



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Child Welfare League of Canada

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RICHARD CUMMINGS

Richard Cummings retired in 2016 as Executive Director of Jewish Family and Child Service (JF&CS) of Greater Toronto, an organization that supports children, families and communities through prevention, counselling, education and advocacy services. JF&CS is designated by the Province as a CAS, providing child welfare service to the Jewish community. Prior to his ten years at Jewish Family & Child, Richard worked at Integra Foundation for eighteen years, first as Director of Day Treatment and Research and then as Executive Director. Integra, a Toronto children's mental health centre, is now part of the Child Development Institute. Prior to that, upon receiving his Ph.D. from University of Toronto, Richard was a researcher and program manager at Dellcrest Children's Centre. Richard brings extensive clinical, governance, administrative, research and fundraising experience to his role as an Expert in Residence.

As a volunteer, prior to taking on the chief professional role, Richard served as a member and then President of the Board of Directors of JF&CS. He has extensive volunteer experience and continues to support organizations as an active Board member and advisor, among them Native Child and Family Services of Centre of Toronto, JF&CS and Neshama Hospice.



Richard has throughout his career been passionate about evidence based/evidence informed practice. Richard's leadership has emphasized governance and best practice supported by visionary strategy, research, evaluation and quality assurance. He believes that the values, outcomes and impact of leadership and management practices rely on trust, communication and teamwork. Richard is a highly engaged leader devoted to supporting the wellbeing and impact of leaders and organizations, through attention to the wisdom and spirit of our forebearers, the lessons of science and the voices of our communities. Richard is a good listener, a kind partner, a forceful advocate and a wise counsel.

Click here to book a session with Richard or email experts@cwlc.ca if you need more info.