NEW SUPERVISOR SURVIVAL GUIDE FOR SUCCESS AND BEYOND!

For The New ECE Leader

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While our business is located in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, we are committed to working internationally to support early childhood development and education. As we extend our reach across borders, we acknowledge the Indigenous peoples of the lands where we connect and collaborate, and we honor their deep-rooted histories and ongoing connections to those territories.

We recognize that land acknowledgements are only the first step in fostering meaningful relationships with Indigenous communities. We strive to learn, listen, and engage with respect and humility, acknowledging the ongoing effects of colonization and working towards a more just and equitable future for all.

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Meet Your Coach! Anisha Angella, RECE BASc - Early Childhood Education leader living in Toronto, Canada - 18+ years in the field of early childhood education, leadership, and carre - Played various roles in the field: Educator, Supervisor, Professor, Senior Corporate Leader overseeing 45+ childcare centres. - Currently CEO of The Early Childhood Coach - International Children's Book Author: Zoey





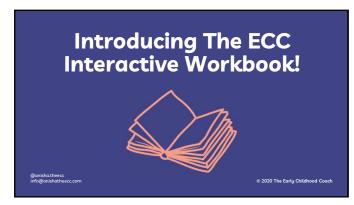
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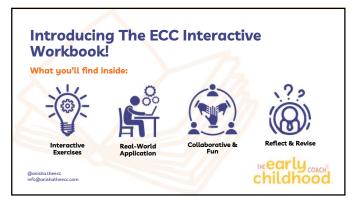
Introducing The ECC Chat & Share!

- Spark meaningful reflection, encourage sharing, and ignite lively conversations that build strong connections! "Chat & Share" is all about fostering community through our chat box—where ideas are not only exchanged but explored. Let's turn thoughtful insights into collaborative action and make some magic happen!
- Dive into the Discussion, Share Your Takeaways & Map Out the Next Big Moves $\,$

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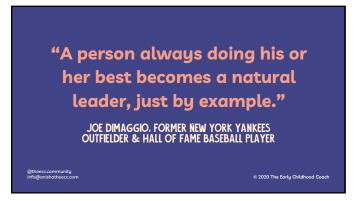


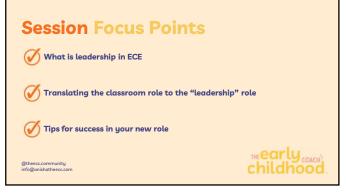
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"Leaders must be close enough to relate to others, but far enough ahead to motivate them."

JOHN C. MAXWELL

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You are in the right place! and if you needed a sign, this is the right time.

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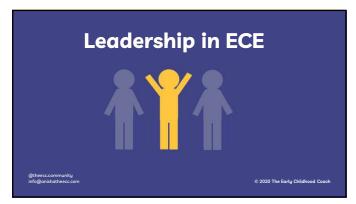
How do you know if you are ready?

- You have had time in the classroom and love what you do.
- You find the business side of childcare intriguing.
- · You are ready for the next step in your career within ECE.
- You notice you have a high skill in areas such as leadership, building relationships, admin/organization, and conflict resolution in your current role.
- You love being a resource and support to your teammates you are ready for more.

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Leadership in ECE • It is the chance to lead a team of passionate educators

- and play a significant role in their growth in the field.

 Tapping into the business side of childcare: administration, customer service/client care, $budgets/financials, \ marketing, \ coaching/mentoring,$
- pedagogy/curriculum.

 Professional growth and development in the field becoming a leader is a new level in your ECE career.
- A new opportunity to share and use your "why" in the field to inspire, empower and create change in the industry.



Leadership in ECE Your focus will shift from just ch

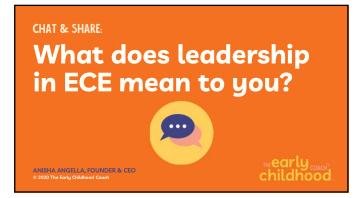
- Your focus will shift from just children to all stakeholders within your program/centre - finding balance.
- Knowing your current skills and how they can guide you to effective leadership.
- A new way to reach new levels in your advocacy in the field



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"Leadership is influence, not instruction."

A great leader doesn't just manage—they inspire, hold space, and create culture.

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Parts of the ECE Leader's Role at a Glance

Administration

- Child and Staff files
- Regulation and policy
- Enrollment
 Emails and Inquiries
- Bookkeeping and Accounting
 Budgets
- Meeting prep and Facilitation

Customer Service & Sales/Marketing

- Tours
- Customer service/Client Care
 Events & Social Media

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Parts of the ECE Leader's Role at a Glance

Building Community

- Creating community with:
 - o Parents/Families
 - Staff & Team Outside Agencies

Mentorship & Training

- Training and onboarding new staff
- Mentoring other leadership staff
- Mentoring educators

Curriculum

- Training

- Implementation
 Revising
 Exploring and expansions

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CHAT & SHARE: Which part of the leadership role do you think will be the most challenging for you— and why?



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From Educator to Leader: Identity Shift



Leadership is not just a title — it's an identity shift.
As educators, you're used to nurturing children; as leaders, you're now nurturing teams.

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Real-Life Challenges:

- Going from peer to supervisor can feel isolating
- You're now managing dynamics you used to be a part of
- Expectations shift from "doing the job" to "guiding the work"

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CHAT & SHARE:
What part of this shift excites you? What part makes you nervous?

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Translating the classroom role to the office role There are many connections and skills that translate into the leadership role - sometimes, we don't even realize it: - Administration & Documentation: Classroom documentation, Attendances, Injury Reports - Customer Service & Client Care: Building family rapport and relationships, problem-solving - Staff and Team Relations: Working with classroom partners, and colleagues, Supporting new hires and placement students - Financials & Budgeting: Budgeting classroom expenses, Keeping budgets for toys/materials - Time Management & Organization: Keeping the classroom in order, Managing tasks and duties in the classroom Stheecccommunity info@anishatheecccom



Let's be honest. Any new role you play in the field will come with challenges, trials and learning opportunities.

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4 Realities of ECE Leadership 1.You won't make everyone happy—and that's okay. 2.You will sometimes feel overwhelmed or unqualified. 3.You'll need to balance regulation with relationships. 4.You will grow rapidly—sometimes uncomfortably so.

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Leadership That Leaves A Legacy

What you felt... is what you now have the power to create.



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The leaders who made us feel:			
• Seen • Safe • Inspir	• Empowered • Capable		
didn't lead perfectly, but they led with purpose and heart.			
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What type of leader should I strive to be?

Leadership is not one-size-fits-all.

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 $\ensuremath{\textbf{Empowered}}\xspace$ You know who you are and lead with confidence and clarity.

Equipped: You have tools, systems, and supports in place to lead well.

Ethical: You make decisions rooted in integrity, fairness, and respect.

Emotionally Attuned: You lead with empathy and create psychological safety.

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Crafting Your Leadership Identity

Now that you've reflected on the kind of leader you want to be — let's begin to shape your unique leadership style.

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Your Leadership Identity is:

- Rooted in your values

- Guided by your actions
 Shaped by your daily decisions
 Built on your ability to inspire and hold space for others



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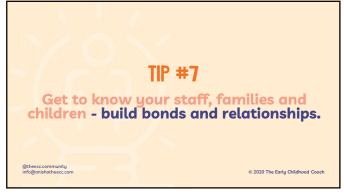




TIP Get familiar with the vision, mission and philosophy of the program you will be running - this is vital.
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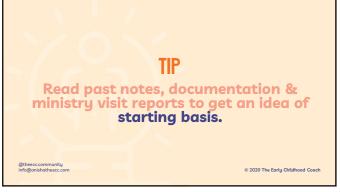


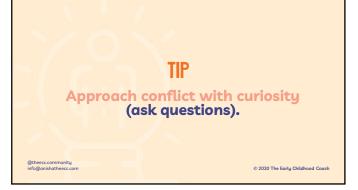














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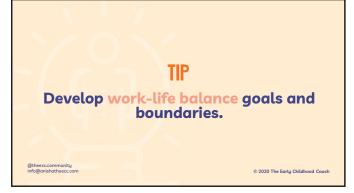
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Seek out th	TIP e other leaders in your program.
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Anchor into the vision of your role, not the task list. Leadership is more than checking boxes. Know what kind of culture you want to build.













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Develop work-life balance goals and boundaries.

- · Supervisors are natural servant leaders we aim to serve our community
- Serving means to give but what happens when we have nothing else to give?
 • Nearly 60% of leaders reported they feel used up at the end of the
- workday, which is a strong indicator of burnout. (Forbes, 2021)

How can new leaders combat these overwhelming stats?

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Prioritizing mental health, boundaries and work-life balance.





Your Journey Starts Now!

You've reflected. You've been real. You've redefined what leadership looks like.

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Today wasn't about perfection. It was about permission:

- To grow into your leadership style
 To hold space for both confidence and uncertainty
 To lead with heart and strategy
 To show up fully even on hard days

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ACTIVITY - THE LEADERSHIP MIRROR: REFLECTING WHO YOU ARE & WHO YOU'RE BECOMING Step 1 - Rapid Reflection (2 mins): Write down 3 words that describe who you are as a leader today. Step 2 – Future Vision (2 mins): Now write 3 words that describe the leader you're becoming — the one you're striving toward. @theecc.community info@anishatheecc.com © 2020 The Early Childhood Co







Post Session Self-Reflection

- What makes you a great leader?
- What are things you feel will be a hurdle for you as a new leader?
 What are a few ways to overcome?
- Who is a leader you know that you want to strive to be like?
- What type of leader do you want to be for your team?
- What are 4 major goals you have as a new leader?
- What was an "A-HA" moment you experienced during the session?

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Post Session Self-Reflection

- Are there any specific tools or resources shared during the workshop that you would like to explore further to deepen your understanding?
- How do you plan to continue to grow as a leader in your daily practice?
- ${\boldsymbol{\cdot}}$ How will you incorporate work life balance as a new leader?
- What are your 3 next steps?

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Meet your Facilitator and Coach!

Anisha Angella, RECE BASc



Anisha Angella is an Early Childhood Education (ECE) coach and expert who has been in the industry for over 15 years. Anisha has held many roles over the years, from leading childcare programs to senior management overseeing 45+ childcare locations to starting her own coaching and education business, The Early Childhood Educator. She has been featured by Breakfast Television, Authority Magazine, and The Today Show, in addition to speaking at over 300 events worldwide as an ECE advocate, educator, and author of a children's book. She's on a mission to strengthen the ECE industry and amplify the impact of educators, one professional at a time.

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ECC Interactive Workbooks: Your Guide to Action

Our **ECC Interactive Workbooks** are designed to help you turn learning into action! Packed with engaging activities, practical tools, and real-world strategies, these workbooks guide you in applying insights from our sessions to your daily practice.

What you'll find inside:



Interactive Exercises: Dive into hands-on activities, self-reflective prompts, and brainstorming maps that keep you engaged and thinking creatively.



Real-World Application: Get actionable steps and strategies tailored to your goals, empowering you to make immediate, meaningful changes.



Collaborative & Fun: Perfect for individual reflection or team discussions, fostering growth and innovation in your learning community.



Reflect & Revise: Revisit the workbook to refine your approaches, celebrate progress, and keep building on your success.



"LEADERS MUST BE CLOSE ENOUGH TO RELATE TO OTHERS, BUT FAR ENOUGH AHEAD TO MOTIVATE THEM."

-CARLOS WALLACE

"A PERSON ALWAYS DOING HIS OR HER BEST BECOMES A NATURAL LEADER, JUST BY EXAMPLE."

– JOE DIMAGGIO, FORMER NEW YORK YANKEES OUTFIELDER & HALL OF FAME BASEBALL PLAYER





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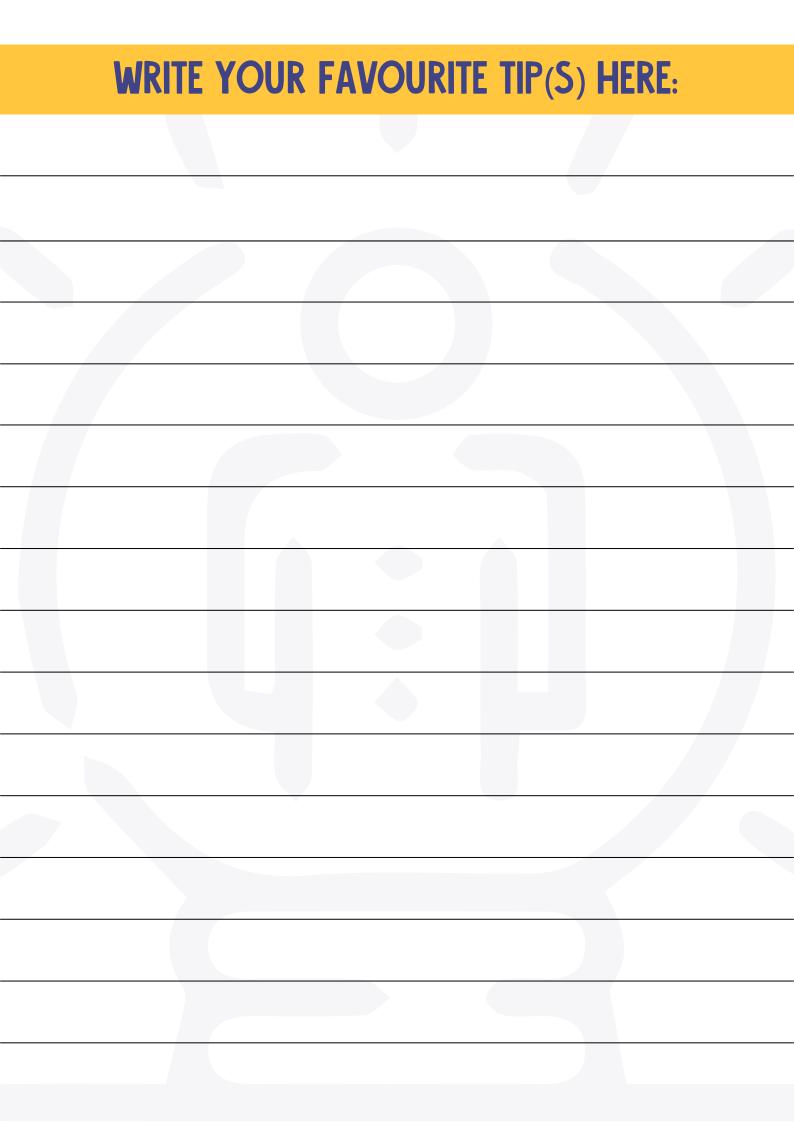
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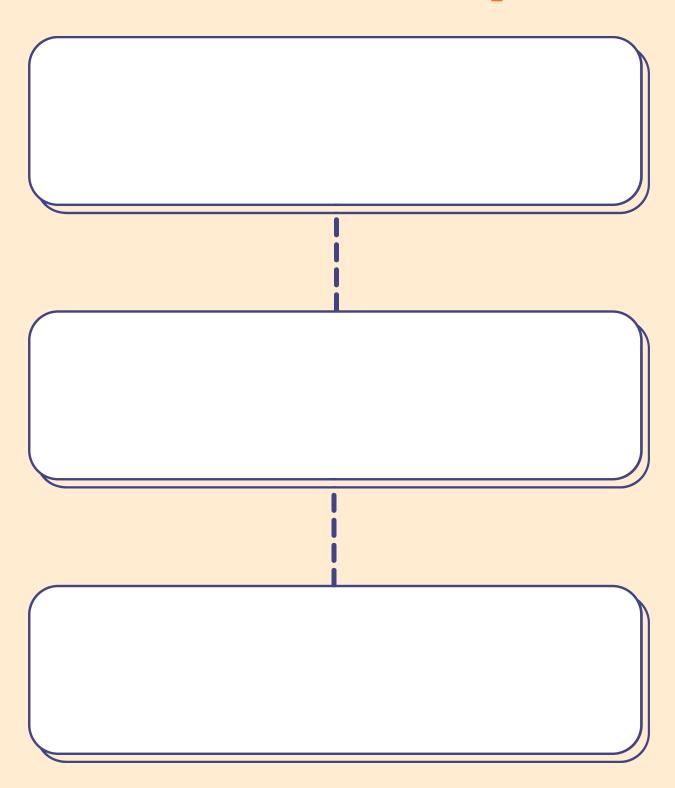
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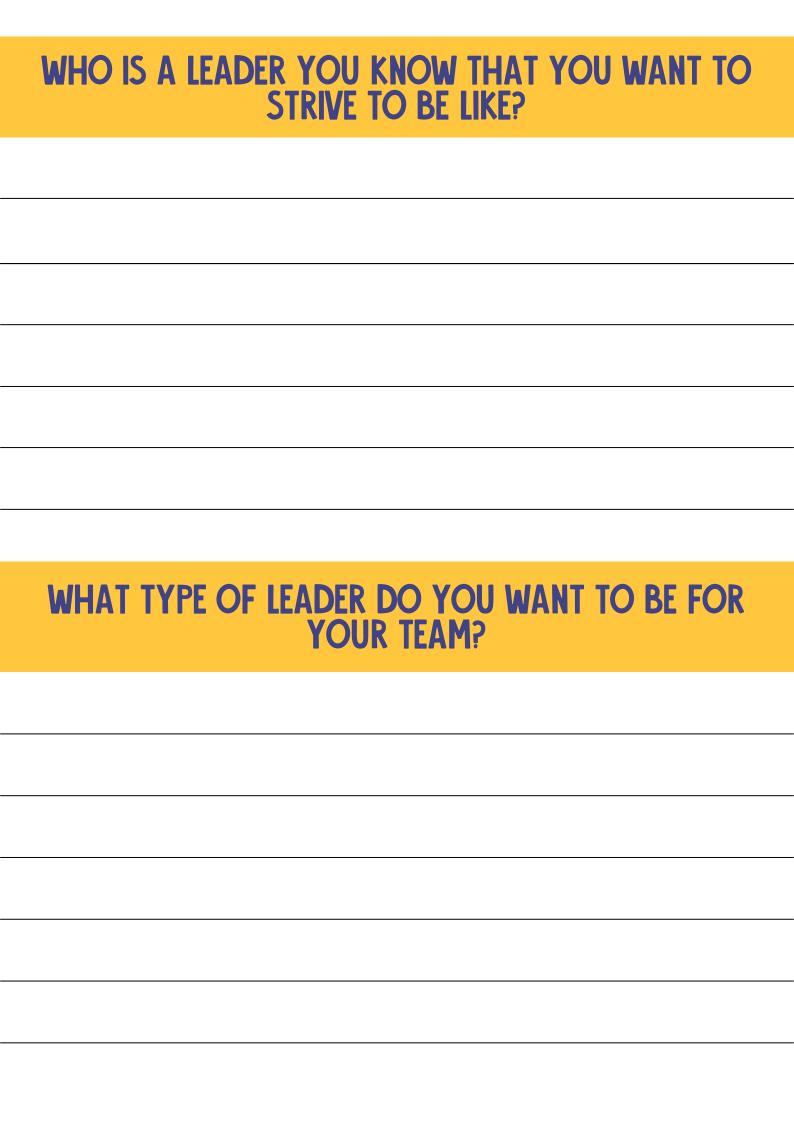
What are Your Next Steps?'-

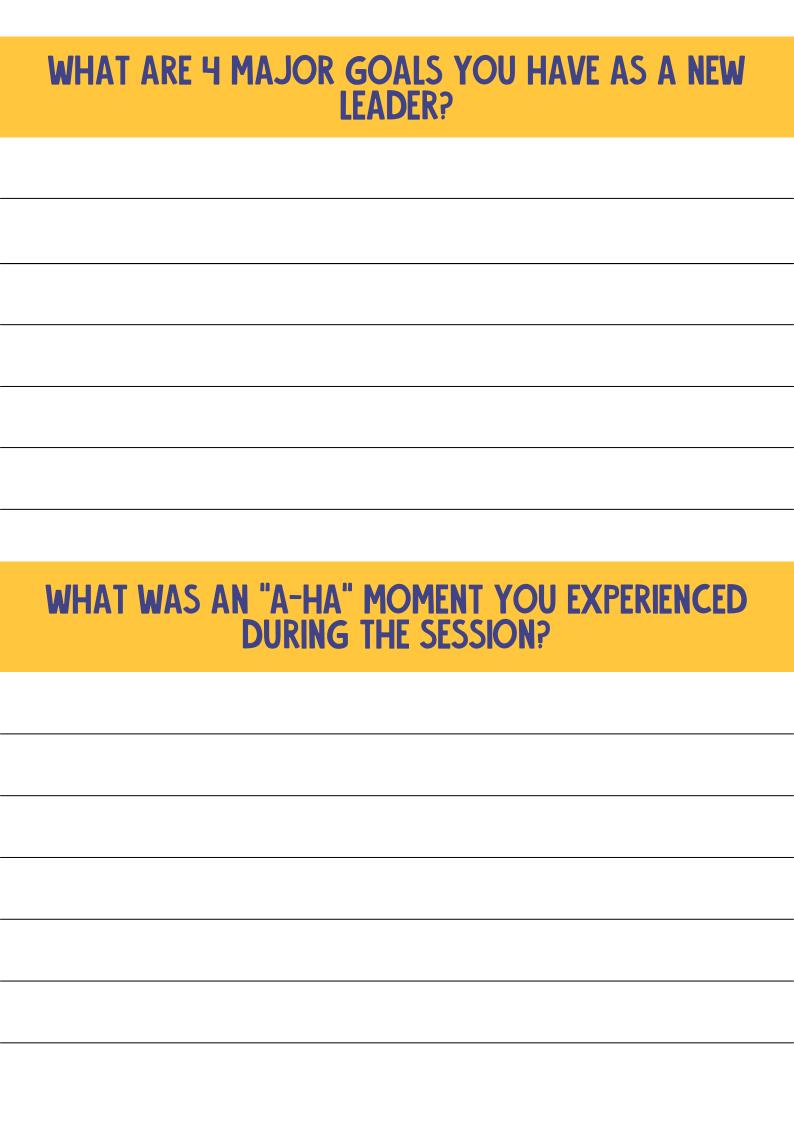


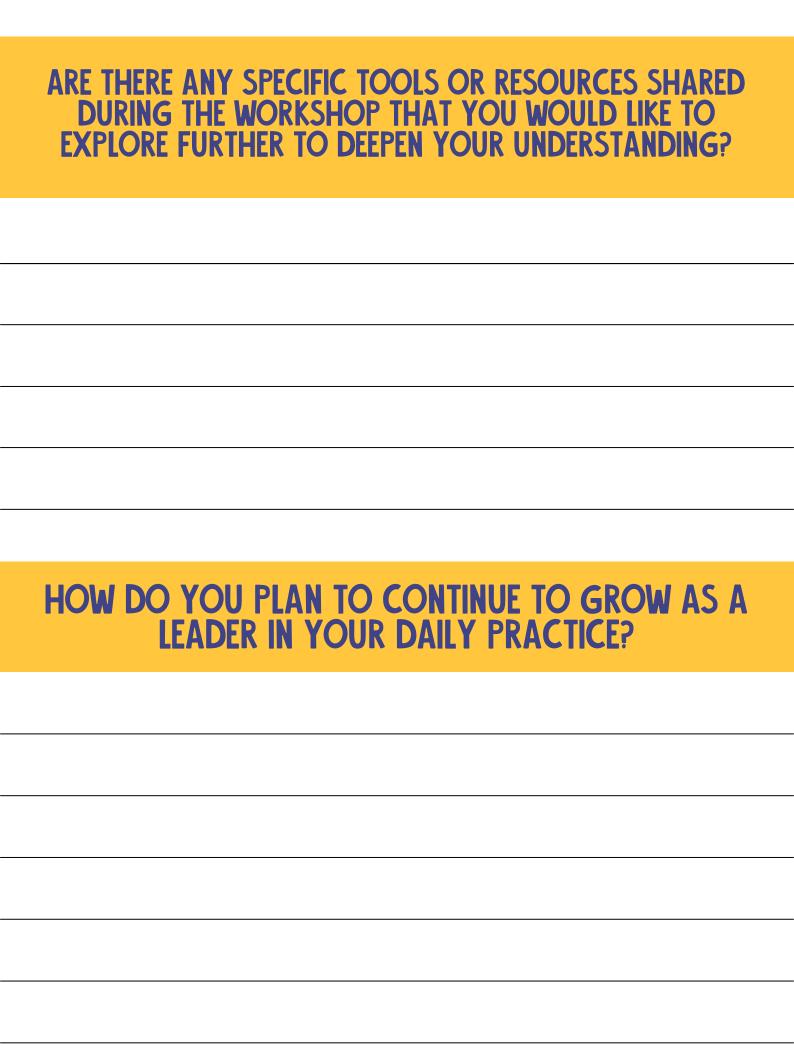
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HOW WILL YOU INCORPORATE WORK LIFE BALANCE AS A NEW LEADER? WHAT ARE YOUR 3 NEXT STEPS?



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