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As this year's President of the Hamilton Branch, I'd like to say, it is so good to be back. What a great opportunity to be a part of this exciting fully complimented board. I am very impressed with the energy, and enthusiasm that your 2008 board members' possess.

As President, one of my public duties includes leading the general meeting. Well, we were blown away with the attendance that we had at our very first General Meeting on November 5th at Mohawk College. I want to thank Shirley Bainbridge for securing the McIntyre Theatre, and also parking for the event. It was great to hear from the Chair of the ECE College, Christine Forsyth. Christine brought us first-hand news regarding what the ECE College means to us as graduates of Early Childhood Education Programs, and how this registration of our profession will continue to build our credibility as professionals in the community.

Our Executive Director of the AECEO, Eduarda Sousa also presented on the differences between the Association of Early Childhood and the ECE College. Eduarda announced that the fees of the AECEO will be lowered for internet membership. The new fee will range from \$60 to \$70 for those wishing to apply for membership via internet to reduce their carbon print on the planet and keep costs down.

Last, but not least, the Hamilton Branch is seriously being considered for the AECEO Conference in 2010 to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the AECEO. This is an exciting opportunity for us in our area. What a great time in our History to be a part of this profession. I congratulate you all for your success in our field.

Respectfully,
Sandra S. McDonald, ECEC

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 2008/2009 EXECUTIVE

2008/2009 Executive Board Members

President	Sandra S. McDonald
President-Elect	Marija Katic
Public Policy	Debbie Spzak
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Secretary	Sil Weiss Antonella Zezza
Public Relations	Lesleyann Seki
Fund Development and Marketing	Virginia Johnston
Newsletter	Judy Baillie
Professional Development	Kathy Wardell Diane Corbett
Nominating	Brenda Parker and Rose Hill
Membership	Natasha Farrugia
Winter Recharge	Shirley Bainbridge Lina Seely
Brant County Liaison	Karen Pascoe
Week of the Child and Youth	Deb Forster Kelly Zerenby
Co-op Council Representative and Marketing	VACANT
Student Rep	VACANT



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AECEO Provincial Conference

59TH Annual AECEO Conference

“Building On Foundations For A Stronger Profession”

May 21 to 23, 2009

Windsor, Ontario

Visit www.aeceo.ca for more details.

Membership Information

My name is Natasha Farrugia and I am a recent Mohawk College Early Childhood Education graduate. I am currently continuing my education at the Wilfred Laurier, Brantford Campus in Contemporary Studies in Child Education and Development. I am the Membership Chair for the Hamilton Branch as well as over-seeing the student representative position. I have also been in contact with Head Office to obtain a current membership list. I hope to be contacting new and current members in the near future. Please do not hesitate to approach me at the General Meeting, Week of the Child and Youth events, or any other functions. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns; I look forward to hearing from you. **E-mail: natashafarrugia@hotmail.com**

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-memberships are now available for professional and certified professional members; check it out!

Nominating Report

Thank you to all of the 2008-2009 Executive for all of your ongoing commitment to professionalism and leadership in the Hamilton Branch. There are several positions available for the 2009-2010 executive. If you are interested and want to make a difference please contact us at **905-574-6876 at ext #246** and leave a message and I will be in touch.

Respectfully,

Brenda Parker, R.E.C.E

Public Relations Report

Each year the Association of Early Childhood Educators, Ontario, Hamilton Branch recognizes an individual from the community who has made a significant contribution toward improving the quality of the life for young children and their families.

This is our opportunity as Early Childhood Educators to recognize the outstanding efforts of our colleagues and to inspire others to continue to provide a high level of service to children.

It is with great honour we recognize Bernadette Noon as the recipient of the Children's Service Pin Award for 2008. We presented her with the award on Wednesday, November 5th at the AECEO general meeting held at Mohawk College. Bernadette was also recognized at the Week of the Child and Youth Luncheon on Friday, November 14th at Carmen's Banquet Hall as an individual who has significantly contributed to the well-being of children and youth. We believe that Bernadette Noon demonstrates exceptional achievements and contributes to the development of young children in her chosen field of expertise.

Bernadette is improving the lives of young children on a daily basis as the Supervisor of Today's Family Early Learning and Child Care Centre-Dundas. She has been a part of Today's Family for the past 12 years. Bernadette graduated as an Early Childhood Educator from Mohawk College in 1996. She is a member of the Association of Early Childhood Educators and became Certified in 2003. She is an active member of the community Advisory for Innovations in Early Learning

and Childcare in Dundas Committee as well as the Supervisor Network and St. Augustine's Catholic School Council. Co-chairing the Area 4/5 Network has been a rewarding opportunity for Bernadette to assist in leading the community of Early Learning and Childcare Program. It is evident that she is very deserving of this prestigious award and emulated the characteristics of what this honour represents.

Respectfully Submitted by Lesleyann Seki, Public Relations



Bernadette Noon



Upcoming AECEO General Meeting

You are invited to attend the AECEO General Meeting

Thursday, April 30, 2009

Time 7:00 p.m.

At the Ontario Early Years Centre: Brant
330 West Street, Unit 1, Brantford ON
Honoured Guest Speaker; Sandra Nunn
The Queen of Clean & Clutter Control

Sandra will be presenting on:

Get Rid of Clutter, Open up Space and Get Organized



Annual Banquet & General Meeting

Wednesday May 27, 2009

**Presented at Carmen's Banquet Hall,
1520 Stonechurch Road East, Hamilton**

Cash bar: 6:30 Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

Please note:

**no tickets available at the door
tickets must be purchased in advance**

**Seating is on first-come, first-serve basis.
Deadline for ticket sales is May 17, 2009**

Tickets are available at these locations:

Affiliated Services for Children and Youth (ASCY)

**526 Upper Paradise Road, Unit A, Hamilton ON
Ph: 905-574-6876 for hours of operation**

OR

**Ontario Early Years Centre: Brant
330 West Street, Unit 1, Brantford ON
Ph: 519-759-3833 for hours of operation**

Presentation of the Awards of Distinction

Come celebrate the achievements of the ECE Community!

Ontario Early Years Center: Brant Professional Development Opportunities

Working With Families

Wednesday, June 24 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10.00 or \$5.00 for full membership holders
(covers the cost of materials)

First Aid

Saturday, June 6 from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$85.00 or \$75.00 for full membership holders

Personality Dimensions

Tuesday, July 21 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10.00 or \$5.00 for full membership holders
(covers the cost of materials)

Jolly Phonics

Part One: Jolly Phonics Overview

Part Two: Jolly Phonics Make and take

Tuesdays, August 25 & September 1 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$30.00 or \$20.00 for full membership holders
(covers the cost of materials)

Reaching in-Reaching-out (RiRo)

Saturday, May 23 and 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Cost: \$40.00 or \$35.00 for full membership holders
(cost includes adult and child skills workbooks and lunch each day)

Rhyme Time Train the Trainer

Wednesday, May 13 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00 (covers the cost of materials)

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 eycbrant@execulink.com



Ontario Early Years Centres
A Place for Parents And Their Children.



Centres de la Petite enfance
Un endroit pour les parents et leurs enfants.

Brant County Liaison Report

Brantford/ Brant



Best Start Parent Information Fair

April 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Branlyn/Notre Dame School, Triple Gym

238 Brantwood Park Road, Brantford

For more information please call 519-756-3150

Best Start Magazine

Congratulations to the Best Start Network on the first edition of the magazine which was published this fall and will be circulated in Brantford/Brant. To find out more information about Best Start visit the website at www.ourbeststart4brant.ca

Week of the Child and Youth Brant Report

This year's Kids Rock-Week of the Child & Youth Event held in Brantford/Brant was a great success! A Children's Activity Fair and a Youth Talent Show were held at the Brantford Civic Centre Auditorium. Close to 400 participating parents, children and youth enjoyed a day filled with free activities, information and entertainment. The Week of the Child & Youth Community Committee would like to extend a special thank you to the Brantford Community Foundation, whose generous grant enhanced this year's event and to K-LITE FM Radio Station for their assistance in advertising. The 2008 Week of the Child & Youth Community Committee was made up of representatives from the following organizations: City of Brantford Child Care Services, Contact Brant, the Ontario Early Years Centre: Brant, St. Leonard's Community Services and Woodview Children's Services.

Hamilton Wentworth Updates

ASCY News

Look for the ASCY newsletter both online at our website or through the mail for upcoming professional development events, www.ascy.ca.



Hamilton Best Start

Updates From Best Start

Members of Hamilton's Service Provider Networks together will learn more about each other's services, community resources and the people they serve. Anyone who provides services to children 0-6 years of age and their families is invited to attend.

For more information please contact:

Ruth Doherty, 905-547-3924

Aboriginal Community: April 28, 6:00 - 8:00

Aboriginal Awareness and Cultural Sensitivity with a traditional meal * limited space

Wesley Neighbourhood Centre, 93 Delena Ave. North

To register call 905-549-4884 ext. 227

Hamilton Mountain: April 29, 4:00 - 6:00

Templemead School

To register contact Marianna Cappelletti marianna.cappelletti@hwdsb.on.ca or 905-383- 8348 ext. 501

Stoney Creek: April 22, 5:30 – 7:00

St. Paul Catholic School

To register contact Kimberley Bullardk bullardk@hwcdsb.ca or 905-525-2930 ext. 2892

Week of the Child and Youth Hamilton Wentworth Report

As the Week and the Child and Youth AECEO Representatives it is our responsibility to attend monthly Hamilton-Wentworth Week of the Child and Youth committee meetings. Preparations are now being made for the 30th Anniversary of the Week of Child and Youth in Hamilton, events are scheduled this year for November 13th to 21st. 2009. The kick-off event will be an Awards Dinner at Liuna Station on the Friday November 13th. The Week of the Child and Youth Celebrations are taking place around National Child Day again this year. Many Free events will be scheduled throughout the city and hosted at Ontario Early Years Centres, Hamilton Public Libraries, The Art Gallery of Hamilton, Hamilton Museums and numerous other community partners. The Week of the Child and Youth Annual General Meeting was held in February where planning began for this year's events. Meetings are held monthly.

Eligibility for Membership

Electronic-Membership Program (EMP): You must be eligible for **Professional** category, must have internet access and a unique personal email address (*Communication is by e-mail or through the AECEO Members-Only area of our website, and optional CCCF affiliate membership is available for an additional \$25*). Visit www.aeceo.ca for more information.

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**

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/ University leading to their first AECEO recognized ECE diploma or its equivalent. Also an **individual** pursuing post graduated education in the ECE field in MCYS recognized institutions. Max. 4 years (*no right to vote or hold office, no CCCF membership*). Students please provide permanent address if different from that on reverse. **(Must include copy of valid student card or signature of ECE faculty member)**

Program/ Centre Affiliate: 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 **does not** replace individual professional and associate memberships. It has *no voting privileges or rights to hold a branch or board executive position* and has limited access to Members Only services as it belongs to a centre/program and not an individual.

- 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 the comprehensive professional membership fees, not including retired, student category or the Electronic Membership Program)
- One AECEO card with membership # with the Centre or Program name.
- Access to membership services allotted to the category and membership publication rates
- Entitled to member reduced rate to provincial conferences for non-member staff and parents (max. 5 delegates)

To apply, programs/centres must submit with their application, a brochure or annual report with a cover letter containing information on mission statement, description of services, total number of ECE and ECA staff.

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. Direct enquiries, payments, and comments to:

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