

Top Ten Tips *for* Career Path Planning

Suggested by Niagara Child Care Sector Executive



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Ensure you participate in all facets of the CECE Professional Learning Plan including completing the self assessment tool, webinars, and required documentation. Professional learning templates may be found through the CECE website (www.college-ece.ca/en/Members/Pages/CPL-Program.aspx).



Consider joining a professional learning network; either locally or through an online forum (www.eccdc.org/professional-learning/networks/).



Consider continuing your educational studies with recognized courses through local educational institutes; Brock University (www.brocku.ca), Niagara College (www.niagaracollege.ca/content) and Collège Boréal (www.collegeboreal.ca/accueil).



Stay current by reviewing a variety of research articles, videos, resources locally, provincially and nationally (i.e. Ministry of Education: www.edu.gov.on.ca, Child Care Resource & Research Unit: www.childcarecanada.org, AECEO: www.aeceo.ca, AFÉSEO: www.afeseo.ca, CECE: www.college-ece.ca, Niagara Region: www.niagararegion.ca, ECCDC: www.eccdc.org).



Join local and professional agencies and associations who work hard to support your work and advocate for the profession (i.e. AECEO: www.aeceo.ca, ECCDC: www.eccdc.org, etc.).



Speak proudly of your career within the early learning and child care sector. Explain to families, community partners and your family and friends your role in supporting families and children and the value of your work.



Look for local and provincial professional learning opportunities and conferences to attend (i.e. Association of Early Childhood Educators of Ontario (AECEO) www.aeceo.ca, Early Childhood Community Development Centre (ECCDC) www.eccdc.org or L'Association francophone à l'éducation des services à l'enfance de l'Ontario (AFÉSEO) www.afeseo.ca).



Search online for relevant webinars of interest (i.e. Ministry of Education: www.edu.gov.on.ca, ECCDC: www.eccdc.org).



Engage in reflective practice activities such as reviewing articles and videos and engaging in conversations with your colleagues (i.e. NCCSE Facebook page: www.facebook.com/pages/Niagara-Child-Care-Sector/530810997023509).



Develop some short term career goals and long-standing aspirations and put a plan in place to work towards your hopes and dreams.