

## Getting Involved in Ontario CEC

The Ontario Council for Exceptional Children (Ontario CEC) exists because of our volunteers. Ontario CEC includes several local chapters in five regions across the province which are run by volunteer leaders; they organize direct service and professional development opportunities for our Special Education community. Additionally, Ontario CEC has 3 active Subdivisions and general members not affiliated with a Chapter or Subdivision.

Award events run by volunteers, recognize our teachers, educational leaders, paraprofessionals, businesses, partners, and parents who are making a difference in their schools and communities. Many children and youth are celebrated each year for their “Yes I Can” attitudes and accomplishments at these events. This recognition would not happen without the local chapter executives and committees made up of members who volunteer.

Provincially, our volunteer Board of Directors and committee members advocate for our exceptional community with partners such as the Ministry of Education, other Ministries, and the Ontario College of Teachers. These provincial volunteers also help to provide current, research driven professional development opportunities in organizing our annual Ontario CEC Special Education Conference, webinars, as well as researching useful links and resources to post on our website and social media platforms.

Every volunteer is valued, enriching our organization, making us more diverse and inclusive. They assist us to fulfill our Vision and Mission as the Ontario CEC.

Ontario CEC has a variety of ways for our members to get involved both locally and provincially; please read more about upcoming volunteer opportunities in this section. Learn about our different standing committees. Consider starting a local chapter in your area. Browse through the anecdotal remarks and stories by some of our current and former members of how Ontario CEC has enriched and supported both their careers and their lives.

Do you want to expand your experience out of the classroom? Deepen your personal sense of achievement? Make an impact? Give back? Help shape the future of our profession? Then contact us to share your skills and knowledge as a volunteer!

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