

CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH

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History of CPF

- Founded in 1977 with the support of Former Commissioner of Official languages Keith Spicer
- Started as a grassroots movement
- Canadian Parents for French has worked hard to create French speaking opportunities for children across the country, both in and out of schools.

CPF Today

Canadian Parents for French is the largest Anglophone organization promoting French second-language education and opportunities in Canada

- Two overarching functions:
 1. Creating better and more French second-language programs in schools.
 2. Creating exciting opportunities for children to use their French and be exposed to French culture outside of the classroom.

How the organization is structured

Canadian Parents for French is composed of a national office, 10 provincial branches, roughly 170 local chapters and over 20,000 volunteer members across the country.

Chapters

- Work with parents and schools to create new programs;
- Assist in finding ways to either improve or supplement existing programs;
- Run events which help expose children to French and French culture outside of the classroom.

Branches

- Direct line of support for chapters
- Assist the national office in disseminating information and research.
- Work with provincial governments and Departments of Education to influence change on legislation which affect French second-language programming.

National

- Provides research and necessary findings to support the work of CPF branches and chapters.
- Serves as the unifying voice of the organization
- It also serves as the organizational speaker to the Federal government when there is a focus on Official Languages in Canada.

Organize Volunteer Force

- Volunteers are the lifeblood of the organization.
- They are involved at every level of the organization:
 - Board members of the national and provincial offices,
 - Running local chapters, and
 - Helping with CPF events across the country.

For more information on **Canadian Parents for French** please visit our website www.cpf.ca