

New Leadership at the Adoption Council of Ontario (ACO)

The Adoption Council of Ontario Board of Directors is excited to announce Dianne Mathes as Executive Director effective September 30, 2019.

Dianne brings over 30 years of experience in the fields of adoption, attachment and trauma, both as a clinical therapist and founding Executive Director of the Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic. Dianne firmly believes that it is essential to understand the lens of adoption – the adopted children, the adoptee’s parents, the birth parents and their families – in order to alleviate the trauma in these intricately entwined life journeys.

“I am delighted to assume the role of Executive Director of the Adoption Council of Ontario. I have known the ACO since its inception when I served on the Board. It has been a pleasure to watch the ACO grow and see the many ways that the ACO has delivered on its mandate– that kids need families and families need support”, stated Dianne Mathes.

“Family MATTERS...to me and to The Adoption Council of Ontario. We look forward to expanding the conversation on adoption and permanency for children; to ensuring we have open avenues to hear and work with the voices of older youth; and to addressing the concerns of adults on their permanency journeys,” concluded Ms. Mathes.

The ACO plays a critical role in understanding adoption and has already taken leaps in providing training to adoptive parents and professional in the province. “We are excited to welcome Dianne and work with her to continue to enhance ACO’s impact”, said Karen Serblowski, Board Chair. “Dianne is a registered social worker. Most valuably, she brings a personal experience as an adoptee and knows the challenges and gifts that adoption brings. Her diverse background includes fundraising, program and project management, strategic planning and financial administration,” stated Ms. Serblowski.

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The Adoption Council of Ontario (ACO) is a not-for-profit providing outreach, support and education to all adoptees, adoptive parents, potential adoptive parents, birth families, and adoption professionals in Ontario. They deal with public adoption, private adoption, international adoption and relative adoption. Since 1987, they have been working towards a provincial community where all children have families forever.

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