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**Ontario's community colleges with on-campus child care recognized for
"Excellence in Early Childhood Education"**

TORONTO, Ont. – Every year the Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care and Ontario unions co-sponsor an annual "Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day".

This year our annual award recognizes Ontario community colleges with on-campus child care programs – notably Centennial, Conestoga, Confederation, George Brown, Humber, Lambton, Sault, Seneca and Sheridan.

"As the union representing workers in the college child care centres, we are proud to recognize the education, skills, dedication, passion and experience of our members," commented Marilou Martin, President of OPSEU local 557 at George Brown College.

"We congratulate those Ontario community colleges offering the highest quality Early Childhood Education programs. Lab schools apply and demonstrate the most current and relevant research for high quality programming for young children. In addition, lab schools promote the necessity for community connections as part of professional practice – for students, faculty and parents" said Sheila Olan-MacLean, President, OCBCC.

The award will be presented to community colleges operating a child care centre throughout the year.

WHO: Lorie Shekter-Wolfson, Assistant Vice-President, Waterfront Development and Dean, Community Services and Health Sciences will accept the award to the College by staff

WHAT: Breakfast and celebration with parents and staff. Presentation of Award for Excellence in ECE Education

Where: Casa Loma Child Care Centre, 160 Kendal Ave, south of Davenport

Time: Wed Oct 24. 9:30 a.m.

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