RECEs are members of the College of Early Childhood Educators

About the College

The College of Early Childhood Educators regulates Ontario's profession of early childhood education in the public interest.

The College is not an educational institution or a professional association that advocates for early childhood educators. It is an organization that helps to protect children and families by setting registration requirements and ethical and professional standards for ECEs, and governing member conduct through a complaints and discipline process.

Protecting the Public Interest

There are more than 40 regulated professions in Ontario governed by regulatory colleges, including nurses, teachers, social workers and early childhood educators.

By governing the profession of early childhood education in the public interest, the College helps to assure parents that Ontario's children are cared for by professionals who are trained, qualified and accountable.

About RECEs

Only members of the College can use the protected titles and designations "early childhood educator" (ECE) and "registered early childhood educator" (RECE). Only individuals who have met the registration requirements of the College and hold a Certificate of Registration in good standing may practise the profession of early childhood education.

Finding an RECE

You can search the College's online public register of over 50,000 RECEs. Parents can look up an individual by name to confirm that she or he is registered with the College and verify whether there are any terms, conditions or limitations on their Certificate of Registration. To search for an RECE, please visit the College's public register at **college-ece.ca**.

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