



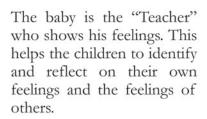
Changing the World Child by Child







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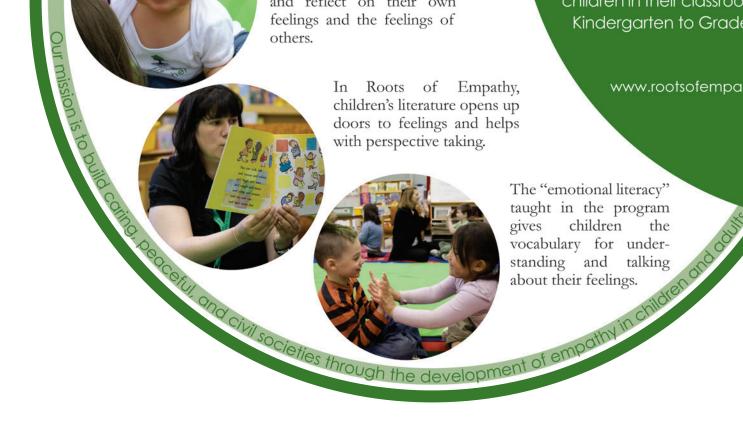




Roots of Empathy

The Roots of Empathy program reaches elementary school children in their classrooms from Kindergarten to Grade 8.

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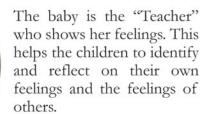




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Seeds of Empathy is a program for 3-to-5-year-old children in their child care centres.



Early Childhood Educators are trained in using a They curriculum. read selected children's literature to small groups of children.



After each story the children have fun with a variety of activities that them help develop socially and emotionally and also build their literacy skills.



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WHEREAS We embrace education that is holistic, linguistically and culturally relevant and we acknowledge that learning and teaching is a lifelong journey from birth and early childhood to post-secondary and

adult education;

WHEREAS We acknowledge that we all have a duty and responsibility to provide guidance and teachings to our

children and youth; our ancestral teachings, through storytelling, legends and role-modeling have

been preserved for thousands of years and connect the past to our future;

WHEREAS Our children and youth now attend different schools that reflect a diverse global population – and

come from diverse global teachings. Schools are now tasked with teaching respectful behaviour to

many world peoples, including our Indigenous peoples in Canada;

WHEREAS The Roots of Empathy program was created by Founder/President Mary Gordon in 1996 in

inner-city schools in Toronto and became a registered charity in October 2000. The program teaches Emotional Literacy, Perspective Talking, Problem Solving, Anti-Bullying, Culture of Caring,

Participation Democracy, Social Inclusion, Neuroscience, Male Nurturance, English as a Second Language, Safety and Public Health Education, Abuse Prevention, Prevention of Teenage

Pregnancy, Art/Music/Writing, and Literature;

WHEREAS Its "younger sibling" Seeds of Empathy, fosters social and emotional competencies and early

literacy skills and attitudes for children from ages 3 - 5 years of age, and provides Professional

Development for educators in Early Childhood Education;

WHEREAS In Canada, the Roots of Empathy program is developed in English and French and reaches rural,

urban and remote communities, including First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities; and

WHEREAS The Roots of Empathy program fosters a teaching/learning environment that is compatable to

traditional First Nations' teachings and worldviews by addressing aggression in schools and

improving their social/emotional competency and empathy towards one another.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that: The Chiefs-in-Assembly and the Assembly of First Nations endorse and support the use of the program "Roots of Empathy" and "Seeds of Empathy" in schools that have diverse global populations in Canada.















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