



Don is the founder of Tutorwiz Education Centre. He is an Ontario Certified Teacher and specialist in Special Education. He has dedicated his life to helping people with various disabilities, overcome and deal with, the barriers that prevent them from using all their abilities. Barriers such as: ADHD, Learning Disabilities and other cognitive barriers. He also actively advocates and supports individuals with disabilities in the areas of accessibility, inclusion and employment.

Don is an experienced teacher. He has worked with many at risk students ranging in age from 6 to 20, during his tenure with the Durham District School Board. He worked with them in a variety of areas including: literacy, numeracy, science, and computer science.

He is an acknowledged expert in the area of Assistive Technology. Don has designed and run various workshops at DDSB and was a guest presenter at the Ontario Association for Students at Risk (OASAR) conference. He has also conducted presentations on Assistive Technology for the Learning Disabilities Association (LDA) of Durham, the Ajax Accessibility Committee and for medical professionals at The Hospital for Sick Children. Don has presented workshops at the AT4ALL Conference sponsored by the Provincial Schools Branch of the Ontario Ministry of Education and ASET. He was the keynote speaker at the APSGO Conference (Association of Parent Support Groups in Ontario) and the YEAH Foundation Gala.

Don has received a number of awards due to his involvement in helping those with learning disabilities. Some of the awards and recognition, include, but are not limited to, the OSEB Impact Award, the AODA 10th Anniversary Champion Award, the DREN Media Award (for his TV show Forum on Abilities), Special Education Innovation Award, as well as receiving the **Lieutenant Governor of Ontario Community Volunteer Award from His Honour David C. Onley**.



Don with Lt. Gov. David C. Onley

He is a published author in the area of Special Education on a range of topics including: **“Parents as Advocates”, “Leveling the Playing Field with Assistive Technology”, “Engage, Motivate and Accommodate Students with Special**

Needs”, “Embracing ADHD”, “Celebrating Success”, “Put Out the Fire: The Behaviour Will Settle Down”, etc. He hosted his own TV Show on Rogers, Forum on Abilities, for four years (140 episodes) which focused on helping people with all types of disabilities overcome the various barriers they face. He has also appeared on Daytime on Rogers Television, the Novak Report and First Take Live on CHEX television and Know It All where he discussed in detail working with children with special learning needs and dealing with school boards.

In addition to providing academic guidance and training to students, Don, through Abilities Pathway provides counseling, advice and guidance, workshops, presentations, articles, videos and public speaking to help all students (including those with special learning needs), their parents, educators and others who associate with them work together effectively to smooth the many bumps encountered by everyone along the pathway to success.

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