

## A YEAR IN THE WORK OF THE AECEO

Highlights of the work of the AECEO April 2020-2021

### April 2020

- April 1 - The AECEO provides frequently-updated resources for ECEs on CERB and other financial support
- April 6 - At-home learning begins
- April 7 - Online training with the Institute for Change Leaders begins - 80+ educators attend
- April 20,21 -Inaugural Coffee & Conversations meetings, hosted by Communities of Practice (CoPs)
- April 24th - AECEO co-hosts Operators Webinar

### May 2020

- May 5 - Pandemic pay letter and campaign - Advocates demand that the Ontario Government extend the \$4 pandemic pay to apply to all staff in emergency child care
- May 5 - Returning to Work: ECE and early years staff perspectives: Survey is launched and garners 4000 participants
- May 14 - Ontario Child Care Webinar: Highlighting voices from emergency child care and next steps for advocacy.
- May 15 - Early Learning and Child Care at the Core Plan & 5 actions campaign launches
- May 21 - ECEs participate in day for action for paid sick days with the Decent Work Health Network
- May 27 - *From Reopening to Recovery* Report released, with accompanying letter to MPPs campaign

### June 2020

- Jun 1st - AECEO co-hosts the Reopening to Recovery report webinar
- June 9th - Minister Lecce announces that child care will reopen on June 12th
- June 9th - AECEO co-hosts parent webinar on the Reopening to Recovery report
- June 10th - Meet Your MPP Webinar - Olivia Chow teaches advocacy skills
- June 12th - Virtual Rally for Child Care - thousands of educators and allies attend

### July 2020

- July 10 - 5 year review of the Child Care and Early Years Act (CCEYA) opens, AECEO encourages ECE submissions
- July 15 - AECEO seeks member input for CCEYA review submission
- July 23 - Joint Statement from the Professional Pay and Decent Work Project released
- July 24 - AECEO makes its CCEYA review submission
- July 28th - Summer 2020 issue of eceLINK is released

### August 2020

- August 11 - AECEO co-hosts webinar/consultation *From Reopening to Recovery: Where are we now?*
- August 18 - *Revisiting From Reopening to Recovery* report is released

### September 2020

- Sept 23 - Speech from the Throne mentions of Early Childhood Educators and a universal child care system
- Sept 23 - The AECEO Webinars - Decent Work and Pedagogy is delivered to a maximum capacity crowd
- Sept 24 - The *#RisingUpForChildCare* campaign launches, focusing on frontline ECEs and staff, parents and families experiencing the child care crisis
- Sept 30 - Inaugural Kindergarten Conversation

### October 2020

- Oct 2nd - Proposed Regulatory Amendments to CCEYA released
- Oct 15 & 29th - The AECEO Webinars - Addressing Anti-Black Racism in Early Childhood Education, led by the AECEO's Community of Black ECEs
- Oct 22 - Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day (CCWAD) Rally
- Oct 22 - AECEO and OCBCC survey on proposed CCEYA changes launches

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- Nov 5 - Online training with the Institute for Change Leaders begins
- Nov 9 - AECEO celebrates 70th birthday
- Nov 12 - *"An insult to educators, children and families": Child care community views on the Ontario government's proposed changes to the Child Care and Early Years Act* report released
- Nov 16 - Week of Action to Stop the Child Care Changes
- Nov 20 - AECEO Submission on proposed regulatory amendments to the CCEYA

### December 2020

- Dec 1 - Stop the Child Care Changes Video series and campaign launches
- Dec 8 - Second Kindergarten Conversation
- Dec 17 - Fall/Winter issue of eceLINK is released
- Dec 17 - AECEO Member Check-in Survey
- Dec 22 - AECEO letter to Education Minister Stephen Lecce sent

### January 2021

- Jan 12 - AECEO Member Survey: Covid Experiences
- Jan 21 - AECEO and OCBCC launch Open Letter - Protect and Respect campaign
- Jan 26 - Phone zap for sick days with Decent Work Health Network

### February 2021

- Feb 17 - AECEO Submission to Ontario 2021 Pre-Budget Consultation
- Feb 17 - AECEO Flash Survey - Vaccines
- Feb 23 - The AECEO Webinars - What is Play?: Shifting Learning Experiences in the Virtual Kindergarten Learning Environment

### March 2021

- Mar 6 - International Women's Day: Sheroes Persist
- Mar 2 - Federal workforce study opens
- March 23 - Third Kindergarten Conversation
- Mar 24 - Ontario Budget released

### April 2021

- April 13 - Week of action for campaign to Vaccinate ECEs and child care workers launches
- April 19 - Federal Budget Watch party - celebration of \$30B investment into the creation of a Canada-wide child care system
- April 27 - ECEs win vaccine priority
- April 27 - Spring 2021 issue of eceLINK released
- April 28 - Community Wellness Check-in event

AECEO members and volunteers - thank you. It is with your support that we are able to achieve all of this work together. In 2020-2021, a year of unprecedented challenges and disruptions, we continued to come together as a community, work collaboratively, and strengthen and build our advocacy movement and professional supports. The tremendous work that happened is possible because of your ongoing support and participation. We could not do it without you, and know we are better and stronger when we are working with you. You are heroes and leaders for children, families, communities, and your profession.

For more information on how become a member and contribute to your strong, collaborative professional association, please visit [www.aeceo.ca/membership](http://www.aeceo.ca/membership)