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**PROFESSIONALIZATION OF
CHILD AND YOUTH CARE
- TIMELINE -**

- 1957** - A Child Care Worker Training Program is Initiated in Ontario: Thistletown Hospital begins this training program
- 1959** - Thistletown Association of Child Care Workers is Developed
- 1967** - Formal Education in Child and Youth Care Begins at Several Ontario Colleges

- 1968** - The First Association Conference on Professional Practice Occurs: The promotion of body of knowledge and practice in Child and Youth begins in Ontario
- 1969** - O.A.C.Y.C. becomes Incorporated as, Child Care Workers Association of Ontario: The C.C.W.A.O. is now a public corporation governed by bylaws
- 1974** - A Proposal for a Regulatory College of Child Care Work is Submitted: The attempt at regulation with the provincial government is unsuccessful
- 1974** - The Association Initiates and Leads Research with the Ministry of College and Universities: Child and Youth Care body of knowledge and practice is defined and standardized for what were once termed Child and Youth Work post secondary programs The research continues until 1985
- 1979** - The Association Defines Educational Requirements for Full Membership: To qualify as a full member with the Association, members have to now have post secondary qualifications in Child and Youth Work
- 1983** - The Association Hosts a National Child and Youth Care Conference: The 3rd National Child and Youth Care Conference is hosted by the Association in Toronto
- 1985** - A Code of Ethics is Adopted by the Association

- 1989** - The Child Care Workers Association of Ontario Changes Name to the Ontario Association of Child and Youth Counsellors
- 1999** - New Requirements for Membership Established and Complaints Now Accepted by the Association: The discipline committee is established to deal with complaints about members and membership criteria issues
Members must now submit academic credentials and sign the code of ethics before membership is approved
- 2001** - Association Website Unveiled: Practice Complaints can now be submitted online to the Association
- 2002** - Professional Development Credits Become Required by the Association: Full Members must now attend annual Professional Development, and submit documentation to the Association, to maintain Membership
- 2006** - Full Certification Membership in the Association Exceeds 2,000 Members for the First Time
- 2012** - Certification Process Adopted by the Association: Child and Youth Care Practitioners, who meet the professional association regulations, are referred to as Certified CYCs. The Association developed a partnership with The Child and Youth Care Certification Board (C.Y.C.C.B.). The C.Y.C.C.B. Board awards professional certification to Practitioners who demonstrate their commitment to professional practice. This certification

process is now available through the Association. Certification is based on five competency domains of practice: professionalism, cultural and human diversity, applied human development, relationship and communication and developmental practice methods

2014 - Name Changed to the Ontario Association of Child and Youth Care: The Association changes name from the Ontario Association of Child and Youth Counsellors to the Ontario Association of Child and Youth Care. The new name now aligns with international and national titles of the discipline. The new name now also aligns with the coming name change to Ontario Post Secondary Programs - to be called Child and Youth Care Programs

2014 - New Code of Ethics is Adopted by the Association: The Code of Ethics, from the National Certification Project, are adopted following the lead of the Canadian Council of Child and Youth Care

2015 - New Vocational Standards for Ontario Child and Youth Care Post Secondary Programs are Established: The Ontario Ministry of Advanced Education and Skill Development release new Vocational Standards for Child and Youth Care post secondary programs. The Association Legislation Committee begins. Formal Lobbying Legislation Report/Proposal, Safeguarding the Other 23 Hours, is released by the

Association to the public. Legislation petition begins Letters of support for legislation begin to be collected. Meeting with the Early Childhood Educators of Ontario occurs. Meeting with James Janeiro, Senior Policy Advisor to Premier Kathleen Wynne occurs to share our proposal

2016 - Legislation Lobbying Continues: The Association Legislation Report/Proposal sent to all MPPs in the province with a request for a meeting. Meetings occur with MPPs in various locations across the province. A legislation sub-committee is launched and now includes Association members. Consultation occurs with the Ministerial Lead Residential Review Panel Meeting with Monique Taylor, NDP Critic for Child and Youth Services occurs. A Graduate Degree in Child and Youth Care at Ryerson University is announced. The second graduate degree in Canada, in Child and Youth Care, is now offered in Ontario

2017 - Legislation Lobbying Continues: Letter sent out to all MPPs, regarding the Associations concern with both the Psychotherapy Act (Psychotherapy becoming a Controlled Act, which without regulation Practitioners will be excluded from using) and the provincial governments lack of response to our request for regulation. A letter writing campaign aimed at lobbying the government regarding the impending changes with the Psychotherapy Act and our request for regulation, is initiated with our

members (see website). Meeting with Senior Policy Advisors to the Honourable Dr. Eric Hoskins (Minister of Long Term Health and Care who is responsible for the Psychotherapy Act) occurs. Continued meetings with MPPs across the province occur regarding the impending changes to the Psychotherapy Act and our request for regulation

- 2017** - Request for Regulation: A formal request for a regulatory college for Child and Youth Care Practice is delivered by hand to the Ministry of Children and Youth Services. The Request package is handed to a Policy Advisor to the Minister
- 2018** - Lobbyist is Secured: The Board of Directors contracted a lobbyist, Sussex Strategy Group, to assist the Association in developing a strategic plan specific to our interest in regulation/legislation
- 2018** - Signed Petitions are Delivered: MPP Bob Bailey, from Sarnia, ON takes forward 3000+ signed petitions, advocating for regulation of the field
- 2018** - Loss of the Ontario Child Advocate: The Association publicly advocated against the loss of the Ontario Child Advocate. Met with Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services
- 2019** - Met with Government: Met with the Director of Policy in the Ministry of Education to discuss proposed cuts to Education. Met with the Ministry of

Children, Community and Social Services Director of Policy to discuss cuts to the Autism Portfolio Funding

2019 - Participated in Round Tables: Invited to participate and be involved with the Residential Services Round Table. Invited to participate and be involved with the ministry of Children, Community and Social services Police Check Round Table. Brand refresh completed and new website being built. One-pager infographics planned for 2020

2020 - Consultation with the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services and the Ministry of Colleges and Universities: Consultation with the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services regarding Group Care. Supported the Ministry of Colleges and Universities in the revision of the Child and Youth Care Advanced Diploma Program Vocational Learning Outcomes for programs in Ontario

2020 - Public and Government Advocacy Efforts: Developed a one-page infographic for the Ministry of Education to advocate for Child and Youth Care in Schools. Attended a meeting with Deputy Minister Nancy Naylor and other Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services staff members. Distributed letters of advocacy to include Child and Youth Care in Mental Health Planning in response to COVID-19

- 2020** - Public and Government Advocacy Efforts: Developed a one-page infographic for Hospitals and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to highlight the role of Child and Youth Care Practitioners in Healthcare. Sent one page infographic and letter to Membership and Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care advocating that Practitioners deserved to receive pandemic pay
- 2020** - Ministry of College and Universities Consultations Resume: The Association supports the review of Vocational Learning Outcomes process by engaging additional Practitioners across the Province to contribute to the review and revision of program standards
- 2021** - Ministry of College and Universities Consultations Resume The Association supports the review of Vocational Learning Outcomes process by engaging additional Practitioners across the Province to contribute to the review and revision of program standards
- 2021** - Provided feedback on amendments made to the CFSA (Child & Family Service Act): Specifically in the areas of pre-service qualifications of those working with children and youth in care, care plans, pre-placement assessments, use of restraints and safety plans.