

# Registration for ABC Ontario's 2015 conference

Professional's Day - Friday, February 20, 2015 is now open



## Association for Bright Children of Ontario

**2015 Conference**  
**February 20th & 21st, 2015**  
**Humber College, North Campus, Toronto, ON**

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Hosted by  
ABC Peel chapter  
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**This is an event you  
don't want to miss!!**

The main topic of this year's  
conference is  
**"Mental Health and Wellness"**

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.

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.

Registration includes, the keynote  
speaker, plenary session, breakout/  
workshop sessions, exhibitors, refresh-  
ments, continental breakfast and lunch.

Time 9:00am-4:00pm

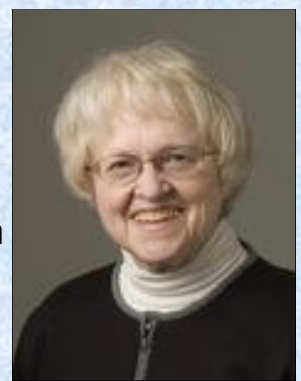
**Registration fee \$225.00**

**Register now!**

Keynote Speaker

**JEAN PETERSON, Ph.D.**

*Jean Peterson, Ph.D.*, professor emerita, directed school-counselor preparation in the Department of Educational Studies at Purdue University for several years. In her first career, she was an award-winning high school English and foreign language teacher. Later, she created a multi-option gifted education program in a large high school and later in a middle school.



Working with small discussion groups of gifted teens, with topic-focused sessions related to "growing up," inspired Dr. Peterson to pursue a doctorate in counselor education at the University of Iowa. On fellowship there, she did clinical work and consulting for the Belin-Blank Center for Gifted Education. Her previous 1,300 group sessions with gifted youth led to the research agenda that has guided her second career, mostly focused on the social and emotional development of gifted children and teens. Her studies of development have been mostly qualitative, not quantitative, and several have been longitudinal, following gifted students for several years.

Reflecting her interest in child and adolescent development and in clinical and educational work, she has written or co-authored more than 100 books, journal articles, and textbook chapters, contributing to both school counseling and gifted education literature and often bridging the two fields. Among her 8 books are *Gifted At Risk: Poetic Portraits*; *The Essential Guide for Talking with Gifted Teens*; *Models of Counseling Gifted Children, Adolescents, and Young Adults*; and *Portrait and Model of a School Counselor*.

Dr. Peterson received numerous awards for teaching, scholarship, and service at Purdue, as well as several national research awards, and she has presented keynote and other conference sessions, including internationally. She is a licensed mental health counselor (LMHC) and a National Certified Counselor (NCC), and her small clinical practice is focused on gifted children and adolescents and their families. She served two terms on the NAGC Board of Directors and is a former chair of the NAGC Counseling & Guidance Network. Her first career was in K-12 education, including as a gifted-education teacher.

### How to register for - Friday, February 20th, 2015:

Link to registration form [Click Here](#) or go to [www.abcpeel.org](http://www.abcpeel.org)

Payment accepted by Credit Card or PayPal. Within 48 hours of registering you will receive, by email, an invoice from PayPal. Payment must be received to confirm your registration. For group registration please contact [conference@abcpeel.org](mailto:conference@abcpeel.org)

Registration Cancellation and Refund Policy: Cancellation requests received by e-mail prior to February 6, 2015 will be eligible for a refund, less a \$20 administration fee. No refunds will be issued after February 6, 2015. Paid registrations may be transferred to another attendee, subject to a \$20 administration fee, if the request and full alternate attendee information is received by e-mail at least two days prior to the Conference. Cancellation requests must be made by email to [conference@abcpeel.org](mailto:conference@abcpeel.org).

Registration for **Saturday, February 21, 2015 – ABC 's Parents' Day** is also open. This day will include the AGM, keynote speaker, plenary session, breakout sessions, exhibitors, and programs for children & youth. Visit our website for more information. [www.abcpeel.org](http://www.abcpeel.org)

For information about sponsorship, exhibitor opportunities or presenting please email [conference@abcpeel.org](mailto:conference@abcpeel.org)

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