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1. NCA Update

The NCA has had a busy spring. Much of our time has been focussed on working towards a National Youth Agenda. We have had meetings with member organizations engaged in working with youth, senior political staff in Ken Dryden's office and three very successful regional youth workshops. In July we will be meeting with Minister Dryden's staff for a second time to discuss youth issues specifically.

While in Winnipeg for the youth workshop, we had the opportunity to present to the National Council of Welfare on youth issues and our process of engaging youth at the discussion table. We feel encouraged that momentum is building towards a National Youth Agenda.

2. Dates to Remember

- There will not be an E-digest in July but we can circulate time sensitive information upon request. The August deadline for submissions is August 19th for an August 26th E-digest.

3. Regional Youth Workshops

The NCA held three regional Youth Workshops the week of June 20, one each in Ottawa, Toronto and Winnipeg. The objective of these workshops was to engage both youth and adult participants in the policy process. Participants were asked to confirm the six priorities identified at the National Youth Symposium in Kingston last March and to develop public policy recommendations for each of the priority areas.

Thanks to excellent facilitation by Akua Schatz (FRP Canada), the support of our youth working group and amazing participants were able to clearly meet our objectives. The proceedings from the workshops will be compiled and posted on the website later this summer.

A special thanks to YOUCAN for securing an Ottawa location, to Steve Turner and the Ontario Federation of Indian Friendship Centres for providing us with a meeting place and logistical support in Toronto, and to Strini Reddy of Winnipeg for organizing the entire workshop there!

4. New Member

The NCA is pleased to welcome our newest member, the Canadian Adolescents At Risk Research Network (CAARRN). CAARRN facilitates knowledge exchange, communication, and collaboration between youth researchers, policy developers, and programmers to improve the quality of life of young people. You can learn more about the work they do at www.educ.queensu.ca/~caarrn

5. NCA Website Updates

The proceedings from the National Youth Symposium "Towards a National Youth Agenda" are now posted on our website. There is also a Highlights Report which captures some of the memorable messages from our presenters.

Member News

1. Dates to Remember

- YOUCAN Walk or Run For Peace <http://www.youcan.ca/index.php>

August 7, Edmonton, Alberta
<http://www.events.runningroom.com/site/?raceId=1427>

August 14, Ottawa, Ontario
<http://www.events.runningroom.com/site/?raceId=1563>
- Family Service Canada Conference, September 29-October 1, Gatineau, Québec. “Social Innovation at Work for Families”
www.familyservicecanada.org/conference
- Canadian Mental Health Association Conference, September 20–September 25, Edmonton, Alberta.
<http://www.cmha-edmonton.ab.ca/conference/>
- Canadian Association for Community Living National Forum, November 2-4, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
- Canadian Teacher’s Federation Conference, November 17-19, Ottawa, Ontario
www.ctf-fce.ca
- National Family Week is October 3-9. Visit www.familyservicecanada.org for more information

2. Canada’s Report Card on Physical Activity

Active Healthy Kids Canada released its Report Card on Physical Activity for Children and Youth on May 26. The report, which examines physical activity opportunities for young people where they live, learn and play, gives Canada a “D” in keeping kids physically active. To access the full report and summary visit www.activehealthykids.ca

Other News

1. Senator Pearson Nominated for Nobel Peace Prize

Senator Landon Pearson, children's rights advocate, is one of nine Canadian women among the 1,000 from 150 countries, who have been jointly nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. The women were nominated by 1000 Women for the Nobel Peace Prize 2005 and are recognized as women who commit themselves daily to the cause of peace and justice. The criteria for each nomination included sustainability and integrity, long-term engagement, the inclusion of all parties to a conflict and a wide network.

Congratulations Senator Pearson from the National Children's Alliance!!

2. New Report on Urban Aboriginal People

A new report on Aboriginal people living in metropolitan areas (2001) has been released. The report examines 11 centres that had a population of at least 7,000 Aboriginal people in 2001 or whose Aboriginal population was at least 5% of the total population. The report can be found at:

<http://www.statcan.ca/Daily/English/050623/d050623b.htm>

3. Brock University Child and Youth Rights Conference Call for Papers

In preparation for their 2006 Conference, the Department of Child and Youth Rights at Brock University has put out a call for papers. The selected themes are investment and citizenship in the context of children's and young people's human rights. The deadline for submissions is September 12. For more information on topic areas and the conference email Richard.Mitchell@brocku.ca

4. World Conference on Prevention of Family Violence

The World Conference on Prevention of Family Violence, "Knowledge, Practice, Impact", will be held October 23-26 in Banff, Alberta.

The Conference will bring together a diverse group of international leaders, researchers and policy and program experts to share promising practice in family violence prevention, intervention, support and follow-up. Visit http://www.wcpfv2005.ca/en_home.cfm for more information and registration.

5. Knowledge Development Centre 2006 Funding Competition

Imagine Canada has announced the Knowledge Development Centre's 2006 funding competition. The Centre provided funding to non-profit and charitable organizations and post-secondary institutions to conduct research on volunteering and volunteerism. In 2006, it will fund project addressing the following themes:

- ❑ Volunteer Experiences
- ❑ Communities of Interest
- ❑ Research reviews of volunteers and volunteerism in Canada
- ❑ Developing Leadership

Please visit www.kdc-cdc.ca and click on “Applying for Research Funding” for more information.