



Association for Bright Children of Ontario

2015 Conference, February 20 & 21, 2015

Humber College, North Campus, Toronto, ON

The main topic of this year's conference is

"Mental Health and Wellness"

This conference will provide an excellent opportunity to gain and share knowledge on the impacts and challenges in teaching, guiding and parenting bright and gifted children and youth today.



Keynote speaker: **Jean Peterson, Ph.D.**, professor emerita in Educational Studies at Purdue University, has focused most of her clinical work and research on gifted youth. She has received numerous awards for teaching, research, service and consults internationally. Among over 100 books, journal articles, and invited book chapters are *Gifted at Risk: Poetic Profiles*; *The Essential Guide to Talking with Gifted Teens*; and *Models of Counseling Gifted Children, Adolescents, and Young Adults*.

Educators' Day

Friday, February 20th, 9:00am to 4:00pm

Friday, February 20th, will be dedicated to educators and other professionals who support bright and gifted children and youth, and those who wish to find out more about the special needs of these unique children and youth.

Plenary speaker: **Dina Brulles, Ph.D.**, gifted-education director for Arizona's Paradise Valley Unified School District. Recognized for her expertise in creating and supervising school wide cluster grouping, she also assists districts throughout the United States in developing gifted-education programs. She holds a Ph.D. in gifted education and an M.S. in curriculum and instruction. Dr. Brulles is *co-author of "The cluster Grouping Handbook: A school wide model, and author of "Improving Performance for Gifted Students in a Cluster Grouping Model"*, Journal for the Education of the Gifted.

There will also be many great breakout sessions.

Registration fee \$225.00

Link to register [click here](#)

Parents' Day & ABC Ontario AGM

Saturday, February 21st, 9:00am to 4:00pm

For parents, Dr. Peterson will begin with an overview of various characteristics associated with giftedness, extending the information presented on Friday. She will discuss these in the context of parenting and family life—that is, how heightened sensitivity, intensity, “drivenness,” overexcitabilities, and asynchronous development might affect how gifted children and adolescents manage normal developmental tasks.

Plenary speaker: Paul Grogan from the Ministry of Education.

There will be many great breakout sessions for parents during the day.

Registration fee \$100.00 or \$60.00* for members

*must have been a member prior to Dec. 22, 2014.

Link to register [Click here](#)

Programs will be available for children aged 24months and up at \$40.00 per child. See website for conditions.

For more information about the conference, include workshops and breakout sessions, please visit our website at [www.abcpeel.org/conference 2015](http://www.abcpeel.org/conference_2015).

Go to www.humber.ca/about-humber/campuses-and-facilities for information about the campus including maps, directions and parking. The campus is accessible by TTC & GoTransit. Please note parking on the campus is \$7.00.