

The Adoption Council of Ontario Board of Directors is looking for new board members!

The Adoption Council of Ontario (ACO) is a non-profit charitable organization formed in 1987 by representatives of the adoption community. Our vision is a community where all children have families forever. The mission of the ACO is to educate the community about adoption, connect families and children, support them on their lifelong journey, and advocate for all those touched by adoption.

We are looking for strategic and engaged individuals to join the ACO Board of Directors with experience and knowledge in one or more of the following areas:

- Financial Management
- Child Welfare Services, Children's Mental Health, or Education
- Legal
- Fundraising and Marketing
- Adoption/Permanency-related

Prior experience at the senior management or board-level with a not-for-profit or charitable organization would be an asset. In particular the ACO is looking for candidates that would consider Board / committee leadership positions.

Successful applicants are expected to commit to completing a three-year term and attend up to 8 board meetings annually, an annual board retreat, and an annual board fundraiser. Board Meetings are on the first Tuesday of the month from 7-9pm (except July, August, December), currently held online but normally a mix of in-person and online. In addition, board members are also expected to participate on either a board committee or working group. Committees include: Executive, Finance, Governance, and Fund Development.

Consider the ACO Board of Directors!

- The ACO is Ontario's central hub for adoption and permanency information and education, supporting family recruitment and matching for Ontario's foster children, education and training for permanency parents and supporting the journey of adoption/permanency
- Help guide a fast-growing and important organization in Ontario for children/young-adults
- Join a team of senior, experienced leaders dedicated to helping Ontario children-in-care find permanency with a family
- Participate on a professional board of directors.

Please view our website at <https://www.adoption.on.ca> for more information about the ACO and our programs.

Our community is committed to sharing values of diversity and inclusion. We welcome and encourage applicants from various backgrounds including race, ethnicity, gender and gender identity, age, socio-economic status, national origin, sexual orientation, ability, religion, as well as those with lived experience with adoption (i.e. adoptive parent, adoptee, birth parent), or experience in the foster care system.

Please forward your letter of interest and resume with the subject line "Board Nominations" to info@adoption.on.ca. Submissions should include your motivations to serve the ACO and indicate your personal connection to, or interest in advancing, adoption and permanency. The Board's Governance Committee will review responses and recommend nominees for vacancies to the Board. We thank you for your interest in the ACO. Please note that only those being considered for an interview this year will be contacted.