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Please attend to discuss the recommendations regarding organizational change.

- March 8: Ottawa Member's Meeting, 707-331 Cooper St.
- March 9: Toronto Member's Meeting , 180 Dundas St., 17th Floor Boardroom

2. Dianne Bascombe Resigns as Executive Director

The NCA Steering Committee is announcing that Dianne Bascombe has resigned as Executive Director. Dianne begins a new position as President and CEO at Family Service Canada in April.

The Steering Committee has begun the process of recruiting a new Executive Director. The job posting is attached. We have also begun to develop a new organizational framework for the NCA. Members will be kept fully informed of both processes and any interim plan. Your input is welcome. The Steering Committee is looking forward to an exciting future for the NCA.

While we are sorry to see Dianne go and we wish her well in her new position,



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3. Organizational Development Update

The process of NCA organizational development is moving forward. Attached are the recommendations made by the Steering Committee to the members.



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Member News

1. Dates to Remember

- March 22 – 26: YOU CAN Resolve IT! 2006 Symposium, Winnipeg, Manitoba
- March 30: CCCF Teleseminar on physical activity
- June 15 – 18: 'Leading the Way to Quality' conference (CCCF Co-host), Calgary Alberta

2. FRP Canada New Publications

Weaving Literacy Planning Guide:

Based on the experience of the Weaving Literacy Project, The Weaving Literacy Planning Guide is a field manual for literacy planning that provides tools and timeframes for organizations that wish to conduct their own literacy planning process. Groups with an interest in building community capacity around literacy will discover a wealth of helpful information, including examples and stories from across Canada. The guide also includes references to supplementary books, websites, journals and organizations.

Perspectives in Family Support, Winter 2006:

Perspectives is FRP Canada's own journal with current articles relevant to today's family service programs. The Winter 2006 edition includes articles on childcare as family support; the myths of early childhood education; and family policy in Quebec. This is available in English or French.

Visit www.frp.ca to download a free catalogue and order forms.

3. CCCF Free Teleseminar on Physical Activity

The Canadian Child Care Federation is hosting a free teleseminar on March 30 from 12:00 to 1:00 pm which will highlight *Quality Environments and Best Practices to Support Physical Activity in the Early Years*. Find out how you can support active play in young children. The teleseminar will provide an overview of the resources and present some practical ideas you can incorporate into your own programs. Please register by March 24 – lines are limited. Contact Christina Casserly at ccasserly@cccf-fcsge.ca

4. CCCF 'Leading the Way to Quality' Conference

CCCF along with the early Childhood Professional Association of Alberta, the Alberta Family Child Care Association and the Alberta Child Care Network, are co-hosting "Leading the Way to Quality". The conference will take place in Calgary, Alberta June 15-18. The Key note Speakers are Dr. Alan Pence from the University of Victoria and Cindy Blackstock of the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society. For conference details visit www.cccf-fcsge.ca

Youth

1. YOUCAN Resolve It! 2006 Symposium

The RI 2006, from March 22-26, registration cost is only \$600! That includes:

- All Hotel and Accommodations at York the Hotel, Winnipeg, Manitoba
- All of your meals at York the Hotel and the Winnipeg Convention Centre
- A YOUCAN Training (You pick one of four trainings that we are offering)
- Two Awesome Workshops (Twenty different workshops to choose from)
- All Entertainment (Culture Show, MuchMusic Video Dance, Manitoba Moose Hockey Game)
- Dynamic and Inspirational Speakers
- A Provincial and National Action Planning Session
- YOUCAN Apparel (Cool YOUCAN stuff)
- All travel costs associated with the Conference for out of town youth (All flights, bus, train etc. included in your registration price)

Registration is first come, first serve. We have room for 400 youth from across Canada. We will fly the youth in from anywhere in the Nation to help them have the experience of a lifetime.

<http://register.youcan.ca>

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www.youcan.ca

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1-888-496-8226.

***Youth Organizing to Understand Conflict and
Advocate Non-violence***

Other News

1. 'Working Together for Ontario's Children and Families' Conference

Children's Mental Health Ontario and the Ontario Association of Children's Aid society are co-hosting this conference June 5 – 7 in Toronto. The more than 100 speakers will present innovative programs, new research and outcome studies that will help those working with families and children.



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2. University of Toronto Child Welfare Conference

'Along the Lines of Excellence' will take place on May 2 – 4. The Hon. Mary Anne Chambers, Minister of Children and Youth Services Ontario, will speak and there will be over 90 seminars, presentations and workshops. Please visit <http://www.fcoao.org/conf06.html> for more information.

3. Ruth Atkinson Hindmarsh Award

This award was established into celebrate and encourage outstanding efforts of organizations that work with needy children in Ontario. The call for nominations for 2006 is now open. Visit www.atkinsonfoundation.ca for more information. The deadline for nominations is April 10.

4. CCL's Composite Learning Index

CCL is accepting feedback on its draft of the Composite Learning Index document which is attached. Background information is available at <http://www.ccl-cca.ca/cli/default.asp>



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