**DEB CHABOYER**

Deb is an Edu-Healing Practitioner whose work is underpinned by her primary ideology that “Education is the portal to Healing.” Her life journey has fueled her passion to empower and encourage people to embrace their best selves and become the person in their dreams. She grounds her teachings in positive psychology to promote action in the present to create the reality that individuals, groups, and societies envision.

Deb attended the University of Manitoba as mature student and the lone parent of her six children. She wore a graduation cap and gown for the first time at the age of 51 years. She is an Indigenous truth speaker, mother, and grandmother who continues to work as an Educator, Healer-Counsellor, Advocate, Facilitator, TedX Talk Public Speaker, and Training/Workshop developer.

Deb has specialized in working with marginalized populations in many capacities. She has created and facilitated educational healing programs and planned/coordinated community events to enhance family preservation and reunification within an Indigenous Child & Family Services agency. Deb has worked as a Sessional Instructor and taught multiple courses at the University of Manitoba in their Newcomer-International post-graduate programs and she taught multiple courses in the Community Support Worker program at a local college. She spent years in Adult Student Services as a Coordinator and Counsellor, she worked in Indigenous social services, and she has worked as a community support worker assisting adults with developmental challenges. Deb spent most of her child-rearing years volunteering in community children’s sports programs in many different positions.