

# ELCC ADVISORS' NEWSLETTER

April 2026

## An Evening with Dr. Shelley Moore



### The Evolution of Inclusion

We invite educators to join us for a free virtual session with Dr. Shelley Moore on May 14 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM EST. This engaging and thought-provoking evening will explore diversity, equity, and inclusion in education while gently challenging how we think about the word disability. Through strength-based and responsive approaches, Shelley reframes disability as an identity rather than a deficit and encourages participants to reflect on their beliefs, assumptions, and everyday practices. Educators will leave feeling inspired, with a deeper understanding of inclusion and renewed ideas for creating welcoming, inclusive learning environments for all children. Shelley is a teacher, researcher, and storyteller who brings inclusive education to life through meaningful stories drawn from her work with students, teachers, and families. Together, we will explore how understandings of inclusion have evolved and consider what it means to move from accommodating differences to designing learning environments that teach everyone.



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## MNO ELCC Resources Available for Purchase!

Did you know that Wintergreen Learning Materials now offers Métis-centered resources developed by the MNO ELCC Advisory Team?

### Now Available:

- Métis Like Me Story Bag Kit-New
- Christmas Mittens Story Bag Kit
- Ways to Carry a Métis Baby Story Bag Kit
- The Giving Tree Story Bag Kit

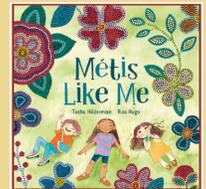
These exclusive kits are funded by proceeds that directly support the development of future-focused resources and learning materials. Therefore, they are designed to help Métis children see themselves reflected in their learning environments and to foster a strong sense of belonging, supporting their lifelong well-being.



## New Story Bag!!!

### "Métis Like Me"

For additional extension ideas that support play-based learning, see the Advisor's story bag kit "**Métis Like Me**". This new story bag kit reviews and explores creative activities that connect story themes to meaningful early learning experiences.



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## Earth Day is April 22, 2026

As Métis people, our relationship to the land is deeply rooted in culture and community. Earth Day provides children with meaningful, hands-on opportunities to care for plants, spend time outdoors, and practice respect for nature. Through these experiences, they develop responsibility, strengthen their connection to the land, and learn how their actions shape the world around them.



### Earth Day Activity: Going on a 'Flower' Walk

(taken from our Métis Like Me story bag kit resource cards)

Step outside and into the natural world with a guided nature "Flower Walk." Nature walks give children the opportunity to explore their environment firsthand, observe plants and wildlife, and engage all their senses. During the walk, invite children to point out the flowers they notice and discuss where they grow, as well as their colours, shapes, and sizes. Encourage them to slow down, listen carefully, and observe the small details around them, fostering mindfulness and presence in nature. Provide paper, pencils, and clipboards so children can draw the flowers they encounter. Take photos of the flowers and display or print them in the learning environment for continued exploration. These drawings and photos can be combined into a flower book that includes both common and, where appropriate, scientific names to support early literacy and deepen children's understanding of the natural world.

The Métis believe in conserving renewable resources and have a responsibility to preserve and protect them for future generations. Encourage children to be respectful stewards by watching where they step, avoiding picking flowers in large quantities, only picking when the surrounding patch is healthy, and recognizing that flowers can be an important food source for animals. This activity offers meaningful opportunities to connect with nature while fostering appreciation for land stewardship and respect for all living things.

### The Honorable Harvest Article



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## Registered Early Childhood Educator Support Program

Are you an MNO citizen and a Registered Early Childhood Educator (RECE)? If so, there are supports to help offset the costs of continuous professional learning.

To learn more, reach out to our team at: [elccpartnerships@metisnation.org](mailto:elccpartnerships@metisnation.org).

Click here for the online reimbursement application.



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