

# IT STARTS WITH US

## Unleashing Creativity Through Caring and Compassionate Leadership

**WAFCA Institute 2025**

June 15-17 in Door County, WI



### DATE/TIME

### FUNCTION

**Sun Jun 15**

4:00 pm

Hotel Check-In

7:00-9:30 pm

**Welcome Open House Reception and Snacks**

*Location: State Room – Carrington Restaurant Building*

*~ Families and guests are welcome! Casual attire.*

*~ As you arrive in Door County, join us for a casual reception and a beautiful view of the sunset over the bay. Meet our presenters Chuck Price and Diane Cable and get a head start on networking with your WAFCA colleagues.*

**Mon Jun 16**

7:30 am

**Breakfast and Networking**

*Location: Egg Harbor Room – Lower Level Carrington Restaurant Building*

*Comfortable conference attire recommended with a sweater/light jacket for comfort.*

8:30 am

**Day 1: Welcome and Introductions**

*with Kathy Markeland, WAFCA Executive Director*

8:45 am

**It Starts with Us: Unleashing Creativity Through Caring & Compassionate Leadership**

*Healthy leadership is the foundation for navigating daily challenges—and more importantly, for unlocking creativity and innovation. This session will combine a dynamic presentation with interactive activities designed to explore the habits, mindsets, and practices that cultivate resilient leaders and teams.*

10:15 am

**Break**

10:30 am

**It Starts with Us (Continued)**

12:00 pm

**Adjourn Day 1**

*Lunch is on your own, and then you are free for an afternoon of biking, boating, swimming, shopping, connecting, etc.! ([Door County Information](#))*



5:30 pm (Reception)

6:15 pm (Dinner)

### **Reception & Dinner**

*Location: The Log Den*

*Families and guests are welcome! Attire is casual, and feel free to come as you are after your afternoon adventures and outdoor activities.*

8:30 pm (ish)

### **Campfire** (in front of Carrington Restaurant building)

*Looking for s'more conversation? If the weather is nice, join us 'round the fire!*

## **Tue Jun 17**

8:00 am

### **Breakfast Networking – Gear Up and Show Your Agency Bling!**

*Location: Egg Harbor Room – Lower Level Carrington Restaurant Building*

9:00 am

### **Day 2 Welcome**

9:15 am

### **Empathy Interviews: Lift Your Organization to New Heights**

*This session introduces the Empathy Interview process: an approach that blends authentic, nurturing leadership with practical inquiry tools. Designed to help leaders better understand their organizations through the voices of those most impacted, the session features a brief lecture, a panel presentation with leaders from Wisconsin Community Services, and hands-on practice.*

10:30 am

### **Break**

*Last chance to check out! Hotel check-out is at 11:00 am with no exceptions.*

10:45 am

### **Empathy Interviews (Continued)**

12:00 pm

### **Adjourn Day 2**