



Jody Carr

*Lawyer & Former New Brunswick
Minister of Education and Early
Childhood Development*

Biography

Jody Carr is currently a lawyer in private practice in Fredericton and Oromocto, New Brunswick. He has more than 20 years of experience in political, legislative and government affairs. Mr. Carr was first elected to the New Brunswick Legislature in 1999. He served as Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development between 2010-2013 and two terms as Minister of Post -Secondary Education, Training and Labour in 2006 and from 2013 to 2014. These mandates included responsibility for early childhood learning, public schools, universities and colleges, labour, training and the human rights commission.

He served as caucus chair and lead MLA on policy and platform development as well as chair of the Legislature's Standing Committee on Law Amendments. As Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development, Mr. Carr championed and directed policy and legislative changes that align education practices with the CRPD and human rights legislation.

Minister Carr issued Policy 322 on inclusive education in 2013 that was recognized as a global exemplar at the 2016 Project Zero Conference sponsored by the Essl Foundation, the World Future Council, and the European Foundation Centre at the United Nations Office in Vienna, Austria. Mr. Carr is particularly interested in the policy, leadership and human rights aspects of transforming school culture to embrace inclusion and diversity. In cooperation with ARCH Disability Law Centre he conducted a Canada wide jurisdictional review of legislation and policy mandates for inclusion.

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Interests

Policy and governance; inclusion in education systems; rights-based education; transition from school to the workplace; teacher education; education funding.

Consultation

Legal issues and inclusive education; policy development; the politics of inclusive education.

Projects and Publications

- Minister responsible for the report – **Strengthening Inclusion, Strengthening Schools, Department of Education & Early Childhood Development**, Province of New Brunswick, 2012. <https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/ed/pdf/K12/Inclusion/Inclusion.pdf>
- Minister responsible for **New Brunswick Policy 322**: This policy establishes the requirements to ensure New Brunswick public schools are inclusive. Effective September 17, 2013. This policy applies to all schools and school districts within the public education system in New Brunswick. <https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/ed/pdf/K12/policies-politiques/e/322A.pdf>
- **A Conceptual and Legal Framework for Inclusive Education**, ARCH Disability Law Centre, Toronto, and Inclusive Education Canada. An analysis of the legal basis for inclusive education in Canada; a valuable addition to the research available of particular interest for the focus it provides on several jurisdictions in Canada. <http://inclusiveeducation.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2017/03/Legal-Framework-Inclusive-Education-Jody-Carr-Dec-30-2016.pdf>

