

Give race its place: An anti-racism knowledge-sharing initiative for early childhood educators in Ontario ^[1]

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Abstract

In the fall of 2020, a group of researchers, along with the Association of Early Childhood Educators Ontario (AECEO) and the College of Early Childhood Educators (CECE), came together to discuss the necessity of providing anti-racism training, with a specific focus on addressing anti-Black racism, to the early childhood sector in Ontario. In the summer of 2021, this group offered four no-cost, two-hour on-line sessions in anti-racism praxis. This project was funded by a SSHRC Connections Grant in partnership with the AECEO and the College of ECE. In this paper the authors discuss the contextual factors that led to this crucial knowledge-sharing initiative, provide an overview of the sessions, some participant input and feedback, and conclude with lessons learned and a call to action for moving forward.

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