

BIO

Dr. Anthony (Tony) M. McCrovitz, Ph.D., is the Executive Director of the Quality of Life Institute, Inc., a nonprofit committed to enhancing the well-being of individuals facing various challenges. As a Licensed Psychologist and Mental Health Counselor, he specializes in child development and holistic, bio-psychosocial approaches.

Throughout his career, Dr. McCrovitz has been a dedicated advocate for individuals with disabilities, focusing on breaking down cultural and community barriers. He's known for developing a **Quality-of-Life Model™** that integrates the relationship-building principles of Gentle Teaching into his work. His commitment to the sharing of knowledge and resource materials for direct service providers has led him to collaborate globally, working with organizations and professionals to improve inclusive learning communities that support both personal and professional growth.

In addition to his leadership at Quality of Life Institute, Dr. McCrovitz has taught developmental psychology and lifespan courses at various colleges and universities. He holds a Ph.D. in I/O Psychology from Walden University, a respecialization in Clinical Psychology from Adler Professional School of Psychology, an MBA from Indiana Wesleyan University, and a master's degree in pastoral counseling from Loyola University of Chicago. **MSE 03, *Creating Meaningful Moments*** was published in 2024. Other books he has authored include **Anthony's Backpack: A Child's Journey into Gentleness** (2010) and **Return to Gentleness: Journeying with Gentle Teaching** (2021).

Dr. McCrovitz has been an active member of the **Gentle Teaching International** community since its establishment in 2009, and serves as a board member of the **International Snoezelen-MSE Association** (ISNA-MSE.org) and the **Institute of Multi-Sensory Environments** (I-MSE.org), presenting internationally on topics connecting neuroscience and sensory integration to facilitate inclusive learning for all that focus on creating sustainable solutions with quality-of-life outcomes.