



Reconceptualizing Leadership in the Early Years (Paperback)

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OPEN UNIVERSITY PRESS, United Kingdom, 2012. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. This book has the potential to do for nurseries what Michael Fullan s work did for schools, to re-affirm the moral heart of leadership. Often omitted from accounts of early years professionalism, an attitude of care is advocated as the central characteristic of leaders. At the same time, Clark and Murray challenge the traditional explanation for this attitude amongst practitioners in terms of female nurture, presenting it instead in non-gendered terms as a function of ethical character and commitment. With their concepts of catalytic agency, reflective integrity and relational interdependence, the authors provide an intellectual justification for something that many practitioners have long known intuitively, that early years leadership calls for a marriage of both mind and heart. Dr Geoff Taggart, Lecturer in Early Years, University of Reading, UK This book makes an innovative contribution to the discussion and debate about leadership in early years. The new conceptual framework which is introduced for understanding leadership focuses on thinking critically about how leadership is worked out in early childhood practice. Underpinned by empirical research from across the early years sector, a range of practitioner profiles and...



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