



CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF PAEDIATRIC HEALTH CENTRES (CAPHC)
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**Supporting Professionals and
Organizations who provide
Health Care Services to Children,
Youth and Families**



Canadian Association of Paediatric Health Centres (CAPHC)

- CAPHC is a national, not-for-profit, multi-disciplinary organization dedicated to improving the health and well-being of children, youth and families.
- CAPHC originates from the Canadian Association of Paediatric Hospitals (CAHP), founded in 1968.
- CAPHC's members are multi-disciplinary health professionals who provide care for children, youth and families within community, regional and tertiary care facilities, rehabilitation centres and community home care services.
- CAPHC's Associate/Reciprocal members are non-profit organizations who have a common interest in the objectives of CAPHC.
- CAPHC is affiliated with all 16 Health Science Centres/Medical Schools in Canada providing linkages to training, education, research, human resources and sub-specialty training in paediatrics.

Guiding Principles

- Creating awareness of the unique characteristics and importance of child and youth health.
- Development of opportunities for information dissemination, knowledge transfer, expertise sharing and research development.
- Optimization of regional and national resources.
 - Promotion of best practices.
 - Facilitation of communication, collaboration and partnership opportunities.

“Health and health care delivery are complex; the needs of children and youth paramount. Many factors must come together if we as individual professionals and organizations are to be effective in improving the health and well-being of children and youth. A national association is a critical factor in this equation: from research and advocacy, to co-ordination and education, it plays a vital role. CAPHC is well positioned to take up this challenge and make a difference”.

Dennise Albrecht,
Director, External Development,
Children's Hospital of
Eastern Ontario

What We Do

- CAPHC is committed to serving its members in the following areas:
 - Communication:** interactive website, annual meetings and events, working groups and on-going national/international initiatives.
 - Knowledge Translation:** relevant research findings, policy/standard development, evidence-based practice, national guidelines and health services.

Partnership and Collaboration: facilitating multi-disciplinary national and international partnerships to broaden

the scope of opportunities available for CAPHC members.

Mentorship: providing mentoring opportunities to share and discuss common challenges relating to relevant and emerging child and youth health issues.



Priority Issues

- Health Services/Resources
- Human Resources
- Knowledge Transfer
- Networking/Connectivity
- Research & Evaluation/Data
- Transition & Alternate models
- Family Centred Care
- Health Promotion/Illness Prevention

Membership

Members

CAPHC members are entitled to full voting privileges and may include representatives from one or more of the following:

- Health Sciences Centres
- Regional Health Centres/Hospitals (District Health Centres/Hospitals)
- Community Health Centres/Hospitals
- Children's Treatment Centres/Rehabilitation Centres
- Providers of Home Care Services to Children and Youth

Associate/Reciprocal Members

Associate/Reciprocal members are non-profit organizations that share a common interest in furthering the objectives of CAPHC and whose objectives are consistent with those of the Association. Associate/Reciprocal members are entitled to all services and privileges afforded by CAPHC and may serve on committees of the Association. Associate members are not entitled to vote. Associate members may, but need not be representative of one or more of the following:

- National Professional Organizations
- National Voluntary Organizations
- Regional and National Networks
- National Centres of Excellence
- Government Agencies

Professional Membership

Health Care Professionals interested in the objectives and goals of CAPHC can become professional members. All CAPHC professional members are entitled to full voting privileges and may serve as representatives on Association committees.

Membership Benefits

- **National Influence:** national contribution on health issues affecting children, youth and families through involvement in CAPHC activities:
 - participation in working groups such as: membership, fundraising, annual meeting/events and communications
 - consultation on national initiatives, standards/guidelines and strategies;
 - participation in CAPHC's annual meetings and events.
- **Professional Development:** access to a password protected members only website to share information, standards, guidelines, best practices, research findings, career opportunities, up-coming events, member profiles/expertise, collaboration opportunities and emerging news.
- **Networking/Connectivity:** staying connected with colleagues across Canada to discuss and share common challenges relating to relevant and emerging child and youth health issues.

“CAPHC strengthens the voice of child health at the local level by developing and acting on a national agenda that links research to service delivery. CAPHC harnesses the passion so many of us have for child health to ensure the unique health needs of children and their families are met in health systems that are increasingly focused on serving an aging population”.

Hume Martin, President and CEO
Rouge Valley Health System
Toronto, Ontario

For a complete list of CAPHC members please visit our website at: www.caphc.org

Become a Member and Get Involved!

By becoming a member of CAPHC, individuals and organizations have the opportunity to influence national decisions, discuss and share common challenges and network with numerous health professionals dedicated to improving the health and well-being of Canadian children, youth and families.

Memberships are renewed on an annual basis. For Health Science Centres, membership fees are based on annual patient care units representing in-patient, emergency and ambulatory care services; a flat fee schedule is applied to Regional, Community, Rehabilitation and Home Care Service Facilities. Health Care professionals who are not affiliated with a CAPHC member university centre, community or regional health care facility may become members based on a minimal yearly fee. Associate/Reciprocal members are not required to pay membership fees but are expected to make in kind contributions to support CAPHC's ongoing activities.

For more information please visit our website at www.caphc.org or contact CAPHC at: (613) 738-4164

Join a Working Group

CAPHC has developed a number of working groups within the organization to influence and direct specific priorities as brought forward by the membership. Here are just a few examples that you can get involved in: membership, fundraising, annual meeting/events and communications.

New working groups are being established regularly based on emerging child and youth health priorities; for more information please visit the CAPHC website at: www.caphc.org or contact CAPHC at: (613) 738-4164

The CAPHC website: www.caphc.org

The CAPHC website is an interactive site, developed and maintained for its members. It is the main communication mechanism of CAPHC and is regularly updated with new information. Some items you will find on the site include:

- Information on CAPHC, organization structure, Board of Directors and members
- Archived proceedings and presentations from CAPHC Annual Meetings
- Information on up-coming events, meetings and workshops
- A password protected site for members to share information, best practices, research opportunities, etc.
- A what's new section that up-dates members and the general public on current CAPHC initiatives, career opportunities, working group activities and emerging news that has an impact on children, youth and families

The CAPHC Annual Meeting

Held in mid-June each year, the CAPHC Annual Meeting attracts multi-disciplinary professionals across Canada and abroad involved in child and youth health services. The Annual Meeting provides a forum for individuals to expand their professional development through a variety of networking, education and priority setting opportunities.

For information on the next CAPHC Annual Meeting, including the location and program, please visit the CAPHC website at: www.caphc.org

"CAPHC serves to focus a national voice for the health care needs of children, youth and families. CAPHC facilitates collaboration and partnerships which support member organizations in advocating for, developing and implementing optimal health care for children and youth."

Janet Knox, RN MN MBA
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