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## Karen Foley's Bio

Karen Foley is one of Montreal's leading educators and the Director of Strategic Learning Centre. With more than 30 years of experience, Karen has developed a keen sense of how to identify and solve even the most challenging learning problems. A mother of three grown children, she also understands how to best support parents when their child is having difficulty at school.

A former classroom teacher, Karen has a Bachelor of Education with a specialty in reading and special education, and a Masters in Educational Psychology where she focused on the most effective ways to help children become successful learners. In 1980, she was selected to head up a new centre at the Douglas Hospital, in Montreal, which specialized in educating adults with various learning disabilities.

In 1989, she co-founded Strategic Learning Centre. Providing parents with an alternative to standard tutoring methods, she introduced a unique one-on-one teaching approach designed to get to the root of each student's academic problems. Over the years, Karen has been instrumental in making several new and leading-edge learning programs available to Montreal families. As a result, the centre has helped thousands of students become confident, successful learners.

Frequently sought out for her expertise, Karen has conducted many workshops for parents and teachers on reading, writing and study skills, and on learning disabilities. She taught effective written communication at McGill University, and developed and wrote a very successful study skills program that is currently offered at her centre. Karen has been quoted in the Montreal Gazette, Montreal Families and Homemakers Magazine.