## ONTARIO ASSOCIATION FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

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## OAFCCD Overview

- Legally incorporated non-profit corporation with Charitable Status from Revenue Canada
- Board of Directors 5 at large members, plus all Chapter Leaders
- Staff part time Provincial Co-ordinator (15 hours per week)
- Volunteers 6 Board members, 8 Chapter Leaders, 22 SEAC reps, 5 Speech-Language Pathologists
- Office Premises Provincial Co-ordinator works from home office, Website managed by volunteer in Smith Falls, Board meetings held in private homes, or free public space in community agencies, Hospitals or school boards, Workshops held in public facilities, such as libraries, Health Units, etc.
- Annual Budget average \$24,000
- Revenue sources Membership Fees (10%) Foundations and Grants (80%)
- Key Grants
  - \$14,500 from Ministry of Education, Parent Engagement Office, Parents Reaching Out Grant (2009)
  - \$121,300 from Ontario Trillium Foundation for the OAFCCD Parents as Partners Program (2006-2009)
  - \$40,000 from Ministry of Education, Parent Engagement Office, Parents Reaching Out Grant (2007)
  - o \$39,000 (1994-2009) from Barbershoppers, Harmonize for Speech Fund
  - o \$25,000 (1998-2000) Ronald McDonald Children's Charities for video and resources
  - o \$10,000 from Roy C. Hill Foundation
  - o \$45,000 Trillium Foundation (2000 2003) for operating costs over three years

## **Accomplishments**

- Recognized stakeholder group invited by provincial government to many consultations
  - Pre-Budget Consultations
  - Ministry of Education
    - Coordinated Services Advisory Committee
    - Provincial Standards project (2000-2002)
    - Review of Policy/Program Memorandum 81
    - Ministry of Health Preschool Speech and Language Initiative
- Eligible for membership of school board Special Education Advisory Committees (SEAC)
  Currently member of 10 school boards with 12 res and alternatives

- Participated in the establishment of Preschool systems in many communities
- Delivered workshops in communities across the province (at least 5 per year)
- Website has had over 95,000 visitors
- Produced a video on OAFCCD and communication disorders
- Produce 3 newsletters annually and deliver to 300 members
- Developed over 95 Parent Articles or Fact Sheets
- Developed A Parent Guide to Supporting Success at School Helping Students with Speech and Language Impairments
- Developed Parents as Partners Program that includes a Website and 5 Workshop Kits to help families of children with special needs with the transition to Kindergarten
- Delivered more that 80 parent Workshops for the Parents as Partners program to more than 700 parents
- Delivered more than 35 staff training sessions to more than 300 community and school board staff on using the Parents as Partners Workshop Kits and Resources