

Ontario CEC

59th Annual Special Education Conference



On behalf of the Ontario CEC Board of Directors, I am pleased to extend an invitation for you to attend the 59th Annual Provincial Special Education Conference, which will be held November 13 - 14, 2015 at the Marriott Gateway in Niagara Falls.

The theme of the 2015 Conference is on student mental health and well-being; presentations will focus on evidence-based practices, instructional strategies, and technology to support the well-being, learning and achievement of all students with special education needs. The conference program features more than 70 lecture and poster presentations in numerous topical areas, including mental health, at-risk children & youth, autism, assistive technology (hands-on training lab), behavioural disorders, learning disabilities, low incidence exceptionalities, differentiated instruction, assessment and instructional strategies.

We are delighted that Colleen Rennie, a student at Fanshawe College in the Child & Youth Worker program, who is a mental health & well-being self-advocate, will deliver the opening keynote address! Other conference highlights include:

- ◆ Poster Presentations/President's Reception
- ◆ Publisher & Exhibitor Display
- ◆ Awards Luncheon
- ◆ Community Agency Display
- ◆ Ministry Strand
- ◆ Mental Health/Well Being Strand
- ◆ Autism Strand
- ◆ Technology Strand

Conference registration includes the opening keynote address, breakout and poster presentations, the Exhibitor/Publisher Display and breakfast and lunch both days. Special conference rates apply for CEC members and full-time University & College students.

Please mark these dates and join Ontario CEC for this comprehensive and self-directed professional learning opportunity!

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Conference Overview

Friday, November 13, 2015

- ◆ Registration & Continental Breakfast
- ◆ **Opening Session & Keynote Address by Colleen Rennie**
- ◆ Concurrent Breakout Sessions
- ◆ Exhibitor/ Publisher Display
- ◆ Community Agency Display
- ◆ Poster Presentations
- ◆ President's Wine & Cheese Reception

Saturday, November 14, 2015

- ◆ Registration & Continental Breakfast
- ◆ Concurrent Breakout Sessions
- ◆ Exhibitor/Publisher Display
- ◆ Community Agency Display
- ◆ **Closing Session** includes the **Awards Luncheon - Adult and Yes I Can! Student Award Recipients**
- ◆ **Motivational Address by Colleen Rennie**



Ministry of Education Strand

- ★ Overview of Special Education in Ontario
- ★ Supporting Student Well-Being and Positive Mental Health
 - ★ Provincial Alternative Curriculum
 - ★ Education & Career Life Planning and Supporting Student Transitions
- ★ Consultation on Revised Intellectual Exceptionalities

*The Awards Luncheon is Generously Supported by
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Featured Sessions Include:

Mental Health in the Classrooms

Formulating Inclusive and Accessible Classrooms through Evidence-Based Practices
Adam Davies & Molly Goodis
OISE/UT

Enough with Tablets as Tools:

It's Time to Think about the Pedagogy Behind the Screen to Support Differentiated Instruction
Rochelle Tkach, Tiffany Gallagher & Xavier Fazio, Brock University

A Cognitive Approach to Understanding Specific Learning Disabilities

Caylin Trudell,
Arrowsmith Program

An Introduction to Assistive Technology Tools for Literacy Learning: The Basics

Dr. Kimberly Maich
Brock University

Structured Work Tasks - Designed, Adapted and Individualized for All

Angela Di Giovanni
Durham District School

An Asset Approach to Behaviour Disorders:

Understanding Emotional Reactivity and Promoting Healthy Self-regulation
Dagney Gardiner, TDSB

Supporting Students with Anxiety

Dr. Sue Ball, Co-ordinator Psychological Services, York Region DSB

Laziness, Late Bloomer or LD?

Diane Geerlinks
National Institute for Learning Development

Surrey Place Centre

Strand on
Autism Spectrum Disorder

Microcomputer Science Centre

Assistive Technology Training Lab:
Hands-On, Interactive Learning!

Transition to Postsecondary Pathways for Students with Autism:

Translating Research into Practice
TDSB Autism Programs Staff & Surrey Place Consultants

A Bully and a Victim: The Bullying Experiences of Youth with Emotional/Behavioural Disorders

Monique Somma & Dr. Zopita Marini
Brock University

A complete listing of presentations is available at the conference website:

<http://www.cvent.com/d/mrqgj5/6X>

Conference Registration

Please note that online conference registration may be accessed through this link, as of September 1:

<http://www.cvent.com/d/mrqqj5/4W>

Registration Includes	Conference Delegate Rate	CEC Member & Presenter Rate	Student/CEC Pioneer Rate
2-Day Conference - includes breakfast, lunch and wine & cheese reception on Friday, breakfast and the awards luncheon on Saturday	\$325.00	\$275.00	\$225.00
Additional Awards Luncheon tickets	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00

Conference Hotel/Room Bookings

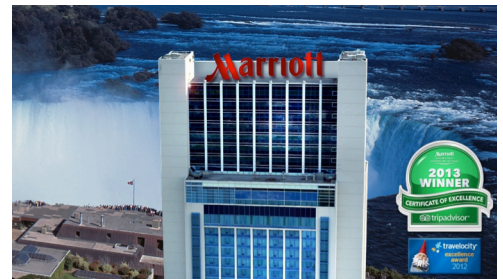
Marriott Gateway on the Falls

6755 Fallsview Boulevard

Niagara Falls, Ontario

Canada L2G 3W7

<http://www.marriottgatewayonthefalls.com>



For guests looking to experience the best that Niagara Falls has to offer, the 5-star Marriott Gateway is situated in the heart of the [Fallsview Boulevard](#) tourist district, minutes away from area attractions, world-class wineries, golf and casinos. The wide range of amenities at the hotel include WiFi in the lobby and restaurants, indoor pool, sauna, whirlpool, a state-of-the-art fitness centre, [Milestones Grill + Bar](#) (featuring one of the best views of the falls) and [Starbucks](#) in the lobby lounge. Guestroom rates include complimentary in-room WiFi and discounted onsite self-parking at \$10.00 per night.

A block of guest rooms for conference presenters/delegates/exhibitors is available at the Marriott Gateway, for November 11 - 15, 2015. City view or falls view rooms, single or double occupancy, beginning at \$125.00 per night. **Reservations must be booked by October 23, 2015** either by calling the hotel directly at 905.374.1077 and referencing the booking code, "Ontario Council for Exceptional Children", or by reserving online through this link:

[Book your group rate for Ontario Council for Exceptional Children](#)