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**1. Dates to Remember**

- September 6: Steering Committee meeting, 1:00 - 3:00, NAFC Boardroom, 275 MacLaren St.
- September 22: Deadline for submissions for next E-digest
- September 29: Next E-digest
- October 3: Steering Committee meeting, 1:00 – 3:00, NCA Office
- November 14: NCA First AGM and 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

## **2. Middle Childhood Initiative**

### Research Publications:

Two literature review/research papers funded by a grant from the Canadian Council on Learning (CCL) have been written to support the NCA's Middle Childhood Initiative. The papers, *Recreation in Middle Childhood – Overview Paper* and *Immigrant and Refugee Children in Middle Childhood – An Overview*, explore these themes in the context of children aged 6–12. The papers will be posted on the NCA public website shortly but are available by contacting [Barbara@nationalchildrensalliance.com](mailto:Barbara@nationalchildrensalliance.com).

### Policy Briefs:

As part of the NCA's Middle Childhood Initiative, a call was put forward to our member organizations for policy briefs on children 6-12. The briefs are to reflect the work of the organizations preparing them. We had a tremendous response and as a result will have a series of nine policy briefs to be used at our regional consultations this fall. Topics include, Children's Mental Health, Daily Physical Education in Schools, Aboriginal Children (currently available), Middle Childhood and Disability, Housing as a Social Determinant of Health and several others. These will also be posted on the public website. Thank you to all the members who responded. A complete list will be provided in next months E-digest.

### Consultations:

We now have dates confirmed for three regional policy consultations on Middle Childhood.:

October 5, Calgary

October 11, Halifax

November 1 or 2, Montréal

## **3. NCA 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and First AGM**

NCA is planning its 10th Anniversary celebration and first AGM as a newly incorporated organization on November 14 from 3:30-5:30. We will have the privilege of welcoming Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean to join us in our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration following the AGM. Please mark this date in your calendar and plan to join us in celebrating our achievements over the past 10 years. Everyone is welcome to attend. More details will follow.

## **Member News**

### **1. Dates to Remember**

- September 28-29: Family Service Canada Conference, Winnipeg Manitoba
- November 19-22: worldforum 2006, Vancouver, B.C.

## **2. CCSD Report: *The Impact of North American Economic Integration on Children***

A new publication in the Growing Up in North America series is now available on the CCSD website: *The Impact of North American Economic Integration on Children*. This brief was written by Miriam Wasserman, an American analyst specializing in economics and public policy. She documents the growth of regional economic integration in the post-NAFTA period and examines the impact of this on children and their communities. (Visit [www.ccsd.ca/pubs/2006/cina](http://www.ccsd.ca/pubs/2006/cina))

### **Youth**

#### **1. mindyourmind.ca**



**Call for respondents willing to complete a short questionnaire for mindyourmind.ca's , "Thinking Outside the Talk" campaign - deadline Sept. 15**

**Mindyourmind.ca**, an award winning youth mental health website, is seeking service providers willing to complete a short questionnaire. The goal of this campaign and the questionnaire is to offer professionals, working with youth at risk for stress, mental health disorders, self-harming behaviours and suicide, youth-friendly, interactive tools geared to their specific populations. The questionnaires will be used to develop these tools which will be posted on our site without charge. If you are interested in having an interactive therapeutic tool created for your consumers, please contact Sharron Zweig at [info@mindyourmind.ca](mailto:info@mindyourmind.ca).

#### **2. Justice for Children and Youth Website Launch**

JFCY launched its new look website in July at [www.jfcy.org](http://www.jfcy.org). Justice for Children and Youth provides select legal representation to low-income children and youth in Toronto and vicinity. They are a non-profit legal aid clinic that specializes in protecting the rights of those facing conflicts with the legal system, education, social service or mental health systems. Their website provides legal information, publications, information on youth rights issues and more to young people, parents (in education matters), professionals and community groups across Ontario.

## Other

### 1. Values Added Initiative

This new initiative is a shared effort among Canadian charities and non-profits to inform and educate the public about the sector's contribution to quality of life. It is a result of the Voluntary Sector Initiative during which the idea of a public awareness initiative emerged. It is hoped that if organizations come together and speak with a single voice, that their influence would be strengthened. The link below leads to more information about the initiative.

[http://www.valuesadded.ca/initiative-invitation\\_e.asp](http://www.valuesadded.ca/initiative-invitation_e.asp)

### 2. Risk Management and Insurance in the Voluntary Sector

The Ottawa Chamber of Voluntary Organizations (OCVO) is hosting a workshop - Risk Management and Insurance in the Voluntary Sector which will address the following questions:

- We have insurance. Isn't that enough?
- How can I minimize the risk to my organization?
- What type of insurance does my organization need?

Join your colleagues from the non-profit and voluntary sector in Ottawa to learn more about risk management and insurance in the voluntary sector.

**When:** Thursday, September 14, 2006, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (networking & registration begin at 9:00 a.m.)

**Where:** Ottawa City Hall, 110 Laurier Avenue West, Ottawa

For more details visit: <http://www.cvsrd.org/eng/ocvo/index.html>

**To register:** [http://www.cvsrd.org/eng/ocvo/conferences/are\\_you\\_covered.doc](http://www.cvsrd.org/eng/ocvo/conferences/are_you_covered.doc)

For more information contact Brenda Gallagher at 613-520-2887 or [info@ocvo-cobo.ca](mailto:info@ocvo-cobo.ca)

### 3. Canadian Council on Learning News

The Canadian Council on Learning (CCL) is inviting submissions for the inaugural issue of its new, online peer-reviewed publication, the Journal of Applied Research on Learning (JARL), to be published in April 2007. Authors of original applied research interested in submitting manuscripts to be considered for publication in JARL should review the [Aims](#) of the Journal of Applied Research on Learning, the [Call for Submissions](#), as well the [Guidelines for Authors](#) for detailed information on submission requirements.

CCL has also issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for research projects in early childhood learning in Canada. Community-based organizations, businesses, labour organizations, and research and academic institutions interested in entering into an agreement to conduct research projects on early childhood learning in Canada are invited to submit their proposals by midnight on Sept. 30, 2006 (EDT). Go to:

[http://www.ccl-cca.ca/CCL/Research/RequestforProposals/RFP\\_ECL\\_EN.htm?Language=EN](http://www.ccl-cca.ca/CCL/Research/RequestforProposals/RFP_ECL_EN.htm?Language=EN)

#### **4. National Council on Welfare Poverty Report**

The report, *Poverty Profile, 2002 and 2003*, shows that in spite of progress made in the fight against poverty among seniors, poverty rates for children and working-age adults are about the same as they were almost a quarter century ago. Income inequality is growing and many groups of Canadians continue to have unacceptably high poverty rates.

The report calls for a long-term plan with clear goals to prevent and reduce poverty and inequality. The plan needs to explore innovative solutions and include a process that involves Canadians living in poverty. It should respect the social and economic rights that Canadians have under international agreements, including the right to an adequate standard of living. To be effective, it must have indicators and targets so that governments and leaders can be held accountable.

For a copy of the report visit <http://www.ncwcnbes.net/>

#### **5. Imagine Canada Submission to the Blue Ribbon Panel**

On June 6, 2006 the Government of Canada announced an Independent Blue Ribbon Panel to make recommendations on how existing Treasury Board Policy on Transfer Payments should be revised to make the delivery of grant and contribution programs more efficient to recipients within the parameters of control and accountability requirements. Part of this process was an opportunity to provide written submissions to the panel. Imagine Canada in consultation with the sector prepared a submission. The NCA was part of the Imagine Canada consultation and has endorsed their paper.

For more information about the Panel visit <http://www.brp-gde.ca/en/>