



## WHAT IF TODAY WAS THEIR ONLY DAY?

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During today's keynote address, Lisa Murphy, M.Ed., will tell you about her first day of school. Through active and engaging storytelling Lisa will take you on a grand tour of Miss Mary's Nursery School and will share many observations, lessons and anecdotes about how early childhood has changed along the way. She will describe the sights, sounds and smells of the place where, at the young age of three, she decided to become a teacher and identifies the how, and why, that *one day* solidified her decision to become an early childhood educator.

Lisa's message is two-fold: First, are we, as a *profession* committed to creating environments that are relevant, meaningful, play-based and grounded in nurturing relationships? Second, on a more *individual* level, teachers won't be able to dedicate the time, effort or work required to create high quality early childhood environments if they have forgotten **WHY** they do this work. **Why do you do what you do?**

Perhaps you are giving back what you got?  
Many teachers became teachers because of a teacher they had!

Or maybe you are giving back what you did NOT get?

Or, perhaps, like a handful of others sitting in the room here today, you used to do something else, something completely different, then changed your mind and found your way to the early childhood profession?

While she tells her story Lisa challenges you to get back in touch with YOUR personal *why*. What is the WHY behind your work?

And if it was one of the kids' only day, what will they remember? What will their memory of you, school, that day, be?

Never ever ever underestimate the impact of what you do!



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