



# Cheers to 30 years!

## The Canadian Child Care Federation: A Dream That Became a Reality

The vision for a national, non-profit, charitable, bilingual, member-based service-based organization was developed at a meeting in Toronto in 1983. Representatives from provincial/territorial child care associations attended this founding meeting of the organization tentatively named the Canadian Child Day Care Federation. The Federation hired its first staff in 1987 and the dream became a reality. This national day care organization would provide much needed support and information to the Canadian child day care community. Practitioners were eager to learn and share information about their issues and concerns that directly and indirectly affect all Canadian children and their families.

### We value children

The last 30 years have seen the Canadian Child Care Federation remain relevant and flexible to the ever changing needs and climate of the early learning and care sector. Since inception, CCCF has been committed to best practice in early childhood education. Our organization is about the value of children. In order to protect and enhance our children, to promote their safety and their healthy growth



Health and Welfare Minister Jake Epp announcing Child Care Initiatives funding to CCCF with Diana Smith (left) and Sandra Griffin (right) 1988.

and development, we are committed to providing parents and practitioners in Canada with the very best in early learning and child care knowledge and best practices. Our tools are research and knowledge dissemination, the creation and nurturing of active networks.

Our strengths are our national scope – giving us a unique, informed frame of reference; our national network – affiliates from coast to coast to coast, who give us strength, knowledge, perspective, and credibility; and our history – a legacy of excellence spanning 30 years that gives us a level of trust and credibility with Canadian institutions, individuals, and families.

Working in partnership with our affiliates, we are committed to:

- The importance of quality early learning and child care as an essential Canadian value and a right worth protecting and enhancing;
- The importance of quality delivery of early learning and child care as crucial elements in the healthy development of our children;
- The importance of competent, well-trained professionals who deliver quality early learning and child care with passion and pride

### 2017 and beyond...

Working alongside our affiliates and national partners, CCCF is pleased to participate in the building of a national early learning and child care framework. The renewed commitment from the federal government is promising for children in Canada, their families and for those working in our sector. The CCCF is proud to be part of these consultations.

Continuing to connect Canada's provincial and territorial child care organizations, bringing value, community, communication and leadership to Canada's child care sector is as important today as it was 30 years ago. In 2017 our 30<sup>th</sup> year, the CCCF still believes in a bright future for Canada's children and families with child care as an essential service and right for all.