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## DEVELOPING & SUPPORTING LEADERSHIP IN DIVERSE COMMUNITIES

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Education*

Leaders today must understand how race and culture guide, influence, and dictate leadership development.

You will see leadership everywhere and be able to support leadership anywhere when you understand the role of race and culture in leadership, teambuilding, and the development of cultural competency.

This is an opportunity to examine the many ways we can create environments that recognize, support, and strengthen culturally diverse leadership potential in others and in ourselves.

Debra Ren-Etta Sullivan is the co-founder and first President of the Praxis Institute for Early Childhood Education, a new, racially, culturally, linguistically diverse organization that provides professional development and continuing education for early childhood and elementary teachers and others who work with young children, their families, and their communities. Its primary mission is preparing people for successful work in racially, economically, linguistically, and culturally diverse settings.

Dr. Sullivan has a doctorate in Educational Leadership (Seattle University), a master's in Curriculum and Instruction (also Seattle University), and a bachelor's degree in Cultural Anthropology (University of Washington). She has worked in public and private higher education for thirty years in a variety of capacities as a teacher, a researcher, curriculum developer, and as an administrator. Dr. Sullivan wrote her first book on leadership development, *Introduction to Leadership Theory and Practice*, as part of her dissertation. Her current book, *Learning to Lead: Effective Leadership Skills for Teachers of Young Children* (Redleaf Press), is a self-directed guide for early childhood teachers, aides, assistants, and care providers. She has taught leadership classes at both the graduate and undergraduate levels for nine years and has over ten years of experience providing consultations, workshops, presentations, and addresses on topics such as leadership development, cultural relevancy, organizational change, and school readiness.

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