## Celebrating child care workers and early childhood educators

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The National Union of Public and General Employees (NUPGE) is joining with Canadians across the country in acknowledging the contributions made by child care workers and early childhood educators in the development of children, families and communities.

The ninth annual Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day is being celebrated on October 21, 2009. This year for the second time an award to recognize the importance of child care advocacy work will be presented. This year's recipient of the 'Excellence in Advocacy' award will be Dr. Charles Pascal who authored the report "With Our Best Future In Mind".

The report, if fully implemented Ontario will dramatically improve the services available to all children from infancy to 12 years old. The award will be presented at a Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day celebration event in Toronto.

Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day is the result of ongoing efforts by the Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care (OCBCC) and its members. The OCBCC was founded in 1981 to advocate for universally accessible, quality, non-profit regulated child care in the province of Ontario.

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