

Professional Biography of

Dr. John A. LaPorta, C.H.E., (C) OACCPP

John received his primary training and education at the University of Windsor, and Walden University (formerly the Institute of Advanced Studies), in the field of Psychology. His academic training focused on clinical and developmental psychology. His doctoral thesis examined the use of hypnosis with learning disabled children.

He possesses a broad range of experience in organizational leadership, consulting, labour relations, clinical assessment and treatment, and teaching. He is considered a specialist in the areas of stress management, depression and suicide, crisis intervention, parenting, child development, and organizational change. He has had the opportunity to utilize his knowledge with boards of education, children's aid societies, children's mental health and treatment centres, and the private sector. His current focus is blending his knowledge of sport psychology with his passion for golf in teaching youth and adults how to enhance their control over the “mental” aspect of this game.

John has taught at both the community college and university levels. His consulting practise has included presentations of numerous workshops and seminars to the business, education, and professional communities on clinical and organizational issues. He has authored numerous published articles and papers touching on his areas of expertise.

He was a founding member of the Association of Professional Student Services Personnel of Metropolitan Toronto. He has received professional certification from the Ontario Association of Consultants, Counsellors, Psychometrists, and Psychotherapists (OACCPP) and the Canadian Council on Health Service Executives (CHE). He is a Fellow of the American Orthopsychiatric Association, and has been involved with several other local and international organizations. Since the late 90's he has been included in editions of Who's Who Among Top Executives in North America for his contributions and accomplishments in children's services. In 2006, John was the Chair of the Organizing Committee for the Summer Provincial Paralympic Championships and the National Paralympic Track and Field championships held in London, which received the Prestige Award for the Canadian Sport Event of the Year.

John is presently the Chief Executive Officer of the Thames Valley Children's Centre, the major rehabilitation facility in SouthWestern Ontario for children and youth with physical, communication, autism spectrum disorders and developmental challenges. He also has an appointment as an Adjunct Professor in the School of Communication Sciences & Disorders, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Western Ontario