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At the Heart of Early Childhood: Reclaiming Wonder and Connection







Keynote Speakers

The Power of Relationships: Kindness Lives in Wonder and Connection

Frank Murphy is an award-winning children's book author and longtime elementary school teacher whose books celebrate kindness, inclusion, empathy, leadership, and history. He has taught multiple subjects for 34 years with a primary focus on writing, literacy, and leadership. Best known for picture books such as A Boy Like You, A Girl Like You, and A Teacher Like You, Frank creates stories that encourage children to be confident, compassionate, and true to themselves.



Frank Murphy

The Power of Anti-Ableism in Early Childhood: Guiding the Trajectory Toward Positive Outcome

Carrie Hahn is a pediatric speech-langauge pathologist, mother, author and presenter. She has served children of a variety of ages in a variety of settings and creates and shares content related to disability and neurodivergence on her iNFORM website and social media pages. Her book "Beyond Inclusion: Raising Anti-Ableist Kids" was published in July of 2024.



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