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NCA News

1. Dates to Remember

- **December 9: Special Election E-digest**
- January 11: "Middle Childhood Matters Workshop", Ottawa
- January 18: Aboriginal Policy Workshop, Ottawa
- January 24: Submission deadline for E-digest
- January 31: E-digest
- February 28: Ottawa Member's Meeting
- March 2: Toronto Member's Meeting

2. "Middle Childhood Matters" Workshop

The NCA and the Ottawa Middle Childhood Matters Network are co-hosting a one day think tank on January 11, 2006 to develop policy recommendations building on past work and Vancouver Think Tank. This is an invitational event but please contact us if you would like to be invited. The meeting will take place at Volunteer Canada, 330 Gilmour St. in Ottawa. Please contact Barbara@nationalchildrensalliance.com for more information.



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3. Aboriginal Policy Workshop

The NCA will be hosting an Aboriginal policy workshop, *'Caring Across Policy: Making a Difference for this Generation of Aboriginal Children and Youth'* on January 18 in Ottawa. The location is the Embassy West Hotel, 1400 Carling Ave. (at the Queensway). Registration is \$25 and spaces are limited please call Barbara (613) 560-5843 ext. 230 or email Barbara@nationalchildrensalliance.com to reserve a place.



Caring Across Policy
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4. Update Senator Pearson's Retirement Party

We would like to thank the many friends and colleagues who were able to attend Senator Pearson's retirement party. Senator Pearson appreciated the kind words spoken by the presenters. We would also like to thank those of you who

generously sponsored youth tickets and we are pleased to report that the proceeds exceed \$1000 which will be donated to the resource centre at Carleton University.

We all look forward to continuing to work with Senator Pearson as she begins her new endeavour at the Landon Pearson Resource Centre for the Study of Childhood and Children's Rights at Carleton University. If you would like to make a contribution to the Centre please let us know and we will send you a pledge card.

5. Election Strategy

The NCA will be sending out a special edition E-digest on December 9. This will contain sector mobilization material including backgrounders, speaking points and candidate questions. If your organization is preparing similar material and you would like to share it with our network, please send it to us by December 7th for inclusion in the E-digest. Barbara@nationalchildrensalliance.com

6. NCA Letter to First Ministers & National Aboriginal Leaders

The NCA sent a letter to the recent Intergovernmental Conference held in Kelowna, BC expressing our concerns regarding the situation of Aboriginal children, youth and their families.



Letter to leaders
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Member News

1. Dates to Remember

➤ April 6-8: Thrive! Positive Youth Development Conference, Calgary

2. Jordan's Principle

Jordan's Principle is a joint resolution proposed by the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society asking all governments to make a difference for Aboriginal children by implementing a policy that the provincial/territorial or federal government of first contact pays for services without delay and settle jurisdictional disputes later, known as Jordan's Principle. Jordan was a young First Nations child with complex medical needs who was kept in hospital for more

than two years after he was ready to go home while government departments argued over who would pay for needed home care supports. And Jordon never did make it home. He died in his fourth year having never left the hospital. Today you have the opportunity to adopt “Jordon’s Principle” to ensure that no First Nations child falls through the cracks. Visit www.fncfns.com to support Jordan’s Principle.



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3. CPHA Pot and Driving Campaign

The Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA) has launched a national campaign to raise awareness among young Canadian drivers of the risks of cannabis-impaired driving. Canadians between the ages of 14-25 have one of the highest rates of pot use in the world. Visit the campaign website for more information. <http://www.potanddriving.cpha.ca/>

4. Joint Submission to the Gomery Commission

The Canadian Council on Social Development along with Imagine Canada and Canadian Policy Research Networks, prepared a joint submission to the Gomery Inquiry. The submission makes several recommendations which are summarized in the releases below.



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5. Canadian Paediatric Society Status Report

CPS has released *Are We Doing Enough? A status report on Canadian public policy and child and youth health*, which looks at how effectively Canada’s provinces and territories are using their legislative powers to promote the health and safety of children and youth. This report will be updated and expanded every two years.

http://www.cps.ca/english/proadv/Advocacy/Status_Report.pdf

6. NAFC Press Release on Aboriginal People Living in Urban Centres

The National Association of Friendship Centres prepared a statement on Aboriginal people living in urban centres appealing to the First Ministers and

Aboriginal Leaders who meet earlier this month to consider the problems faced by urban Aboriginals as an agenda item.



NAFC News Release final Backgrounder
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Youth

1. Canadian Adolescents at Risk Research Network's Website

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2. UN Youth Flash

UN Youth Flash is an email newsletter for youth keeping them up-to-date on the youth agenda of the UN. It partners with youth organizations around the world. This fantastic youth resource is available in English, French or Spanish. To subscribe visit <http://www.un.org/youth> (which is also a great site to bookmark) and click on news.

3. Amnesty International Canada Youth and Student Programs

There are over 400 groups and 150 individual members of the Youth & Student Program across Canada. There is no better way to become involved in human rights and global issues than to become part of the Youth & Student program. Start an Amnesty International group at your school or in your community. Visit www.amnesty.ca/youth for a copy of the youth activist toolkit.

4. Youth Policy Workshop Facilitator's Guide Now Available

The NCA youth policy workshop facilitator's guide is now available. If you are interested in offering this workshop in your community we can assist you by providing the materials at no cost. In return we require full proceedings of the workshop. For more information contact Barbara Mitchell.

Other News

1. John Milloy's Book on Top 100 List

The Ottawa Citizen recently Listed John Milloy's book, *A National Crime: The Canadian Government and Residential Schools* as one of the top 100 significant Canadian books everyone should read. John Milloy was a keynote presenter at the NCA's March 2004 Symposium. Congratulations!

2. SMARTRISK Strategy for Injury Prevention

SMARTRISK and Insurance Bureau of Canada released *Ending Canada's Invisible Epidemic: A Strategy for Injury Prevention* calling for a national strategy to prevent injury on Oct. 25, 2005. The report makes **six recommendations** aimed at making Canada's injury rates the lowest in the world. It calls on the federal government to make an annual **\$50 million investment** in this area that costs \$14.7 billion each year and kills more Canadians under 45 than any other cause. For more information visit www.smartrisk.ca

3. Campaign 2000 Report Card on Child Poverty

On November 24, Campaign 2000 released its 2005 Report on Child Poverty in Canada *Decision Time for Canada: Let's Make Poverty History*. The findings reveal that no progress has been made in eliminating child poverty in this country, one of the richest in the world. For a copy of the report and to offer your support visit www.campaign2000.ca

4. Children and Youth Home Care Network (CYHN) Update

The CYHN is a network of organizations working together to foster research, policy and practice in the area of home care. This includes a range of services, both at home and in the community, providing needed supports due to illness or disability. Recently CYHN has struck an Advocacy Committee to look at policy development and strategies to improve home care systems in Canada for children and youth. Dianne Bascombe is participating in this committee and if your organization is working in this area and you are interested in participating in CYHN please contact Dianne.