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**Subject:** A few things from the NCA

Dear Children's Alliance Members,

Just a quick note about a few of important items:

1) We have not yet invited a representative from Nunavut to the March Symposium. **If anyone has a contact within an affiliate organization in Nunavut, please send us the contact information immediately, so we can forward an invitation.**

2) The National Children's Alliance has been asked to participate in the Gov't of Canada's Government ON Line initiative. The Youth Initiatives Directorate is conducting interviews on how the federal government should organize its websites to provide useful information to parents, other caregivers, youth and children. They will be holding 45 minutes telephone conference calls with NGOs this month. (In return for your time, your organization will receive a donation of \$70.00) **If there is a representative of the Alliance who is able to address this issue in a conference call, please contact Jane at RISC, Tel 1-800-277-7530, and identify yourself as responding on behalf of the Alliance.**

The possible teleconference times are: Monday, March 10th: 1:00 p.m.; 2:15p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 11th: 8:00 a.m.; 9:15 a.m.; 11:45 a.m.;  
3:30 p.m.; 4:45 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

3) The National Children's Alliance has been invited to participate in *Citizens for Mental Health*, a national initiative funded by Health Canada as part of the Voluntary Sector Initiative. This project is intended to:

- build a national mental health policy framework that addresses the determinants of health, and;
- enhance the capacity of the voluntary sector to partner with the federal government in ongoing mental health initiatives.

CMHA would like to connect with organizations like the Alliance in order to gather our thoughts on the key mental health issues facing our community and possible federal level responses. More details can be found in the attached brochure. Member organizations are encouraged to participate in this consultation process.



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