

# Association of Early Childhood Educators, Halton Branch

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*"To be the leader in promoting the professional development and recognition of Early Childhood Educators, on behalf of children in Ontario."*

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

What a great time to be an Early Childhood Educator! The college has begun its registration process, and if you hurry you will receive a 75.00 deduction from your application fee.

With so many changes it is difficult to know who will be doing what?

The AECEO has released this media fact sheet to assist all of us with understanding each parties role.

### History

The **Association of Early Childhood Educators Ontario (AECEO)** is a voluntary professional association that represents the interests of Early Childhood Educators across the province. Formed in 1950, the AECEO and its members are dedicated to creating awareness and respect for the education and care of young children in Ontario.

### What we do

In its commitment to uphold and promote a high standard of professionalism in the field of ECE, the AECEO provides certification and equivalency programs to individuals trained both in Canada and internationally. AECEO also offers accessible professional development and networking opportunities for Early Childhood Educators in Ontario.

The association played a critical role in lobbying the provincial government for a College of ECE and is a leading advocate of quality child care and the importance of ECE.

### *Mark Your Calendars!!!*

## *AECEO Halton Branch Annual General Meeting/Awards Night*

Wednesday, April 15th, 2009

1151 Bronte Road, Twinkle Light Dining Room

Oakville, ON

Invitations to follow



**Do you know an ECE that has made a difference in the lives of families?  
Have you seen a centre that inspires, nurtures and**

The AECEO Halton website will be changing to the Provincial site in 2009. Look for the Halton Branch website at [www.aecceo.ca](http://www.aecceo.ca) under local branches. The current website [www.aeceohalton.ca](http://www.aeceohalton.ca) will be active until the completed change takes place.

Questions asked at the College of ECE Information Evening

~~On October 29th, the Hutton Branch hosted an information evening regarding the College Of Early Childhood Educators. The turnout was incredible! We had 303 participants for this evening! The following was recorded during the Questions and Answers period.~~

Will the date be extended for membership so as not to be so close to Christmas? Could this be taken back to the Ministry?

*A: Can take it back, does not think it will be extended.*

Is the system confidential? If employer writes a cheque for employee and attaches to application ?

*A: Yes*

Will membership go up?

*A: Hoping fee will be for a considerable time, it has a 10 year plan.*

Will our wages go up in 1 year?

*A: No, perhaps 5-7 years*

What happens if you take a leave from profession?

*A: Can only use ECE title if member. If you do not maintain membership, you can not use title. Can reapply at later date (re-activate)*

Are there paid positions on the council?

*A: Position on the council is not a paid job. Council members participate 6-10 days per year. They are reimbursed for accommodation, mileage and meals.*

Will College accept experience as equivalency?

*A: AECEO offer information on equivalency. Ministry of Education is offering funding if short a few courses of finishing ECE.*

Do supply teachers need to be members?

*A: Yes if want to use ECE credentials*

Will DNA (Day Nursery Act) change at all? When ministry does licensing- deals with problems with teachers-not supervisor

*A: Professional conduct – Any discipline would go through College. Discipline could be brought to college by peer/ anyone. It is an investigation and a fair system. It is to ensure consistency in the role. Public will have information on website or phone in to see a person is in good standing.*

Do I get any extras for being part of the College?

*A: Yes, RECE ECE.C*

- *Qualify you for early childhood education positions and you will be eligible to use the restricted title that is protected by law.*
- *Enhance your professional status within your community and will assure parents that their children are in the care of a qualified professional*

12: What happens if not registered when Ministry comes in?

A: *Have not seen the changes yet to the checklist. Assume it will say registered. The Ministry will have an information session to share any changes/expectations with the community.*

13: Can you work in the field as an assistant without being registered?

A: *There are currently people working in childcare without credentials- yes. Again, can not use ECE designation.*

14: Where do I get the ECE act?

A: [www.collegeofece.on.ca](http://www.collegeofece.on.ca)

15: Will College take on responsibilities of AECEO so only one membership?

## Upcoming AECEO—Halton Branch Events

### Certification Study Group

This session will allow  
Early Childhood Educators to come  
together with other professionals to  
share ideas and lend support as they  
go through the certification process.

January 14th, 2009

1151 Bronte Road

Glenorchy/Dakota Room

6:30-8:30 pm

Register by Monday, January 12th

### Creating Your 20-20 Vision

Geared to helping you visually  
create new changes in your life  
and find new direction.

Learn the power in creating a  
Vision Board to keep you focused.

Presented at

Winter Recharge

Saturday, February 21, 2009

Sheridan Institute of  
Technology and Advanced

Learning

1430 Trafalgar Road



# THE COLLEGE OF ECE

## GUARANTOR SIGNING SESSION



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*Halton Branch*



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**Have you completed your application for The College of ECE?**

**Do you need a Guarantor to sign off?**

**Save your \$75 application fee by applying before the January 31, 2009 deadline**

**Please pre-register with AECEO Halton Branch**

We will be offering a first come first serve guarantor signing for 50  
Early Childhood Educators

**Please ensure that you have completed your application in black pen**

- have the originals and copies with you**
- have marked your application with an x**

**Wednesday January 7th, 2009**

Location: Cafeteria  
1151 Bronte Road  
6:00pm - 8:30pm

To Register please call AECEO Halton at 905 875 4600 and leave a message with your name,

## Professional Development Tracking Card

The AECEO Halton Branch is happy to announce the arrival of our Professional Development Tracking Cards.

This gives you an opportunity to track your professional development throughout the year. Remember your growth and development make a difference in the lives of children.

When you complete 10 professional development opportunities, return your card to AECEO c/o THRC, 410 Bronte Street S., Milton, L9T 0H8.

You will receive a Certificate of Recognition, which is a great addition to your professional portfolio.

\*\*\* If you already received a Certificate of Recognition, you can always continue and complete another 10 professional development opportunities— we have created a distinct second Certificate of Recognition.



**Congratulations to:**



Lorna Sisca  
Leah Washborne  
Cheryl Clerk  
Carollyn Capetola

## Website

Important Website to Add to Your Favourites

[www.aeceohalton.ca](http://www.aeceohalton.ca)

[www.aeceo.ca](http://www.aeceo.ca)



*It's just a click away!*

## Membership

The Halton Branch currently has 156 members. We would like to welcome:



Judy Carter  
Sheri Aguiar  
Sabahat Shaik  
Cecile Harris (ECE.C)  
Joyce Huibers  
Stephanie Borg  
Anne Rowe  
Karen Sickinger

For more information on Membership, please contact Conny Paton at [director@hhchildcare.ca](mailto:director@hhchildcare.ca)