



## Board Nominees—2020

**Name:** Cottés, Linda  
**Lives In:** Toronto, ON  
**Current Job:** Senior Vice President, YMCA of Greater Toronto  
**Area of Practice:** Child Care and Family Support Programs

### Education

Program	Educational Institution	Year
Early Childhood Education	Humber College	1979

### Participation in Early Childhood Education Organizations

Position	Association/Organization	Date
Board Member	Canadian Child Care Federation	2014-Present
Advisor	Cross-Sectoral Early Years & Child Care	2018-Present
Advisory Group		
Co-Chair	Quality Early Learning Network (QELN)	2010-Present

### Other Community Involvement

Position	Association/Organization	Date
Chair	YMCA's of Ontario Child Care	2008-Present
Chair	YMCA's of Canada	2020
Council Member	College of ECE's	2009-2015

### Nominee's Statement

For 41 years I have been committed to moving the profession forward, bringing recognition to the importance of Early Learning and the importance of continuous learning for the educators. I have grown up in this profession and led my Association through a significant amount of change, particularly in the last 10 years, with the changes in the province of Ontario (transitioning to full day Kindergarten, Early Learning modernization, the College of ECE's and COVID-19) I have been and continue to be actively engaged with these changes, striving for a system that is supportive to families, committing to high quality early learning environments.

The current COVID situation has dramatically affected our sector, our educators, our families and has taken a toll on children. We are faced with rebuilding the sector in which so many unknowns still exist, dramatic changes to family/work and the fears many folks are dealing with. The recognition of child care as an essential service, critical to economic recovery, needs to translate to change. I know my experience and expertise in the child care sector would inform required changes both provincially and nationally. I also love to learn new things, and find myself intrigued by what happens across the country. I believe I would continue to be an asset to the CCCF Board.