



October 2005

URGENT REMINDER: Tickets are on sale now for Senator Pearson's retirement celebration on November 21. Please show your support and appreciation of all of Senator Pearson's work on behalf of the children and youth of Canada and purchase your ticket today! Contact Barbara at 560-5843 ext. 230.

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NCA News

1. Dates to Remember

- November 21: Senator Pearson's Retirement Party, Lone Star Ranch – **call for your tickets today!**
- November 21: Steering Committee Meeting, Ottawa
- November 24: School-aged Think Tank, Vancouver
- January 11: "6-12" Policy Workshop, Ottawa
- January 18: Aboriginal Policy Workshop, Ottawa

2. Senator Pearson's Retirement Party

Tickets are on sale now for this celebration of Senator Pearson and the work she has done on behalf of children and youth in Canada. This is your opportunity to show your appreciation to Senator Pearson as she leaves public office. The party will be held at the Lone Star Ranch in Ottawa and tickets are only available only through the NCA (\$50 adult and \$30 youth) and will not be available at the door.



Senator Pearson
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3. Steering Committee Meeting

The Steering Committee will meet on November 21 from 11:30 to 3:00 to discuss the results of the NCA feasibility study. The meeting will take place at the NCA office 707-331 Cooper St.

4. School-aged Think Tank

The NCA is collaborating with the United Way of Lower Mainland BC on a "School-aged Children Think Tank" to be held on November 24 from 9:00 to 3:30 in their offices. If you are interested in attending or sending someone from your organization in Vancouver please contact Dianne@nationalchildrensalliance.com

5. "Middle Childhood Matters" Workshop

In the Ottawa area, the NCA is working with the Middle Childhood Matters Network to co-host a one-day Think Tank on January 11, 2006. This will be an invitational event but do not hesitate to contact Dianne Bascombe if you are interested in attending.

6. 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. Registration is \$25 and spaces are limited please call Barbara (613) 560-5843 ext. 230 or email Barbara@nationalchildrensalliance.com to reserve a place.



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7. NCA October Update

October 5: Presentation to Finance Committee

Thanks to Alfred Gay and Janis Douglas for presenting on behalf of the NCA. The section on Aboriginal children has been strengthened thanks to the input of the Aboriginal working Group. The revised brief will be posted on the website shortly but please do not hesitate to request a copy anytime.

October 13: NCA Toronto Feasibility Workshop

Thanks to our Toronto members who participated in the feasibility workshop

October 15-16: Network for Immigrant Children and Youth

Dianne and Harvey Weiner (Canadian Teacher's Federation) attended meetings in Ottawa of individuals and groups working in the area of immigrant children and youth. These linkages will be continued as the issues around the impact of immigration on children, youth and their families escalate.

October 17: "Make Poverty History"

Dianne attended the Campaign 2000 "Make Poverty History" rally and social inclusion symposium.

October 18: Meeting with Senator Jane Cordy

Dianne and David Young (FRP Canada) met with Senator Jane Cordy to discuss the potential for champions in the Senate on children's issues in the context of the pending retirement of Senator Landon Pearson. It was a very positive meeting and Senator Cordy expressed both interest and a depth of understanding.

October 19: Meeting with Minister Carolyn Bennett

Thanks to David Young (FRP Canada), Alfred Gay (NAFC), Dennis Howlett (NAPO) and Dianne who met with Minister Bennett to discuss how to work with the Public Health Agency of Canada on the issues of children, youth and families. Several of the key issues discussed included: youth poverty, the importance of the CAP-C programs in communities, aboriginal issues and the need for a

comprehensive system of “telling the story of Canada’s children” through monitoring and reporting. Follow up meetings are anticipated.



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October 20: Improving the Health of Young Canadians report launched

This report was launched with a research workshop day in Ottawa attended by Dianne Bascombe, who was on the Expert Advisory Committee for this Canadian Institute of Health Information project. Please visit the site below for very useful statistics and fact sheets on the health of Canada’s youth are in this report.

http://secure.cihi.ca/cihiweb/dispPage.jsp?cw_page=cphi_e

8. Help! Website

As many of you already know due to budgetary cutbacks the NCA has had to make some important decisions about our spending. One area that we are in need of assistance is our website. We are asking our members to consider an in-kind contribution of technical support that will convert the format of our website so that we can update it in-house. If you have the capacity to help us with this please contact Barbara@nationalchildrensalliance.com

Member News

1. Dates to Remember

- November 17: CICH Crayons & Cravats Gala, Ottawa, www.cich.ca
- November 20: National Child Day

2. CCCF National Child Day Poster and Tools

The Canadian Child Care Federation has limited edition National Child Day, ‘*I have the right to play*’ poster available today. There is no charge for the poster but they will be gone quickly! Order yours today. Visit www.cccf-fcsqe.ca for additional tools and resources to celebrate this important day. Also take a moment to read a special letter from Senator Landon Pearson.

3. Canadian Federation for Sexual Health

A letter from the Executive Director:

We are proud of our 40-year history of promoting reproductive health as a fundamental human right. We supported the legalization of contraception and the decriminalization of abortion in Canada in the late 1960's. We have worked for many years internationally to assist developing countries to increase access to family planning and reproductive health services. And we have always been there, to help Canadians make informed choices about their sexual and reproductive health.

However, as times change, we are faced with new issues and challenges. People are still denied access to sexual and reproductive health education and services because of their age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, geography, cost and anti-choice beliefs. Planned Parenthood recognizes that one of the basic human rights for all individuals throughout life must include healthy sexuality, its diversity of expression and reproductive choice.

As we move forward to meet this challenge, we are adopting a new name to more accurately reflect our mission and to speak to new generations. By changing our name from Planned Parenthood Federation of Canada to the Canadian Federation for Sexual Health, we are ensuring that the great work we do will be more accessible to the people who need our services. Our focus will remain the same, but with our new name, we will be able to be a stronger champion for the sexual health and reproductive choices of all Canadians. We will move ahead and expand the work we have been doing for 40 years, in new ways.

The work of Planned Parenthood Federation of Canada has long been supported and enhanced by the 23 affiliates across the country that provide direct sexual and reproductive health services to the communities they serve. While some of these affiliates will also adopt a new name, some will remain a Planned Parenthood. Together, we will continue to be a strong network of organizations and individuals, working together to celebrate healthy sexuality, its diversity of expression and reproductive choice as fundamental human rights for individuals throughout the course of their lives.

The Board and staff of the new Canadian Federation for Sexual Health look forward to a lasting and productive relationship with you in the future as we continue our most important work in promoting sexual and reproductive health and rights in Canada and around the world.

Linda Capperault
Executive Director

Youth

1. Send us Your Links

Please send us your links to events, research, papers, great websites which are relevant to youth and will include them in the next e-digest. This is your opportunity to promote your organization and work!

Other

1. Canadian Education Forum “Adolescents and Learning”

The CEA is hosting “Adolescents and Learning: Their Future for Our World” on November 24 and 25 in Ottawa. Dr. Bruce Ferguson, Director of the Community Health Systems Group at Sick Kids will be sharing the results of a recent Study of factors leading adolescents to drop out of high school. Please contact Karine Rainville at KRainville@cea-ace.ca for more information or visit www.cea-ace.ca