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1. Dates to Remember

- March 8: Ottawa Member's meeting **please note date change** 9:00 – 11:00 am, 707-331 Cooper St.
- March 9: Toronto Member's meeting **please note date change**, 9:30 – 11:30 am, 525 University Ave., 17th Floor boardroom

2. NCA Member Meetings Regarding Incorporation

As a result of the member consultations and key informant interviews last fall, the NCA Steering Committee is recommending to members that we move forward towards incorporation. Member meetings will be held in Ottawa, March 8 at the NCA office 707-331 Cooper St. and in Toronto March 9 at the Community Health Systems Resource group office 525 University Ave. 17th Floor Boardroom to clarify the process. A background paper will be sent to members prior to the meetings for their consideration.

3. Middle Childhood Matters Workshop

On January 11th the NCA co-hosted *Middle Childhood Matters: Towards a Public Policy Agenda* with the eastern Ontario Middle Childhood Matters Committee. More than 40 representatives from national, provincial and local organizations and government participated in the development of policy options and strategies to ensure that all children 6 to 12 have the opportunity to reach their potential. Proceedings from the day will be linked to the next e-digest and posted on the NCA website.

4. Call for Interest in Joining Middle Childhood Working Group

One of the NCA key priorities is middle childhood (6-12) and as a result the Steering Committee has proposed a Working Group be formed. If you are interested in participating in this group please contact Barbara@nationalchildrensalliance.com

5. Aboriginal Policy Workshop

On January 18th the NCA hosted an Aboriginal policy workshop *Caring Across Policy: Making a Difference for this Generation of Aboriginal Children and Youth*. It was a day of learning and discussion for the participants with a focus on next steps for the NCA. The proceedings will be in the next e-digest and posted on the website.

6. New Federal Cabinet

Prime Minister Harper has announced his Cabinet. Details are available on various media websites and will soon be posted on the House of Commons site. The Cabinet list is attached.



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Member News

1. Dates to Remember

- February 9-11, Saisir le Moment! Conference
- March 22-26: YOUCAN Resolve It! 2006 Youth Symposium
- April 6-8: Thrive! National Conference on Positive Youth Development

2. Thrive! National Conference on Positive Youth Development

Registration is ongoing for the Thrive! national conference in Calgary April 6-8. The conference theme is 'Helping Canadian Kids Thrive!' and is open to both youth and adult participants. The conference goals include investigating how communities can prevent crime through social development, awareness and engagement and learning about approaches such as Asset Building, Youth Engagement and Community Development. Please visit www.thrivecanada.ca for a conference brochure and registration information.

3. YOUCAN National Symposium

YOUCAN is holding its National Symposium Resolve It! March 22-26 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Youth are invited from across Canada to learn how to resolve conflicts peacefully and to help put an end to violence. Travel bursaries are available. YOUCAN is also recruiting adult chaperones and workshop presenters. For more information email info@youcan.ca or go to www.youcan.ca or call 1-888-496-8226 for more information

4. Saisir le moment! Conference

La Commission nationale des parents francophones is hosting a conference Saisir le Moment! In Winnipeg February 9-11. The conference theme is early childhood and health issues. While the proceedings will be conducted in French, there will be simultaneous translation to English. Please visit www.cnpf.ca for further information.

5. CPS Paediatrics & Child Health Journal

The Canadian Paediatric Society's November 2005 issue is devoted to Aboriginal issues. It is available online free of charge. Visit www.cps.ca
The publications can be found under the 'health care providers' section of the website.

6. First nations Child & Family Caring Society Call for Papers

The Editorial Board of the *First Peoples Child & Family Review* is inviting papers for the peer reviewed June 2006 issue on the following themes:

- * *Decolonizing* child and family services;
- * Incorporating *Aboriginal practices* for service delivery;
- * Overcoming the *internalized oppression*: How can we support our families and children;
- * Maintaining *our identities*: Approaches, models, programs and services for Aboriginal children in care;
- * What is *holistic* about child and family services?

The deadline for submissions is April 30. The submission process is outlined at www.fncfcs.com

8. Family Service Canada Call for Workshop Proposals

Family Service Canada has put out a call for workshop proposals for their upcoming national conference – *Celebrating the Power of Families and Communities* – which takes place in Winnipeg, Manitoba September 28 – 29. The deadline for submissions is March 31. www.familyservicecanada.org

Youth

1. Growing Up in Cities Canada: World Urban Café

GUCC is hosting an Urban Café on February 27 at Gatineau City Hall. This will be an opportunity to hear about and discuss ways of strengthening the civic engagement of young people in Canada. There is no cost for this one-day forum but you do need to register. The event is open to all interested youth and adults.



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2. International Youth Leadership Program

Ghost River Rediscovery is looking for 10 outstanding youth to participate in an International Youth Leadership Program in Dominica and the surrounding

indigenous communities of the Kalinago Territory. The International Youth Leadership program offers youth the opportunity to obtain international experience related to youth leadership development. This program, based on Aboriginal culture and traditions, exposes its participants to a variety of unique experiences. For more information visit www.ghostriverrediscovery.com
The deadline for application is February 24th, 2006.

3. Recruiting Youth with Disabilities

The Active Living Alliance for Canadians with a Disability (ALA) has applied to be a part of the YMCA Youth Exchanges Canada program. The program will bring together 50 youth, aged 14-17, from across Canada. The conference will take place in Ottawa June 27 to July 3. Volunteers and chaperones are also needed. For more information visit www.ala.ca

Other

1. Brock University Second Call for Proposals

The Department of Child and Youth Studies at Brock University has issued a second call for papers for "Investment and Citizenship: Towards Transdisciplinary Dialogue in Child & Youth Rights". The conference will be held July 18-21, 2006 at the university. The deadline for submissions is February 17.



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2. Getting it Right for Adolescent Learners Symposium

The Canadian Education Association is hosting a two-day symposium in Vancouver on May 15-17, 2006. The forum will explore the years of adolescence, and the needs high schools must fulfill to effectively prepare Canadian youth for their futures. Visit www.cea-ace.ca for more details.

3. A National Dialogue on Students at Risk

The Learning Partnership is hosting a conference in Vancouver February 26-28. This is an opportunity for policy makers, practitioners, researchers, parents and others in the community to work together to ensure that all students have the support needed to complete high school. Full details can be found at www.thelearningpartnership.ca

4. Population, Work and Family Policy Research Collaboration

PWFC is a partnership of federal departments and SSHRC-funded research clusters. It is coordinating a consultation between the research community and the federal government policy research process. A Symposium will be held on March 23-24 in Ottawa. Registration information can be found on the PWFC section of the Policy Research Initiative website www.policyresearch.gc.ca

5. Moving to Inclusion Workshop

The Active Living Alliance for Canadians with a Disability is holding a one-day workshop to enable organizations to be more inclusive for Canadians with a disability. The workshop will be held in Ottawa on March 3. There is a fee of \$25. Please call 1-800-771-0663 or email jane@ala.ca for further information.

6. Prevention of FASD

The Prevention Subcommittee of the FASD Stakeholders of Ontario is holding a conference on March 9-10. It will examine the root causes of women's alcohol use during pregnancy, including addiction and mental health problems, and ways to support women at risk during pregnancy. Please refer to the conference brochure attached for more information.



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7. Centres of Excellence Policy Forum

The Division of Childhood and Adolescence, Public Health Agency of Canada is hosting a policy forum highlighting the achievements of the Centres of excellence for the Children's well-being program and future opportunities for collaboration, particularly in the area of policy development. The forum will take place on February 20, 1:30-4:00. To confirm your attendance email fitzmaurice@phac-aspc.gc.ca or call (613) 952-5835 by February 6.

9. Society for Safe and Caring Schools and Communities

SACSC has put out a call for proposals for their upcoming conference 'Becoming the Change We Want to See'. Proposal details are in the attached document. The conference will take place in Edmonton, Alberta June 1 and 2.



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