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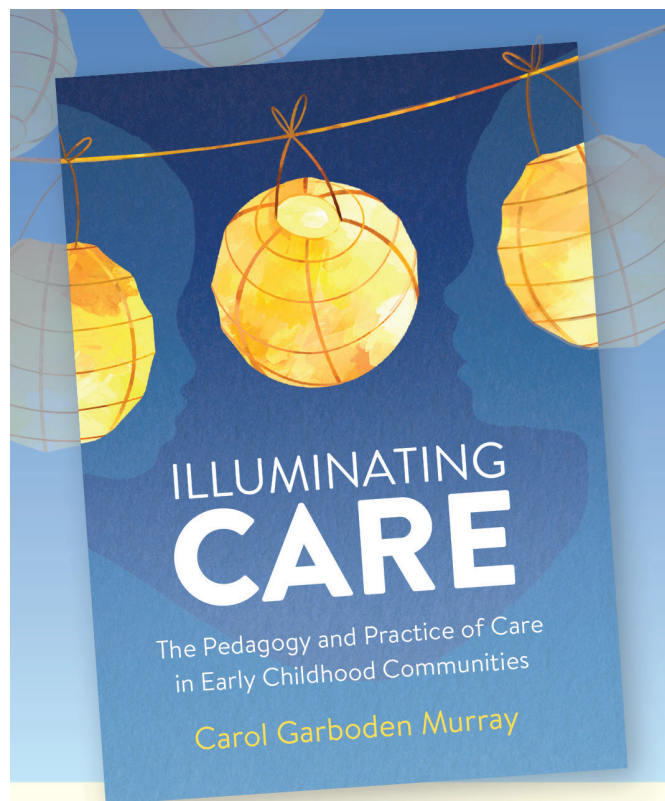
## Conference Schedule

Wednesday, February 7	
6:30 a.m. – 7:00 a.m.	Mission Fitness: Stretch & Tone Class (Lake Michigan Ballroom Area, all three days)
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions
9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Break
10:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Opening Luncheon with “Reconnect” Keynote address by Ann Terrell (Ravinia Ballroom)
1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Break
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Break
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Welcome Networking Reception (Ravinia Ballroom)

Thursday, February 8	
6:30 a.m. – 7:00 a.m.	Mission Fitness: Stretch & Tone Class
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Public Policy Forum featuring Walter Gilliam (Botanic Garden Ballroom)
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch Buffet
1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Break
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Break
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions
5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Hot Chocolate Bar
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Leadership Colloquium featuring Walter Gilliam (Botanic Garden Ballroom)

Friday, February 9	
7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.	Mission Fitness: Stretch & Tone Class
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Concurrent Workshops
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	“Reignite” Keynote address by Ana DeHoyos-O’Connor (Ravinia Ballroom)

Exhibit Hall hours	
Wednesday	5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Thursday	7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



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# Session Overview

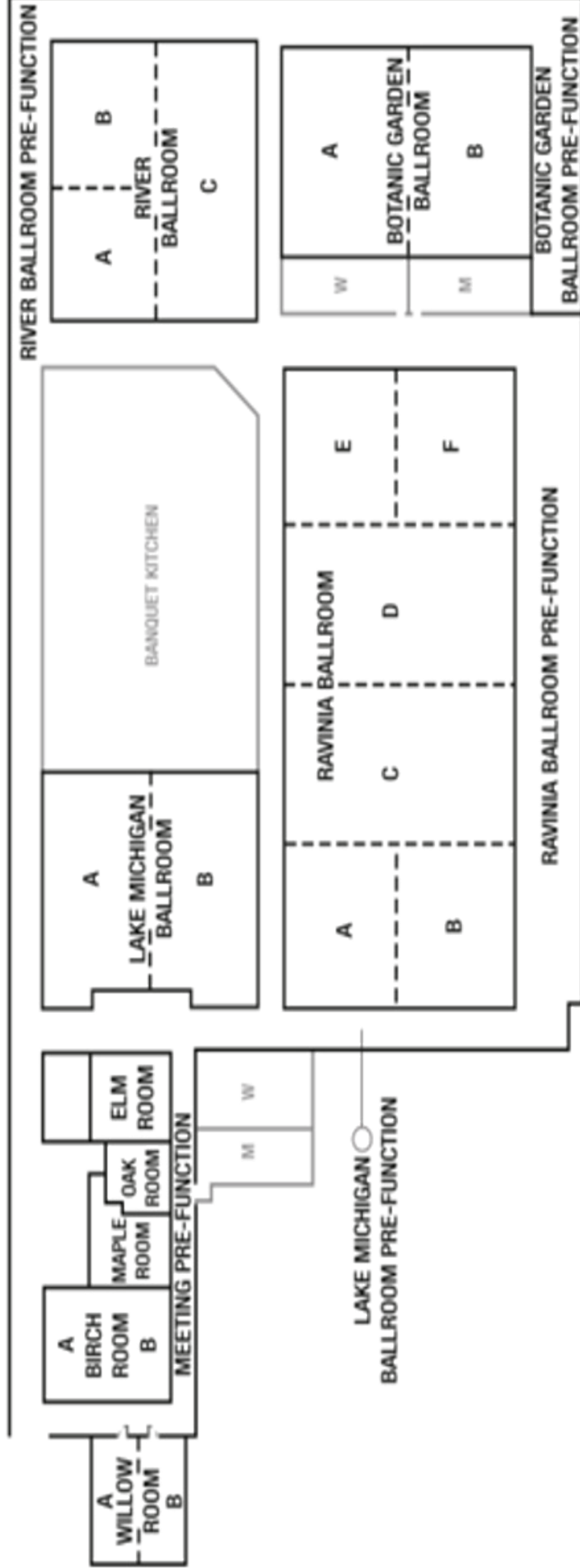
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<b>Session 1</b> 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Building the Next Generation of Leaders... Kelly Hansinger & Melony Gibson <i>Lake Michigan A</i>	<b>Session 2</b> 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Analyzing Staff for Optimal Performance Jennifer Biles & Angela Chowning <i>Botanic Garden Ballroom B</i>	<b>Session 3</b> 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Conversations that Matter! Susan MacDonald <i>River A&amp;B</i>	<b>Session 4</b> 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Be Good Trouble: Speaking Up, Speaking Out... Crystal Sanford-Brown <i>Lake Michigan A</i>	<b>Session 5</b> 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Can't We All Just Get Along? Tracy Cheney <i>Elm Room</i>	<b>Session 6</b> 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. An Analysis of Ready to Lead: A McCormick Center... Samina Hadji-Tabassum & Leanne Beaudoin-Ryan <i>Elm Room</i>
How Multiple Intelligences Can Transform PD Emily Lian & Natsuki Hara <i>Lake Michigan B</i>	Authenticity, the Key to Leadership Across All Levels Karen Eisenhuth & Lacey Eidman <i>River A&amp;B</i>	Create a Business that Can Thrive Without You... Kathie Petchel <i>River Ballroom C</i>	Collaborating for Transformation... Nicole Evans & Jamie Bonczyk <i>Lake Michigan B</i>	Cultivating Inclusive Leadership: Navigating... Prerna Richards <i>Lake Michigan B</i>	Are We the Leaders Young Children Deserve?... Nichole Parks & Judy Jablon <i>Lake Michigan B</i>
Mission Possible: Begins With Taking Care of You Jane Humphries <i>River Ballroom C</i>	Building a Financial Framework for Your Future Kathy Ligon <i>Willow Room</i>	From Struggles to Success: Maximize Staff Potential Prerna Richards <i>Maple Room</i>	Equity-Driven Transformation... Pia Wong <i>Maple Room</i>	Level Up Project: An Inclusive Leadership EEC... Susan Leger Ferraro & Ellen Galinsky <i>Willow Room</i>	Communicating to Fidelity: Beyond Words and into... Jennifer Robertson & Jill Romza <i>Birch Room</i>
Reflecting on Personal Bias to Build a More Effective Team Donna Kirkwood <i>Birch Room</i>	Don't Fumble; Get Humble! Create an ECE... Melissa Casteel & LeTosha White <i>Lake Michigan A</i>	Leading with Heart: An Overview of Emotional... Jill Bella <i>Lake Michigan A</i>	Strengthening Leadership Capacity with Center-Based... Jen Cortes & Marnie Aylesworth <i>Birch Room</i>	Empowering Early Childhood Leaders... Lucy Lewin <i>River Ballroom C</i>	No Fear Feedback: How to Master the Art of Hard... Beth Cannon <i>River A&amp;B</i>
So, You Have a New Initiative? Elevating Equity... Angela Searcy <i>Willow Room</i>	From Competition to Collaboration: Thinking... Tracy Patton <i>River Ballroom C</i>	Redefining Leadership in Early Childhood Education... Flora Gomez <i>Lake Michigan B</i>	The Connection YOU Have Been Waiting For... Kara Lehnhardt <i>Elm Room</i>	Shifting your Leadership from Me to We Casey Cortes & Jennifer Robertson <i>Maple Room</i>	Supporting Emerging Leaders through Fellowship... Jen Cortes <i>Lake Michigan A</i>
Supercharge! Key Strategies for Designing... Susan MacDonald <i>River A&amp;B</i>	Leading with Wellness in Mind: Nurturing Resilience... Kathy Pillow-Price & Jamie Ward <i>Lake Michigan B</i>	Reshape the Future of EC (Part 2): Holding the Hearts... Stephen Zwolak <i>Birch Room</i>	The Power of Collective Efficacy: Building Culture... Desiree Hickman & Wykeshia Glass <i>River A&amp;B</i>	The Neuroscience of Implicit Bias and How to Change It Jennifer Riggs <i>River A&amp;B</i>	Using Smart Start State Funding Source to... Kadi Juris <i>River Ballroom C</i>
Reshape the Future of EC (Part 1): Holding the Hearts... Stephen Zwolak <i>Birch Room</i>	Wonder Is the Path to Everywhere Keith Pentz <i>Botanic Garden Ballroom B</i>	Unraveling the Hiring Challenge: The Trends and... Kathie Petchel <i>Lake Michigan A</i>			

Friday, February 9: Session 7, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Brain to Belly: Movement and Mindfulness from a Nervous System Lens Erin Bracco & Asher Waldron <i>Willow Room</i>	Developing the Next Generation of Early Childhood Educators... Ashley Nazarak <i>Lake Michigan B</i>	Nurturing Homes Initiative Celebrates the Return of Strengthening... Mary Mills & Kelly Carmody <i>Birch Room</i>	Preparing Your Early Childhood Program for Excellence Evaluation McCormick Center Quality Assessment <i>River Ballroom C</i>	Reimagining Early Childhood Care & Education in Illinois Carol Weisheit & Ashonti Jackson <i>River A&amp;B</i>	Roadmap to Competency-Based Credentialing Alicia Meno & Kamillah Wilson <i>Elm Room</i>	Una Introducción Amigable a la Elaboración de Presupuestos Isabel Landa <i>Lake Michigan A</i>	Using Discipline to Create Holistic Leadership Standards through... Dezire'e Mattocks <i>Botanic Garden Ballroom A</i>
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