

Inspiring Early Childhood Leadership Institute:

Strategies to Ignite Passion *and* Transform Program Quality

with Susan MacDonald



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We have had to reschedule this Leadership Institute again but we are pleased to offer **2 free teaser webinars with Susan Macdonald for all participants who choose to maintain their registration for the new date and/or new registrants.** We hope this will allow everyone to begin thinking together and meeting one another online before our in person institute.

Friday Evening Reception and Dinner

The Upward Spiral: Key Strategies to Ignite Passion and Transform Program Quality

Positive strength-based energy is the key to transforming the quality of educational programs. Discover the benefits of creating a vibrant, engaging, and strength-based learning environment in which all children and adults thrive. We will examine how focused, intentional, inspirational leadership can mitigate the stress of new initiatives and standards and provide new perspectives and possibilities. Through active engagement in reflective learning activities, you will gain new tools to provide effective staff supervision, observation, feedback and develop strategies for overcoming setbacks. You will also have the opportunity to build a resource kit to guide you on the rewarding path of inspirational leadership.

Registration Details - new dates!

Reception and Dinner

Friday February 25, 2022

6:30 registration; 7:00 to 9:00 pm dinner and keynote

Full-Day Workshop

Saturday February 26, 2022

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Ramada Beacon Harbourside Hotel

2793 Beacon Boulevard, Jordan

Accommodations may be made by calling the hotel directly at 905.562.4155 (quote "ECCDC" as the group code)

Niagara educators: \$180 includes dinner and keynote on Friday and full day workshop including breakfast and lunch on Saturday, along with a copy of Susan MacDonald's book. Outside Niagara educators: \$190

To register, call 905.646.7311 ext. 304, email eccdc@eccdc.org or visit www.eccdc.org.

Saturday Full-day Workshop

Inspiring Early Childhood Leadership: Strategies to Ignite Passion and Possibility

This full day workshop lays out strategies designed to support program leaders in finding new ways to reduce the levels of stress on themselves and their staff, and move into a unified, engaging system for leading with passion, intention, and purpose. Through interactive experiences, you will explore well-researched, inspirational and motivational leadership techniques, with a focus on strength-based communication, program transformation, positivity and systemic change. Participants will work together focusing on these vital questions:

How can leaders:

- motivate and inspire teachers?
- bring renewed energy, joy, engagement and intentionality into our learning communities?
- embrace and facilitate change?
- create healthy, dynamic workplace relationships in our respective contexts?
- reconnect to our own passion with a renewed sense of purpose in our work?

The fundamental goal of this workshop is to inspire and guide leaders to move past their current challenges toward a vision of new possibilities, leave refreshed, recharged, and ready to facilitate positive change in their daily work and learning communities.

Free Teaser Webinars!

Directing with Vision and Clarity

Thursday June 10, 2021 • 9:00 to 11:30 am

Together we will discover new strategies for connecting your vision and core values with the day-to-day operation of your program. Through discussion and interactive experiences, we will explore the topics of intentionality, vision statements, personal action plans, time management, fundamental coaching skills, and assessing and enhancing the culture and climate of your program. You will come away with new energy and purpose to motivate and inspire your staff, children and families.

Building Positive Strength-Based Teams

Thursday September 30, 2021 • 9:00 to 11:30 am

Children thrive in environments where the adults model positive relationships and create communities based on trust and respect. In this workshop, we will examine the impact that toxic stress in a classroom has on young children's brain development and social-emotional skills. We will explore strategies for enhancing your professional skills to help you communicate effectively with your co-workers, as well as techniques to reduce gossip. We will use the NAEYC Code of Ethical Conduct as a guide to creating strength-based team relationships and a positive, supportive, respectful environment for children, and adults.



Susan MacDonald is passionate about inspiring positive change in the early childhood field. Her expertise is reflected in her professional speaking, coaching and her recent book, *Inspiring Early Childhood Leadership: Eight Strategies to Ignite Passion and Transform Program Quality*. Susan is the founder of Inspiring New Perspectives, a consultancy focused on empowering educational leaders to create programs that deeply respect and nurture the

possibilities that lie within each child, parent and teacher. Susan has been developing and delivering inspirational courses and workshops for over 25 years. Her background includes director of a Reggio inspired preschool program, adjunct faculty at Lesley University and Wheelock College and Commonwealth of Massachusetts licensing supervisor. Susan holds a Master's degree in Instructional Design, and multiple professional coaching certifications. She is the current president of Boston Area Reggio Inspired Network and past vice president of the Massachusetts Association for the Education of Young Children.

