



SECTION 1.3 HISTORY

Prior to the formation of the Ontario 4-H Council, the Ontario 4-H Leaders' Committee was established in 1982. It consisted of 20 leaders plus the provincial 4-H supervisor. The leaders were selected on the basis of their participation in a national award program. They were encouraged to be a liaison between the Committee and local counties, districts, and regions to which they were assigned. In addition, the Leaders' Committee advised the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food on the 4-H program.

Following the review of the 4-H program in 1988, the recommendation to establish a provincial 4-H Council with elected regional representatives was accepted. The name of the organization was to be "Ontario 4-H Council" (Council).

Then on April 1, 2000 the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs transferred the responsibility of the delivery of the 4-H Program to the Ontario 4-H Council under a governance board structure. An Executive Director and provincial office staff were hired to provide support to volunteers of local 4-H Associations and deliver provincial programs. The ministry continues to be a funding partner for the Ontario 4-H Council.

In September 2000 the name "4-H Ontario" was officially registered to incorporate both the Ontario 4-H Council and the Ontario 4-H Foundation.