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2010 Kids Can Fly Presents the Early Childhood Educator Awards Banquet

Thursday, November 4 at the Best Western Brant Park Inn
HOLLYWOOD THEME!

Walk the red carpet from 6:15 p.m. Dinner/awards after 7:00 p.m.
Tickets still \$25.

Come out to celebrate the importance of our profession, to socialize with friends, win prizes and have fun! For more information go to www.kidscanfly.ca or call Sharon Brooks at 519-448-1713.

The main focus of the past year, for the AECEO Hamilton Branch, was hosting the AECEO's "60th Anniversary" Provincial Conference.

The key to the success of the conference was due to the inspiring dedication and contribution of Executive Members, volunteers and the community at large. The conference was well received; over 400 people in attendance. During the "Opening Reception" of the conference, the Hamilton Branch had an opportunity to recognize Catherine Stewart, Cathy Robb and Helen Gough, the three longest standing Branch members.

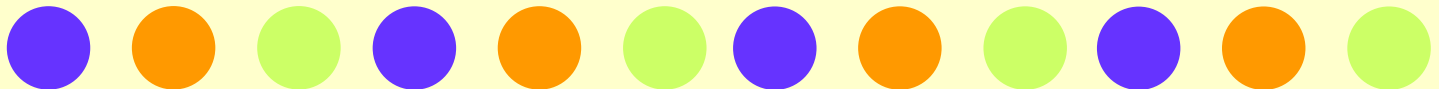
This year, the Hamilton Branch is hosting an appreciation event for Early Childhood Educators, celebrating the profession of Early Childhood Education. We look forward to seeing you there.

On November 5th, the AECEO Provincial Office will be celebrating its 60th anniversary. The AECEO has played a leadership role in the development and implementation of Ontario's Full Day Early Learning Program.

As the President of the AECEO Hamilton Branch, I look forward to continued collaboration with our community, colleagues and families; fulfilling the mission and vision of the AECEO. Thank you for your dedication and commitment in maintaining our visibility, and ensuring that our voice continues to be heard.

Respectfully,
Deborah Szpak RECE, ECE.C, RT
President





Welcome! To the 2010/2011 EXECUTIVE

2010/2011 Executive Board Members

President	Debbie Szpak
Past President	Marija Katic
President Elect / Public Policy	VACANT
Treasurer	Cathy Robb
Secretary	Brenda Parker
Professional Development	Cathie Williams-Downey and Ashley Reed
Public Relations	VACANT
Newsletter	Krista Genesiee
Special Events	Shirley Bainbridge
Membership	Natasha Farrugia
Membership Co-Chair	Kathryn Smyk
Week of the child and Youth	Kelly Zerebny
Brant County Liaison	Judy Baillie
Nominating	Lynn McInnis
Fund Development	VACANT
Student Rep	VACANT

Nominating Report

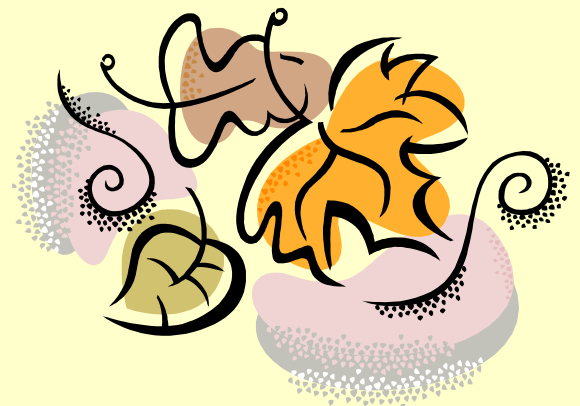
Thank you to all the 2009-2010 Executive for all your ongoing commitment to professionalism and leadership in the Hamilton Branch. There are several positions available for the 2010-2011 executive and we ask you to think about joining and making a difference for Hamilton. The positions are President Elect, Public Relations and Fund Development. If you are interested and wish to make a difference, please contact us at 905-574-6876 ext. #246 and leave a message and I will be in touch.

Sincerely,
Lynn McInnis RECE

Week of the Child and Youth Report

This year marks the 31st Anniversary of the Week of Child and Youth in Hamilton. Events are scheduled this year from November 12th to 21st. The kickoff event is an Awards Luncheon at Liuna Station on Friday November 12th. Many events will take place during the week hosted by community partners. Check out <http://www.wocyhamilton.ca/> for a full listing of events and partners.

Kelly Zerebny R.E.C.E, ECE.C





What's Happening in Brant!

It's Official!

Our office and programs at our *main location* will be closed on **October 15th and 16th**. Office hours and main site programs will re-open Monday, October 18th at 9 a.m. Our *Resource Library* will be closed from **October 9th to 26th** and re-open on Wednesday, October 27th from 12-8 p.m. See you at 30 Bell Lane!

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@execuink.com



Environmental Rating Scale Revised Training

Presented by: OEYC: Brant Staff

Wednesday, November 3 & 17 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5 Register by Thursday, October 21.

First Aid Training

Guest presenter: Active Canadians

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

Cost: \$85 or \$75 for full membership holders (includes morning snack, light lunch & manual) Register by Thursday, October 21.

Walkin' in a Winter Wonderland - Die Press Extravaganza

Presented by: OEYC: Brant Staff

Thursday, December 9 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Cost: \$20 or \$15 for full membership holders Register by Thursday, November 25.

Exploring an Awesome Author: Make and Take

Presented by: OEYC: Brant Early Literacy Specialist

Tuesday, December 14 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Cost: \$20 or \$15 for full membership holders Register by Thursday, December 2.

Home Child Care & Early Childhood Educator Network

Talking About Difficult Issues With Families

Facilitated by: OEYC: Brant Staff

Thursday, November 11 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. **Register by Thursday, October 28.**

8th Annual Supervisor's Symposium Day

Friday, November 19 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Held again at relaxing Circle Square Ranch

Cost: \$65.00 (Includes: Continental Breakfast, Lunch and Workshops)

Guest presenters:

- Melanie Crawford, Bigger and Better Journey Learning Services
- Kathryn Creeden, K.J. Business Solutions

Registration and refund deadline is Thursday, November 5, 2010.





Celebrating the Field of Early Childhood Education

You are invited to attend *the first annual* evening in celebration of the ECE profession on Monday, November 15th at the Grand Olympia, in Stoney Creek (*Barton & Fruitland Road*). Hosted by the AECEO Hamilton Branch, the evening will include:

- 6pm - *Cocktails and conversation*
- 7pm - *Buffet Dinner*
- 8pm - *Entertainment*
- 8:30pm - *Presentation of Recognition Awards*

Door prizes will be awarded throughout the evening. Feel free to reserve a table.....or 2! (*tables of 10*). Tickets are \$25pp. Please contact Clorice Manning at 905-531-1252 or via email at jellybeancm@hotmail.com Ticket orders need to be received by October 27th in order to order the appropriate number of meals.



Some agencies and child care programs in our community have sponsored **Recognition Awards**. The criteria for these **Awards** has been circulated to the child care community seeking nominations. Please review the criteria and submit any nominations to Shirley Bainbridge via email at shirley.bainbridge@mohawkcollege.ca **by November 8th**. In an effort to maintain an equitable process, the names of nominees will be removed from the submissions and replaced with a number prior to review by the selection committee. If you require further information or clarification call Shirley at 905-

575-1212 (ext. 3146) or contact via the above noted email. Thank you for your interest and support of this event!

Hamilton
Best Start

Hamilton's Annual Inter-Professional Education Event

Wednesday November 10th, 2010

Location: Hill Park Secondary School
465 East 16th St., Hamilton ON

Guest Speakers:

Dr. Jean Clinton

*"The First R- Relationships:
How Love Builds Brains"*

&

Sheila Sammon - *"Change"*

Door Prizes

6:00pm to 8:30pm

No Cost

Light Refreshments

Registration is required.

Contact Angela at 905-574-6876 Ext. 229
or ascy@ascy.ca

Please indicate your name, workplace, position
& email address when registering.

"Making Hamilton the Best Place to Raise a Child"

*"Faire de Hamilton la meilleure place pour élever
un enfant!"*



AECEO EQUIVALENCY SERVICES

Important Notice (March 17, 2010):

As per legislation governing the newly established College of Early Childhood Educators the AECEO will hand over responsibility for the delivery of equivalency services in Ontario effective April 1, 2010 (Canadian Trained) and July 31, 2010 (Internationally Trained).

Canadian Trained

March 31, 2010 Last date of acceptance of Canadian trained applicants into the AECEO Equivalency process. Applications must be received in our office(s) no later than **Wednesday, March 31, 2010, 5:00pm** to be accepted. All applications received **after** this date/time will be returned to the applicant and the AECEO Equivalency Process for Canadian Trained applicants will be closed.

As of April 1, 2010, the **College of Early Childhood Educators** will directly handle applications from Canadian trained applicants who require an individual assessment of their educational credentials. Please contact the College of Early Childhood Educators (www.collegeofece.on.ca) for more information regarding this process.

Internationally Trained

July 30, 2010 Last date of acceptance of Internationally trained applicants into the AECEO Equivalency process. Applications must be received in our office(s) no later than **Friday, July 30, 2010 5:00pm**. All applications received **after** this date/time will be returned to the applicant and the AECEO Equivalency Process for Internationally Trained applicants will be closed.

As of July 31, 2010, the College of Early Childhood Educators will directly handle all applications from internationally trained applicants who require an individual assessment of their educational credentials. Please contact the College of Early Childhood Educators (www.collegeofece.on.ca) for more information regarding this process.

The AECEO conducts only English language assessments. For French language applicants, please contact the College of Early Childhood Educators for more information.

Please Note: AECEO Letter of Equivalency certificates or Recognition of Equivalency certificates issued prior to February 23, 2014 will continue to be accepted by the College of Early Childhood Educators as meeting the educational qualification component of the application process for membership in the College of Early Childhood Educators.

To Become a Member of the AECEO please go to www.aeceo.ca and click on the membership tab. You can download the application form to fill out.