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What You Need to Know When Advocating for your Child with ADHD

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Understanding your province's Special Education system and how ADHD is recognized within this system is paramount when advocating for your child. This question and answer session will cover questions on the Ontario Special Education system, exceptionality categories and the recent Ministry of Education Memorandum, fear of labeling, the psycho-educational testing process and third party reports, navigating the IPRC process, and the parent's role in understanding and contributing to an IEP.

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Presenters

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Heidi Bernhardt, RN, is the President of the Centre for ADHD Awareness Canada, and past Executive Director of CADDRA and the mother of three grown sons with ADHD. Over the past 23 years, Heidi has helped raise awareness and understanding of ADHD among parents, educators, medical professionals, government officials and the public through presentations, conferences, media interviews, and advocacy work.

Cheryl Paige

Past TDSB Principal and CADDAC Board Member

Cheryl is personally and professionally familiar with ADHD and the effects it has on children's achievement and success in school. Cheryl a retired TDSB principal has been a Special Education consultant, has chaired IPRCs and has been an advocate for childhood ADHD through presentations to educators and parents about this disability.

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