster resilience and mental well-being, and gain tools to create inclusive, responsive environments that honor the dignity of connection and care. This experience offers a rare opportunity to create a renewed energy for your practice, strengthen relationships, and return to your role with a deeper sense of purpose, vision, and an elevated understanding of the sacred importance of the work we do.

Anne Marie Coughlin is the Education Director at London Bridge Child Care Services in London, Ontario, Canada. With four decades of experience in the early learning field, she has been instrumental in developing innovative professional learning initiatives that have gained attention from childcare organizations across Canada and the United States.

Anne Marie is a passionate and accomplished speaker, renowned for her pioneering work with early childhood educators and her inspiring vision. Anne Marie is frequently invited to speak at conferences, colleges, community events, and professional associations throughout Canada and the US. She has contributed to multiple Early Learning Publications as well as highly regarded early learning resource books including, *The Visionary Director*, *The Art of Awareness*, and *Designs for Living and Learning* by Margie Carter and Deb Curtis, and *The Unscripted Classroom* by Susan Stacy. In 2022, she co-authored *Creating a Culture of Reflective Practice: The Role of Pedagogical Leadership in Early Learning Programs*. Anne Marie also contributed to the Ontario Ministry of Education's Think, Feel, Act document, focusing on pedagogical leadership.

Anne Marie has served on numerous boards of directors, including the Ontario Reggio Association, the Association of Early Childhood Educators Ontario, and the Canadian Association of Young Children. As an associate with Harvest Resources, she continues to mentor educators and advocate for equity and social justice in early learning programs.



# Registration Information

**Where is the institute being held?** Victoria Inn, Winnipeg, MB, 1808 Wellington Avenue

**How do I register and pay?** Online with Visa, visa debit or Mastercard or by mail/in person with cheque

**What will the institute cost to attend?**

Thursday evening Keynote (only)	\$20.00 MCCA MEMBER
	\$40.00 NON-MEMBER

FULL INSTITUTE (2 ½ DAYS)	\$290.00 MCCA MEMBER
	\$580.00 NON-MEMBER

**What is included in my full institute fee?**

- Thursday evening, Friday & Saturday (full days)
- Thursday evening refreshments, morning refreshments & lunch (Friday & Saturday)

**Good stuff to know!**

- Thursday 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm (Registration & Networking at 6:00 pm)
- Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
- Saturday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
- The Thursday keynote evening will have a cash bar and light refreshments will be served
- You cannot register for one day of the institute, it is either the Thursday evening event or the full (2 ½ day) institute
- There is no travel subsidy available
- We recommend that if you are a centre and going to register someone for the institute that you send at least two people to the institute
- The Thursday evening event would make a great staff meeting night
- You must be a personal member of MCCA as of Jan. 1/25 to qualify for the member rate. You cannot use the centre's membership to obtain the member rate
- All fees must accompany the registration  
(Purchase Orders and faxed registrations are not accepted)
- Cheques or money orders are payable to MCCA
- Registrations are on a first come, first serve basis
- Registration deadline is October 1, 2025
- Cancellations and refunds will be accepted until October 1, less a \$50.00 administrative fee per registrant, substitutions can be made up to October 6, 2025
- No refunds after October 1, 2025

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