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

- April 4: Speech from the Throne
- April 21: Deadline for Submissions to E-digest
- April 28: Next E-digest

## **2. Message from Dianne Bascombe**

Working with the National Children's Alliance for the past two years has been a wonderful experience. The future directions that are underway for the NCA are very exciting and I look forward to participating as a member organization of the NCA in my new position at Family Service Canada.

It has been 10 years since the NCA first began, and although there has been progress on children's issues, the challenges remain as acute as ever. With our collective voice, and renewed directions, the NCA has a strengthened opportunity to make a difference for Canada's children and youth.

## **3. Organizational Restructuring Update**

Over the past month we have held meetings in Ottawa and Toronto to update members on the restructuring process. As a result of these meetings and further consultations with the Steering Committee we are in the process of preparing a draft of the final incorporation plan. This document will be sent to the members for their consideration. Draft bylaws will follow.

We will also be posting all of the material as well as regular updates on our website within the next two weeks. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or comments.

## **Member News**

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

- June 15 – 18: 'Leading the Way to Quality' conference (CCCF co-host), Calgary, Alberta
- November 19 -22: worldforum2006, Vancouver, B.C.

### **2. Save Child Care – Sign on to Letter**

Code Blue for Child Care is a national campaign that is being led by the Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada and a coalition of their partners. You can make your voice heard by signing on to the attached open letter. You can also check [www.childcareadvocacy.ca](http://www.childcareadvocacy.ca) for updates and resources on Code Blue.

Please sign on by April 3 when Parliament resumes.

[http://www.buildchildcare.ca/BE\\_petition.php/honourthem](http://www.buildchildcare.ca/BE_petition.php/honourthem)

### **3. 'Leading the Way to Quality' Conference**

The Canadian Child Care Federation is co-hosting this conference with their Alberta affiliates from June 15 – 17 in Calgary. The organizers are expecting 800 registrants and invite participants to bring information about activities they are doing locally in support of the development of a national system of early learning and child care for sharing on a take-one table. Conference details and registration information can be found at [www.cccf-fcsge.ca](http://www.cccf-fcsge.ca)

### **4. 'worldforum2006' Conference**

The Child Welfare League of Canada is a sponsor of 'worldforum2006: future directions in child welfare' to be held in Vancouver November 19 – 22. This international conference will explore and share knowledge, information and data on promising practices and innovative approaches to prevention and response to child abuse and neglect. There is currently a call out for papers. Please visit <http://www.worldforum2006.ca/> for details.

## **Other**

### **1. 'Getting it Right for Adolescent Learners' Symposium**

The Canadian Education Association is hosting a two-day symposium May 15 - 17 in Vancouver. The purpose is to identify ways and means to effectively prepare Canadian youth for their future in work, in family, in community and as citizens. More information and registration forms can be found at [www.ceaa-ce.ca](http://www.ceaa-ce.ca)

### **2. Learning Summit on Middle Childhood**

The Lower Mainland School-Aged Children Advisory Committee and the United Way of Lower Mainland is holding a summit from May 17 – 18 in Burnaby, B.C. The summit is designed to inform and engage policy makers, funders, service providers and researchers on the issues of middle childhood. Keynote speakers include Dr. Clyde Hertzman.



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### **3. Building Trust Law Enforcement Aboriginal & Diversity Conference**

The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police is holding a conference April 30 – May 3 in Toronto that aims to bring together a wide spectrum of people who care

about providing quality police services to Aboriginal and diverse communities.  
Information can be found at [www.cacp.ca](http://www.cacp.ca)