



# Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

## What does the Parents Advisory Committee (PAC) do?

The Parents Advisory Committee (PAC) ensures optimal learning and healthy development for children, youth, and families and community support workers. Participants of the PAC provide guidance and voice ideas or concerns regarding programs and services offered by the Early ON Child and Family Centre

## Why do parents and caregivers attend PAC meetings?

- **To be social!** PAC members develop closer relationships with EarlyON staff and committee members.
- **To be more involved!** PAC members help shape the early learning environment.
- **To have a say!** PAC members represent their child's needs and identify parenting needs.
- **To make a meaningful contribution!** PAC members make significant contributions not only to their child but the Early ON Child and Family Centre.
- **To be a good role model!** PAC members volunteer their time and are community ambassadors.

## What kind of activities does a PAC member should consider?

### PAC members:

- Welcome all individuals to programs and centers and ensure safe, caring and inclusive environments.
- Encourage participation through genuine interaction and share information about Early ON and Brighter Future programs and resources.
- Advocate and act as ambassadors for EarlyON/BF programs.
- Role model positive behaviors and life skills.
- Plan and assist with EarlyON/BF special events.
- Provide meaningful input in decision making on programs, fundraising, resources, etc.
- Bring forward new ideas that fit the needs of the center's participants and communities at large.
- Are a voice for all the center participants. Gather feedback and responses for the PAC.
- Participate in program reviews and assist in identifying future directions and potential areas of growth for the EarlyON/BF.

