

Pedagogical Leadership: Lead From Where You Stand

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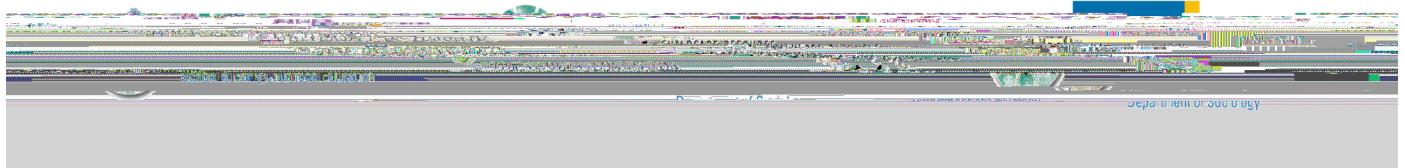
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The context:

With Our Best Future in Mind offers a blueprint on how to move from a vision for a comprehensive child and family system for all of Ontario to implementation melding child care, education, family support, early identification and settlement programs into one. The symposium on *Pedagogical Leadership: Lead from Where you Stand* was organized to address questions of staffing for the new early learning programs and to begin community level discussion on planning for child and family centres.

To set the context for the day, Annie Kidder, Executive Director of People for Education shared important principles to frame the discussion. Kidder reminded us that children and families are part of an “ecosystem” of influences. She said the new Early Learning Plan recognizes the importance of that ecosystem by bringing together teachers, early childhood educators and a whole range of

a comprehensive range of services including child care, family resources and special needs supports. The morning panelists highlighted the importance of a will to move forward but offered practical strategies on how to make it happen. This is a time for collaboration, joint professional learning which in turn will inform joint pre-service training, leadership development and integrated curriculum –

