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1. Dates to Remember

- June 15: Deadline for members to reply to reorganization discussion paper
- June 22: NCA Steering Committee Meeting, 707-331 Cooper St., 1:00 – 4:00
- June 23: Deadline for submissions for next E-digest
- June 30: Next E-digest

2. Organizational Development Update

The deadline to return the member response form to the NCA discussion paper *Moving Forward* is June 15. If you have not yet indicated your support or registered your concern please do so as soon as possible. If you have any questions please send an email or call us. We need member support as we work towards fall incorporation and the inaugural AGM. We look forward to working with you in the future.

Member News

1. Dates to Remember

- June 15-17: CCCF *Leading the Way to Quality* Conference
- June 17-19: Canadian Council for Refugees International Conference

2. CCCF New Training Resource on Physical Activity

CCCF has developed an innovative training resource that supports quality environments and best practices for physical activity in the early years. This CD can be ordered from CCCF e-store. There is also a new physical activity subsite at www.cccf-fcsge.ca.

3. National Family Week Activity Kit

Family Service Canada has launched an activity kit to provide resources for this year's National Family Week October 2-8. This year's theme is *Nourishing the Family Tree*. This kit is full of fun activities and useful resources for parents, teachers, community organizers and family-serving professionals. There is also a new online calendar of events so you can see what is happening in your community. You can post your event at:

www.familyservicecanada.org/nfw/2006/events_form_e.php

Download the activity kit from:

www.familyservicecanada.org/nfw/2006/kit_folder_2006_e.html

For more information you can also call: 1-800-668-7808.

4. Children in North America Project

CCSD has issued a new report that examines the state of child well-being in North America – *Growing Up in North America: Child Well-being in Canada, the United States & Mexico*. The report indicates that gains in human development across North America have not kept pace with the last decade's advances in technology, trade and investment. The report can be downloaded from www.ccsd.ca

5. Canada's Report Card on Physical Activity

Active Healthy Kids Canada has issued its 2006 Report Card on Physical Activity for Children and Youth. This 2nd annual report measures how Canada is collectively demonstrating its responsibility in providing physical activity opportunities to young people. Canada has been graded with a 'D'. The 2006 report card includes data and indicators and shows where we are not improving, where we are getting worse and where we can build on promising results. There are also specific recommendations for action. To download the report visit: www.activehealthykids.ca

6. Cost of Youth Incarceration

The Canadian Parks and Recreation Association has developed a fact sheet on the cost of youth incarceration reflecting actual Canadian costs.



The Cost to
Incarcerate Youth.pdf

Youth

1. CPRN Report *Connecting Young People, Policy and Active Citizenship*

The Canadian Policy Research Networks held a National Youth Dialogue and Summit last November that enable the youth participants to lay out a road map for change and the role they should play in achieving it. Five key policy areas were identified: learning, work, health, the environment and citizenship. The 'Connecting' report presents the implications of this youth vision for Canada. Both the Summit report and this report can be found at: <http://www.cprn.org/en/>

Other

1. Investment and Citizenship Conference at Brock University

The *Investment and Citizenship: Towards a Transdisciplinary Dialogue in Child & Youth Rights* conference is being held at Brock University July 18-21. This conference has a stellar collection of highlighted speakers and has a conference dinner featuring an address and book signing by Stephen Lewis. It also offers workshops, symposia and posters exploring various aspects of children's rights. On-line registration is already available and the early registration deadline is June 4, 2006. Tickets for the conference dinner featuring Stephen Lewis are also available on-line through the registration site. To register now or get more information about the conference, please go to www.childsrights.ca. You may also obtain more information by contacting the conference coordinator, Sherri Young (shyoung@brocku.ca).

2. CCL Composite Learning Index

Canada has scored 73 out of 100 on the Canadian Council on Learning's Composite Learning Index (CLI). The CLI is the first national learning index in the world. It is meant to measure lifelong learning in Canada. A high score in a particular region or community means that area has learning conditions most favourable to economic and social success. For the full results visit:

<http://www.ccl-cca.ca/CCL/Reports/CompositeLearningIndex2/index.htm?Language=EN>