

**IT'S OUR
BIRTHDAY!
LET'S CELEBRATE!**

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Dear AECEO members,

We are celebrating sixty years! Imagine that! Our 60th Anniversary represents a major milestone for our organization and is a huge testament to your dedication. On November 5th, 2010 we will celebrate the achievements of yesterday and today and look forward to tomorrow.

Throughout its history, the AECEO has organized and administered important developments in Early Childhood Education in the areas of training, public awareness, certification, equivalency, networking, professional development, supporting quality early learning and care and gaining recognition for the profession. As part of our 60th Anniversary celebration we wish to recognize a rich history of accomplishments, made possible by many dedicated individuals.

The Association prides itself on the collaborative efforts that have allowed us to forge valuable relationships and to achieve our mission throughout six productive decades. We are very proud that our 20 year campaign for the advancement of early childhood educators in the province through the creation of a professional regulatory body for ECEs was a resounding success, culminating in the historic establishment of the College of Early Childhood Educators in 2007.

The AECEO has also played a leadership role in the development and implementation of Ontario's Full Day Early Learning program, the biggest change in early childhood education in a generation, and a major development for ECEs in this province. We see the changes to come as the vehicle with which to continue to realize our mission and we are proud to represent the voice of ECE professionals as we move forward on this transformational journey to change early learning in Ontario. We know that there will be obstacles to overcome, but we are committed and will make sure that our voice is heard at all times.

The seeds we plant today will help us to grow new roots and thrive in the future.

This 60th Anniversary kit will help you to commemorate and celebrate the AECEO's 60th birthday in your community.

The following materials and tools are included in your kit:

- AECEO History Milestones poster
- Celebration Tips – use our tips or your own ideas
- AECEO 60th Anniversary commemorative pin information
- Order forms for merchandise
- Membership Recruitment Initiative

Please let us know of your plans so that we can post the information on our website to allow members to easily check for local events. We will also share your information in the winter issue of the eceLINK. Please take photos too and send them in. The best one will win a prize!



HISTORY: A REVIEW OF OUR MILESTONES

- 1950** - The Nursery Education Association of Ontario (NEAO) is established.
- 1950-1965** - First diploma course offered at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute for preschool teachers.
- 1964** - NEAO establishes a certification course for preschool teachers and a pre-certification process for applicants with out-of-province and out-of-country credentials.
- 1969** - NEAO assists in establishing the Early Childhood Education diploma program in newly established Ontario Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology.
- 1969-1970** - NEAO officially changes its name to Association of Early Childhood Education Ontario – AECEO.
- 1970s** - AECEO strongly advocates for community colleges to offer post diploma courses specializing in special needs, music, art and management.
- 1980** - AECEO launches Week of the Child throughout the province.
- 1982** - AECEO Code of Ethics is approved at the Annual General Meeting in Ottawa.
- AECEO launches the Margaret Fletcher Award recognizing exceptional programs.
- 1983** - AECEO publishes a Child Abuse Handbook for ECEs.
- 1984** - AECEO Pre-certification process becomes the Equivalency process.
- 1989** - AECEO establishes a Legislative Recognition committee to advocate for the creation of a professional regulatory body for early childhood educators in Ontario.
- 1990** - MCSS recognizes the AECEO's Equivalency process and awards AECEO a grant to subsidize applicant fees.
- Ministry program advisors begin to use AECEO's list of automatic equivalent programs in Canada for licensing purposes.
- 1994** - Code of Ethics distributed to all licensed programs in Ontario.
- 1995** - French services for the AECEO Equivalency process are transferred to L'afeseo (L'association francophone a l'education des services a l'enfance de L'ontario).
- 1996** - Bill to establish College of Early Childhood Educators first presentation in Legislature. Although this attempt was unsuccessful the AECEO continues to lobby for a regulatory body.
- AECEO changes its name to Association of Early Childhood Educators Ontario and voluntarily acts as a regulatory body for ECEs.
- 2000** - AECEO celebrates its 50th Anniversary in Niagara at the 50th Annual Provincial Conference.
- 2002** - AECEO continues to advocate and campaign towards Legislative Recognition for early childhood educators through educational presentations.
- 2004** - AECEO launches program accreditation for non OCAAT ECE programs in Canada.
- 2005** - The Common Table for Childhood Development and Care is formed by the AECEO and other community partners to promote collaboration in advocacy and delivery of services.
- 2006** - AECEO launches Access to the ECE Field in Ontario funded by Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration.
- The Provincial Conference is co-hosted with the Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care. A first for both organizations.
- 2007** - Legislation is successfully passed for the establishment of the Ontario College of Early Childhood Educators.
- 2008** - AECEO develops a one-day employment training seminar using the ECE in the Canadian context course.
- AECEO receives a Sector Initiative Funding grant to develop a training module on the Day Nurseries Act.
- AECEO in collaboration with community colleges and local groups/agencies coordinates province wide Institutes on "Empowering" the Profession with a special focus on the newly established College of ECE.
- 2009** - AECEO receives funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) to launch a Leadership and Capacity Building project in spring 2009.
- AECEO continues their province wide Institutes focusing on Ontario's vision for Full Day Early Learning. 30 organizations and colleges collaborate and over 1600 delegates attend the events.
- 2010** - AECEO becomes a member of the Early Learning Implementation Advisory Group headed by Kevan Costante, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education & Jim Grieve, ADM, Early Learning Division, Ministry of Education.
- AECEO winds down Equivalency process for transfer to the College of Early Childhood Educators.
- AECEO celebrates its 60th Anniversary.

HAVE FUN WITH BLUE DAY!

Celebrate the AECEO

The 60th celebration is an opportunity for you to let people know why you are a member of the AECEO. Tell them that as an early childhood professional you are:

- staying connected with other ECE professionals
- keeping abreast of current information and research on ECE
- participating in on-going professional development and training
- contributing to the provincial voice for ECEs

WEAR
blue

Collaborate

outreach

Blue
Food

DISPLAY

OPEN
HOUSE

Take
pictures

Pot Luck

games

Explore
blue

Create
a poster

Connect with
Colleagues

Have
Fun!

Party



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Association of Early Childhood Educators Ontario

LIMITED EDITION
ANNIVERSARY PIN
\$20⁰⁰



PROUD TO BE A MEMBER OF YOUR PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION?
THEN SHOW IT OFF!

Order form available online at www.aeceo.ca or email us at info@aeceo.ca

*picture not actual size – actual pins are 3/4 inch silver plated pewter

PUBLICATIONS AND MERCHANDISE ORDER FORM

ITEM	Price per Unit	Shipping and Handling	Quantity	Total
AECEO Publication	Members \$12	\$5.00		
A Child in Need of Protection	Non-members \$20			
ECE Lapel Pin	Members \$ 5	\$2.50		
Blue and gold enamel (ece)	Non-members \$10			
ECE Charm	Members \$ 5	\$2.50		
Blue and gold enamel (ece)	Non-members \$10			
AECEO Code of Ethics (8.5 x 11) gold and black print on linen paper	Members \$ 5	\$2.50		
	Non-members \$10			
AECEO 60th Lapel Pin	Members \$20	\$5.00		
Silver plated with rhinestone	Non-members \$25			
AECEO ECO Bag	Members \$ 5	\$2.50		
Foldable Nylon Shopping Bag Available in Blue/Red/Black/Pink	Non-members \$10			
			TOTAL	

Purchaser info:

Name: _____ Member# _____

Centre/Organization: _____

Address: _____

City Prov Postal Code

Tel: () _____ Email: _____

VISA ___ MASTERCARD ___ expiry date ___/___

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Name of Cardholder: _____

For cheques please make payable to AECEO Provincial Office

Name of Courier: _____ Account # _____



During our **60th year anniversary** celebration, the AECEO is offering current Professional Members the chance to receive a

FREE PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Recruit **2** new professional members and you will qualify for this offer

For full details visit aeceo.ca

You + 2 Colleagues
= FREE



Add **2** voices to your professional association



Receive a **FREE** one year AECEO membership



Free One Year Professional Membership Renewal Rules

- Free One Year Professional Membership Renewals are restricted to qualifying current professional members.
- To qualify for free renewal, include on the above provided Free Professional Membership Renewal section, the names of two (2) New Professional Members referred by you to the AECEO between January 1, 2010, and January 3, 2011 (membership numbers must be included).
- Free Professional Membership Renewal submissions can be sent in advance of a current member's upcoming renewal date, but only after the successful processing of the two (2) new recruited memberships. The AECEO will extend a current member's renewal date by one year upon the successful processing of the referred two (2) new professional memberships.
- New Professional Member Applications and membership payments must be received at the AECEO office between January 1, 2010 and January 3, 2011.
- Free Membership Renewal Forms must be received at the AECEO no later than January 10, 2011.
- Professional Membership is restricted to individuals who qualify for: Professional Certified, Professional, and Professional Retired memberships (includes Plan 1: Traditional and Plan 2: Electronic Membership Program).
- Current Member is defined as an individual whose membership is in good standing.
- Next Membership is defined as the membership due for renewal after the processing of two (2) new professional memberships resulting from a current member referral. There is a limit of two (2) Free One Year Memberships for each referring Professional Member.
- New Professional Member is defined as an individual who has never held AECEO professional membership, whose professional membership has lapsed for a minimum of 12 consecutive months from the current application receipt date, or is an individual changing from a student membership to a professional membership.
- Free memberships are available to individuals only, and do not apply to organizations.
- Free One Year Professional Memberships have no cash value, are non-transferable and cannot be of greater value than the renewing member's current membership.
- The AECEO reserves the right to make the final decision regarding the interpretation of these Rules, eligibility for Free Professional Membership Renewal, and on any other question concerning the application and interpretation of these Rules.

****Rules and Regulations can be altered by the AECEO Provincial Office at any time****

Individual Membership Application Form

(Please check one) New Existing

AECEO Membership Number (if existing member): _____

Name:

First

Middle

Last

Mailing Address

Street:

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

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

Email: _____ Branch: _____

(Valid individual email address is mandatory in order to receive weekly e-bulletins and to qualify for EMP program)

Membership Categories

Please Check One:	Plan 1: Comprehensive	Plan 2: EMP (Electronic Membership Program)
Professional Certified	\$125	\$60
Professional	\$125	\$70
Professional Retired*	\$65	N/A
Non-ECE	\$110	N/A
Student	N/A	\$35

**Retired Certified Members may switch to the Professional Certified category to opt for the EMP plan.*

Special Affiliate Membership Offer

Add \$25.00 to your total below to purchase a Canadian Child Care Federation Affiliate Membership

IF YOUR CENTRE IS AN AECEO AFFILIATE, PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE TO FIND OUT IF YOU QUALIFY FOR A DISCOUNT. (Professional Comprehensive Category only!)

Method of Payment

Cheque/money order payable to AECEO VISA MasterCard

Expiry: _____ / _____

Name of Cardholder: _____ Signature: _____

Membership Fee (circle one)	\$
Plan 1 Plan 2	
CCCF affiliation (add \$25)	\$
Donation support for ongoing initiatives	\$
Total Enclosed:	\$

For new members or those changing categories:

Check this box if you have included the necessary documentation