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Reaching Out...

2008 WINTER

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PRESIDENT PONDERERS...

Welcome to our first newsletter edition for the 2007/2008 fiscal year. The AECEO Hamilton Branch Executive has undergone a loss of many long time members whose six year term concluded and therefore we are working diligently on recruiting new members to fill many of our positions, including newsletter. Please see our "Membership Matters" inside this issue for more information.

This has been an exciting time for the field of Early Childhood Educators. The College of ECE's now has a transitional council in place and recommendations are expected by February 2009. The Best Start Expert Panel reports are now all available online by visiting the Ministry of Children and Youth Services website. We are highlighting one of those panel reports in our upcoming general meeting in January. Please check out the details inside this issue and be sure to come out and learn more about quality early learning programs and how you can make a difference in your own program!

The general meeting for October was held in Brantford this year, in place of the usual March date. We enjoyed an evening all about us; relaxing and reflecting. We'd like to thank the Ontario Early Years Centre: Brant for hosting this event.

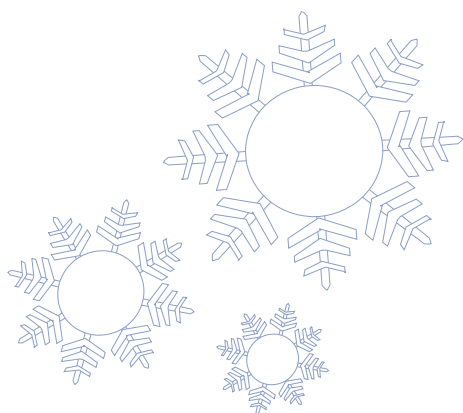
The Hamilton Branch Executive are busy planning for our general meeting in January, the wonderful Winter Recharge event in partnership



with ASCY, a community partnered general meeting in March and of course, the long anticipated AGM in May. The branch is also busy filling multiple roles as we look to our community to participate on the branch level. Many thanks to our current Executive for their extra hard work this year!

On behalf of the AECEO Hamilton Branch Executive Members; I wish you all the best for the holidays and in the New Year.

Respectfully,
Melodie Spencer, ECE.C
AECEO Hamilton Branch President



AECEO MISSION STATEMENT: *"To be a leader in promoting the professional development and recognition of Early Childhood Educators on behalf of children in Ontario."*





Welcome!

to the 2007/2008 EXECUTIVE

2007/2008 Executive Board Members

President	Melodie Spencer
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Winter Recharge	Annetta Alfano Lina Seeley
Brant County Liaison	Melanie Graham
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Co-op Council Representative	VACANT
Student Rep	VACANT

Upcoming Meetings

January 17, 2008

General Meetings

Early Learning for Every Child Today

Speaker: Pat Dickinson

Mohawk College

- see details inside this issue

March 25, 2008

Making a Difference

In partnership with ASCY, City of Hamilton

and Best Start Hamilton

La Piazza

Watch upcoming emails
and newsletters for details!

May 8, 2008

Annual General Meeting

Mark your calendars now!

May 9-10, 2008

Provincial Conference

Niagara, ON

Visit www.aeceo.ca
for more details.

Membership Matters

Our local branch is in need of your participation. Membership on the Executive is required to keep our local branch active and vocal!

Are you a member of the AECEO and want to get more involved in your profession, add to your resume, increase your knowledge of current events within the field or contribute to the ECE profession? Why not consider a term with the AECEO Hamilton Branch Executive? There are a number of positions open that could compliment or enhance your current skill set. The meetings are monthly and none are held in July or August. Do you want to make a difference during

such an important time of change in our profession? Wait no longer! Contact either Rose Hill, Nominating Chair at 905-383-5937 or Melodie Spencer, President at mspencer@eycbrant.ca or 519-759-3833 today!!!

Please see the last page of this newsletter on details of how to become a member of the AECEO or how to renew your membership- new e-membership are now available for professional and certified professional members; check it out!



Association of Early Childhood Educators Ontario, Hamilton Branch General Meeting “ELECT” Early Learning for Every Child Today

Speaker: Pat Dickinson

From the Best Start Expert Panel on early learning

Thursday, January 17, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Mohawk College 135 Fennell Avenue, Hamilton Room 1 109

Light Refreshments

Members; Free

Non-Members; \$5.00

If you have a copy of “ELECT”, please bring it with you

Report from Professional Development

Our new session of the AECEO, Hamilton Branch got off to a good start with our fall General Meeting which took place in Brantford, at the OEYC: Brant. We welcomed Tillane Beaulieu from Tillane's Relax and Release Therapy Centre.

It was a fun and relaxing evening enjoyed by all.

Please mark your calendars for January 17, 2008 when we will meet at Mohawk College in Hamilton for our next General Meeting with our special guest, Pat Dickinson who will speak to us about “ELECT”.

On Tuesday, March 25, 2008 our General Meeting will be a collaboration with ASCY, the City of Hamilton and Best Start Hamilton for “Making a Difference” at La Piazza in Hamilton.

Our spring banquet will be May 8, 2008 and more information will follow for that special night enjoyed by over 150 ECE professionals!

See you there!

Karen Rogers and Kathy Wardell



Winter Recharge Plus Conference 2007

**Presented by AECE,O Hamilton Branch
in collaboration with ASCY.**

“Sneak preview”

It's that time of year to refresh and rejuvenate yourself after another long year. Reboot your professional juices by attending this years Winter Recharge Conference on February 29th and March 1, 2008 at Mohawk College.

Adele Alfano will motivate and energize us with her keynote address
- Recognizing Your Valued Carats.

***A variety of workshops will be offered
on Saturday, March 1 from 8:00am - 3:30pm***

Let us not forget the Friday night, “Game Show Extravaganza”.

Come on down and be our next contestant on our game show night. Take a spin on the “Wheel of Fortune” and see if you can “Win, Lose or Draw”. So get a “family” together and let's Feud to see who is the next “Millionaire”.

Register your team as a T.V series.

Top team name “Monopolizes”...\$ Cash Prize \$

This year promises to be another fun-filled, team building event. Lots of prizes to be awarded, a penny sale and a dance to follow. So come on out and join the fun!

PD credit for participating.



Web page information

The local branch website www.aeceohamilton.org has been inactive for some time. Although it is still accessible, the web hosting company is no longer providing services. The AECEO Hamilton Branch apologizes for any inconvenience.

**Coming soon.... A new webpage
for our branch accessible through
the provincial website of
www.aeceo.ca**

Check out Thunder Bay and Ottawa Branch sites now to see the new look being hosted and maintained by the provincial office of the AECEO!



ASCY News and Updates

ASCY launches a new website!



Check out our new website at www.ascy.ca. You will see some new features such as an easy to read monthly training calendar, visitors' wizard, job board (both ASCY and community jobs can be posted), training documents, Raising the Bar, For Goodness Sake, Professional Resource Library, Early Literacy Initiative, Community Happenings, Networks, Home Child Care Support.

Newsletter and Professional Development

Look for the ASCY newsletter both online at our website or through the mail for upcoming professional development events. www.ascy.ca. We will continue to offer training in: RIRO, Virtues Project, Interactions and Relationships, Challenging Children, Diversity and Inclusion.

All ASCY workshops are available to any staff working in Early Learning and Child Care in the City of Hamilton. You do not have to be a member of ASCY to register for workshops.

ASCY Professional Resource Library

When is the last time you made a visit to our professional resource library? If it has been a few years or months, we would like to welcome you back! You will find an abundance of resources, toys and equipment that may enhance your early learning program. Consider having a tour, staff meeting or work night at ASCY. Ask about free day passes for staff at the next supervisor's network meeting!

Check out our "Recycle Centre" at our main site and our Wesley Neighborhood site. Many interesting 'found materials' are available for purchase!

Highlights of the library: Family Teacher Resource Bins, Kits and teaching resources, DVDs, videos, resource books, reference materials, die cut machines, colour copier, heat press, laminators, book binding, quick ideas and current resources for sale.

A special thank-you

Thank you just doesn't seem to say enough...After countless years of donating her time and expertise to the AECEO, Hamilton Branch, **Lorna Evans** retired as our financial administrator to focus on family and other projects. We are forever grateful for her donation of time and skills and wish her and her family all the best!



Brant County Liaison Report

Raising the Bar on Quality - Party! Party!! Party!!!

Reaching Gold in Brant-Third Year Celebration

Congratulations Brant! We have successfully finished our third year of the voluntary accreditation program that helps our child care field to strive for excellence. It was a great deal of hard work but you did it and you should be proud!

It takes dedication, determination and pride to push yourselves to be the best that you can be, so let's celebrate with a PARTY at Lansdowne Children's Centre on Wednesday, January 16 at 6:15 p.m. Bring your enthusiasm and appetites!



Raising the Bar Early Childhood Education

The Raising the Bar on Quality steering committee has been working hard to complete the review process for three additional programs; Special Needs Resourcing, Home Child Care and Early Learning and Parenting which will be launched in Brantford on Thursday, May 15 1:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. at Lansdowne Children's Centre.

COMING SOON!!

Mark your calendar...You won't want to miss our 10th Annual CHANGE Child Care Conference...come celebrate with us!

10th Annual CHANGE Child Care Conference

Friday, April 4 and Saturday, April 5, 2008 at the Best Western Brant Park Inn, Brantford, Ontario - Flyers will be available soon!

For more information please contact Ontario Early Years Centre:
Brant 519-759-3833 or 1-888-33CHILD www.eycbrant.ca/oeyc.htm

Workshops being offered at the CHANGE Conference:



Friday Morning

- A Peek Inside the Covers
– Make and Take
- Building Skills Through Science
- Managing in a Technical World
- First Nations Perspectives
– Pejig, Nij, Niswi

Friday Afternoon

- Sing A Little... Make A Lot
– Make and Take
- Creating Professional and Performance Portfolios
- Strategies to Enhance Social Learning
- Everybody Move

Saturday Morning

- It's Raining, It's Pouring,
My Classroom Is Boring
– Make and Take
- What Pushes Your Buttons???
Let Us Help!
- The Memorable Middle Ages
- Relaxation 101

Saturday Afternoon

- It's A Bugs World After All
– Make and Take
- Games – Let's Play
- What Happens in the
Therapeutic Playroom
- Rubber Chicken Soup

OEYC: Brant Professional Development in Brantford/Brant:

Please go to www.eycbrant.ca/oeyc.htm and check out the Professional Development Newsletter. For more information or to receive a copy of the newsletter call the OEYC: Brant at 519-759-3833 or 1-888-33CHILD or email us at oeycbrant@execulink.com

Ontario Early Years Centres



A Place for Parents And Their Children.



Best Start Parenting Information Fair:

The Brantford-Brant Best Start Network in partnership with the Grand Erie District School Board, the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board are planning the second annual parenting fair planned for Saturday, April 26, 2008 at Branlyn/Notre Dame School, located at 238 Brantwood Park Road, Brantford from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This fair will include information booths, children's entertainment and will provide parent/caregivers with information on getting their child prepared for school. The event is FREE of charge.

For more information please call 519-756-3150 or visit the Best Start website at www.ourbeststart4brant.ca or email at beststart@brantford.ca

Submitted By: Melanie Graham ECE. C



Association of Early Childhood Educators Ontario Membership Application Form

Please check one: Individual Centre/Program (aka Corporate Membership)

Individual or Centre Name: _____
(Print Name as you would like it to appear on your AECEO card)

Mailing Address: _____
Street City Province Postal Code

Tel #: H (____) _____ W (____) _____ Fax#: (____) _____

E-mail: _____ Branch: _____
(If none chosen, the closest AECEO branch will be assigned)

Name of Contact Person (For Centre/Program registrations only): _____

Annual Fees (See reverse for eligibility criteria of membership)

Method of Payment

Please check one

- Professional Certified \$140 (\$260/2yrs)
- Professional \$140 (\$260/2yrs)
attach copy of ECE Diploma or AECEO Equivalency Certificate
- Professional Retired \$ 65
- Associate Non-Practicing ECE \$110
attach copy of ECE Diploma or AECEO Equivalency Certificate
- Associate Non-ECE \$110
- Associate Student \$ 35
attach copy of valid student card
- Program/Centre Affiliate* \$165 (budget under \$500K)
\$315 (budget over \$500K)
(formerly known as Corporate Membership, see eligibility criteria for details)
- Please remove my name from the MBNA Affinity Program List. (This program entitles AECEO members to affinity group rates for the MBNA master card. A percentage of all purchases made is donated to the AECEO.)

Cheque or money order payable to AECEO (enclosed)

VISA or MasterCard

_____ Expiry: _____

Cardholder Signature: _____

Membership fee: \$ _____

Donation: \$ _____

Your donations support our on-going initiatives

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

(Signature)

See Page 8 for terms/conditions





Association of Early Childhood Educators Ontario Membership Application Form

Eligibility for Membership

Professional: An **individual** with an AECEO recognized diploma in ECE obtained in Ontario or its equivalent as determined by the Association (*new applicants must include a copy of their ECE diploma or ECE equivalency certificate.*)

Professional Certified: An **individual** who qualifies for professional membership and has successfully completed the Association's Certification Process. (*Membership must not be allowed to lapse more than 6 months to retain certified status*)

Professional Retired: A retired **individual** who has previously held membership in the AECEO and has reached the age of 60. Rights and privileges associated with her/his former category are retained.

Associate Non-practicing ECE: An **individual** who has been a professional member of the Association and not currently working in the field. (*no right to vote or hold office, no CCCF membership, does not require prior approval, no time limit*)

Associate Non-ECE: Individuals interested in the field of Early Childhood Education who do not hold an AECEO recognized ECE diploma or its equivalent (*no right to vote or hold office, no CCCF membership*)

Associate Student: An **individual** currently enrolled in an Ontario College of Applied Arts and Technology, or an Ontario University leading to their first AECEO recognized ECE diploma or its equivalent. Max. 4 years (*no right to vote or hold office, no CCCF membership*)

Students, please provide permanent address if different from that on reverse: (applicants must include a copy of valid student card or signature of ECE faculty member)

Address _____ City _____
Province _____ Postal Code _____ Tel # _____

*Program/Centre Affiliate (*formerly known as Corporate Membership*)

This category allows early learning and care programs to support the AECEO and at the same time receive valuable information and benefits for their ECE staff. This category has no voting privileges as it belongs to the organization and not an individual. Though this category is currently under review, programs and centres may continue to register in this category and receive the following privileges until a new structure has been approved by the Provincial Board:

- ✓ One copy of the ECE LINK quarterly publication
- ✓ Affiliate membership to Canadian Child Care Federation
- ✓ Affiliation with a local branch and its activities (as applicable)
- ✓ Special reduced rate for individual membership for all staff (10% off, not including retired and student category)
- ✓ One AECEO card with membership # with the Centre or Program name.
- ✓ Access to all membership services and membership publication rates
- ✓ Entitled to member reduced rate to provincial conferences for non-member staff and parents (max. 5 delegates) ***NEW***

In cases of financial difficulty, installment payments may be arranged. Apply in writing to the Executive Director. If approved, three equal consecutive monthly payments may be accepted. Membership card and receipt will be issued after final installment has been cleared. Member will be considered in good standing and receive all mailings from the first installment payment.

Faxed renewals accepted with credit card method of payment only. **Replacement copies** of official receipts requires 3 weeks of processing and an administration fee of \$20.00. In the case of NSF cheques, an administration fee will be charged. In addition, future payments will be accepted via credit card or money order only. Please allow **4 to 6 weeks** for processing.

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