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- ❑ June 20 Ottawa Youth Workshop
- ❑ June 22 Toronto Youth Workshop
- ❑ June 24 Winnipeg Youth Workshop

2. New Member

The NCA would like to welcome our newest member POWER Camp National/Filles d'Action. The vision of POWER Camp National is to “inspire, promote and support the creation of sustainable, empowering critical educational opportunities for girls and young women”. Please visit their web site www.powercampnational.ca for more information.

3. Regional Youth Workshops – REGISTER NOW!!

Registration for the June Regional Youth Workshops is underway. The workshops will be held June 20 in Ottawa, June 22 in Toronto and June 24 in Winnipeg. The participants will be asked to reconfirm the six priority issues identified at the March symposium and to develop public policy options for each priority. Space is limited (20 youth and 10 adults per workshop) so if you would like to attend please let us know.

4. New Steering Committee Member

The NCA would like to welcome Janice Sonnen from the Canadian Institute of Child Health to the steering committee. We look forward to working with you.

We would also like to thank Shirley Post and Robin Moore-Orr, who are leaving the steering committee, for their commitment to the NCA over the years.

Member News

1. Canadian Council for Refugees Spring Consultation

CCR will be holding a consultation “Forced Migration and the Family” in Fredericton, June 2-4. The proceedings will focus primarily on the problem of separated refugee families. For more information please visit www.web.ca/~ccr/meetings or contact Catherine Belfour (514) 277-7223 ext. 1.

2. Canadian Red Cross' RespectED wins Safe Communities Award

RespectEd, the Red Cross' violence and abuse prevention program, was awarded the Sean Kells Award for Community Safety in recognition of their work making communities safer places for young people to grow up. RespectED programs address all types of abuse, harassment, neglect, bullying and relationship violence and are found in over 550 communities across Canada. Customized programs specifically targeting Aboriginal culture and history, new Canadians and abuse/harassment in sport have also been developed. For more

information visit www.redcross.ca/RespectED . Congratulations on a well deserved award!

3. Adult Literacy and Life Skills Survey Results

The Movement for Canadian Literacy recently issued a press release in response to the Statistics Canada study on adult literacy. The study found that 4 in 10 Canadian adults fall below the level of literacy considered necessary to thrive in today's society. Wendy Desbrisay, Executive Director, is quoted saying, "Literacy barriers are sidelining too many Canadians and this inequality and loss of potential has serious consequences for them, their families and our communities".



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4. "Building Inclusive School" Canadian Teacher's Federation Conference

The Canadian Teacher's Federation will be hosting a conference November 17-19, 2005 in Ottawa. "Building Inclusive Schools" will present a broadly defined vision for inclusive schools. Workshop topics will include: curriculum adaptation and modification, inclusion as a human right, impact of poverty on learning, strategies and more. For more information and program updates please see the website www.ctf-fce.ca

5. Canadian Child Care Federation Learning Kits and News

The Canadian Child Care Federation has launched a series of Learning Kits for workshops, presentations, and parent discussion groups or staff meetings. Each kit includes a research paper, a facilitator's guide, presentation tools on CD and more - all based on current themes in early childhood development. Currently, the series features Kits on Leadership, Children's Rights, and Children's Environmental Health. \$20.00 each. For more information: info@cccf-fcsge.ca.

Also available are *Moving and Growing: Physical Activities for Sevens and Eights*, book 4 of the *Moving & Growing* series. In response to growing concern about type 2 diabetes in children in Canada, the revised and expanded edition of this popular physical activity series promotes healthy living and regular physical activity for children from birth to age eight. Each book is \$8.00, or \$30.00 for all four books. For more information: info@cccf-fcsge.ca.

National Child Day is fast approaching, and CCCF is currently exploring avenues to promote this important day (November 20). If you would like to be added to our email distribution list to be kept updated on our activities, please send your email address to Kim Tytler, health promotion manager, ktytler@cccf-fcsge.ca.

Other News

1. SDC Consultations with Canadians Web Site

Social Development Canada has launched its web site www.sdc.gc.ca giving Canadians an opportunity to express their views and provide information on issues related to social well-being. Until June 30, 2005 the focus of the site will be on Family/Unpaid Caregivers. You are invited to complete the on-line workbook or submit your stories and ideas on caregiving.

2. “Violence and Antisocial Behaviour Along the Developmental Continuum”

On Monday June 13, in Toronto, there will be a conference on current research, contributing factors and evidence-based interventions on violence and antisocial behaviour. For a registration form or more information please email Suzanne.lanthier@kinark.on.ca

3. 1st Anniversary of *A Canada Fit for Children*

Senator Landon Pearson recently celebrated the 1st anniversary of Canada’s National Plan of Action for Children *A Canada Fit for Children*. Senator Pearson was joined by high school students from Lisgar Collegiate in Ottawa, who spoke of the need for youth to promote their rights and freedoms in particular their right to be heard in matters that affect them. The full press release and backgrounder are attached.



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4. “Health Policy Approaches to Children’s Environmental Health”

The McLaughlin Centre for Population Health Risk Assessment at the University of Ottawa is conducting a project entitled “**Health Policy Approaches to Children’s Environmental Health**” under the direction of principal investigator Dr. Daniel Krewski, Professor and Director of the McLaughlin Centre for Population Health Risk Assessment. This purpose of the project is to assist policy makers at Health Canada in utilizing the experience of other jurisdictions to develop and implement legislative and other policy measures to safeguard children’s health from environmental hazards in the context of revisions to Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA), 1999 and the proposed Canada

Health Protection Act (CHPA). The study is funded by Health Canada's Health Policy Research Program.

You are invited to participate in a telephone interview to discuss children's environmental health issues and the challenges, facilitators and barriers of implementation of children's environmental health legislation in your jurisdiction. The attached invitation letter and consent form (in English and French) provides additional details of this study. In addition, the 10 interview questions are attached for your information. If it would be easier for you to reply to the 10 survey questions by electronic mail please feel free to use that option as well.

Please contact Michael Tyshenko at 613-562-5800 ext. 2311 or mtyshenk@uottawa.ca by **June 3 2005** if you would like to participate.



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