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I. NEWS & VIEWS

ONTARIO

1. HAPPY HOLIDAYS



2. ONTARIO LAUNCHES COMPREHENSIVE SOCIAL ASSISTANCE REVIEW

(available in French)

The Government of Ontario is launching a review that will examine social assistance and its relationship with other federal, provincial, and municipal income security programs. The purpose of the review is to gain a better understanding of how these programs, working together, can provide better outcomes for people (Government of Ontario, 2010, November 30). In the future, the Special Diet Allowance will also be revised to make it compliant with the recent Order of the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario and more accountable to taxpayers.

English: <http://www.news.ontario.ca/mcss/en/2010/11/ontario-launches-comprehensive-social-assistance-review.html>

French: <http://www.news.ontario.ca/mcss/fr/2010/11/le-gouvernement-de-lontario-annonce-un-examen-exhaustif-du-systeme-daide-sociale.html>

3. FAMILIES WILL BENEFIT FROM JUSTICE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

(available in French)

The Government of Ontario is increasing access to justice by expanding the following services to all court locations:

- The Mandatory Information Program that offers more options for families experiencing breakdown and helps them learn about the effects of separation and divorce.
- The Family Mediation Service that helps families identify challenges and work out solutions outside the courtroom, which saves parents money.

- Information and Referral Coordinators who will refer families to community agencies that can help them resolve challenges earlier and at less cost.

This new approach to family disputes aims to help more Ontario families avoid the courtroom in favour of an early, affordable, out-of-court resolution (Government of Ontario, 2010, December 9).

English: <http://news.ontario.ca/mag/en/2010/12/families-will-benefit-from-justice-improvements.html>

French: <http://news.ontario.ca/mag/fr/2010/12/les-familles-beneficieront-dameliorations-a-la-justice.html>

CANADA

4. LATEST PRODUCT RECALLS

(available in French)

Note: Products that are recalled for containing lead or barium are in excess of the allowable level per the Canadian Hazardous Products Act (CHPA).

- La Biosthetique Aerosol Hair Care Products: The recalled products do not meet labelling requirements for potentially flammable and explosive products under Canadian law.
- Roman shades sold by Lowe's stores: Strangulations can occur when a child places his/her neck between the exposed inner cord and the fabric on the backside of the roman shade or when a child pulls the cord out and wraps it around his/her neck.
- Indoor/Outdoor LED String Lights by Westinghouse: The recalled string lights may have exposed wires, posing a shock or fire hazard.
- Holiday LED Light Strings by Home Accents Holiday & Martha Stewart Living: The recalled string lights may have exposed wires, posing a shock or fire hazard.
- Various Water Control Products by Hydrotek: Health Canada's auditing process has revealed that the recalled products are corrosive and do not meet the warning labelling and child-resistant closure requirements for this type of consumer chemical, as per Canadian law.
- Everyday Essentials 500ml and Joe Fresh Style 350ml Double Wall Stainless Steel Food Jars: These thermos type jars are intended to hold warm/ hot foods and liquids. There is a possibility for the lids to leak or pop off of the jars which may present a burn hazard to the user due to the hot contents.
- Chan Pie Gnon "Cool-it Soother" by Vulli: The liquid filling was contaminated with the bacteria *Burkholderia cepacia* as well as mould.
- Bassettbaby drop-side cribs with external plastic hardware: The cribs' drop-side rail can malfunction, detach or otherwise fail, causing part of the drop side to detach from the crib. If the drop-side detaches, it could create a space between the side of the crib and the mattress. Infants and toddlers could roll into this space and become entrapped, which could lead to suffocation or strangulation, or they could fall out of the crib.
- Drop-side Cribs by Ethan Allen: The crib's hardware can break or become damaged, causing the drop-side to detach. If the drop-side detaches, it could create a space between the side of the crib and the mattress. Infants and toddlers could roll into this space and fall out of the crib or become trapped, which could lead to suffocation, strangulation or death.
- Retrak-brand iPod Retractable Wall Chargers: They may pose a fire hazard to consumers.
- Lamps by Pottery Barn Kids: The electrical wire that runs through the lamps can be pinched or severed at the lamp's adjustable joint, posing a risk of electric shock to consumers.
- Roupillon-Brand Children's' Robes: Do not meet the flammability requirements for children's sleepwear under Canadian law.
- Aerosol Shoe Care Products: Does not meet labelling requirements for consumer chemical products under Canadian law.

English: <http://cpsr-rspsc.hc-sc.gc.ca/PR-RP/results-resultats-eng.jsp?searchstring=&searchyear=&searchcategory=http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/cps-spc/advisories-avis/aw-am/index-eng.php>

French: <http://cpsr-rspc.hc-sc.gc.ca/PR-RP/results-resultats-fra.jsp?searchstring=&searchcategory=&searchyear=&startIndex=1¤t=true>
<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/cps-spc/advisories-avis/aw-am/index-fra.php>

5. GOVERNMENT OF CANADA ANNOUNCES NEW SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR CRIBS, CRADLES, AND BASSINETS

(available in French)

The Government of Canada made amendments to the Cribs, Cradles, and Bassinets Regulations. The most notable changes include:

- Broadening the definition of a crib by eliminating the distinction between standard and portable cribs, and including stand-alone bassinets within scope of the Regulations;
- Including bassinets and requirements relating to their required packaging and labelling, and construction and performance (flammability, side height, static load, shearing and pinching hazards, etc);
- Eliminating toeholds that could enable a young child to climb out of a crib and fall to the floor causing a risk of injury; and,
- Including a requirement specifying that manufacturers or importers must maintain records relating to the sale, advertisement and testing of crib, cradle, and bassinet products for a period of at least 3 years (Government of Canada, 2010, December 1).

News: <http://news.gc.ca/web/article-eng.do?m=/index&nid=577259>

French: <http://nouvelles.gc.ca/web/article-fra.do?m=/index&nid=577259>

Factsheet with changes: http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ahc-asc/media/nr-cp/_2010/2010_212bk-eng.php

French: http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ahc-asc/media/nr-cp/_2010/2010_212bk-fra.php

II. RECENT REPORTS AND RESEARCH

CANADA

6. HEALTH TRENDS (BREASTFEEDING, LOW BIRTH WEIGHT, ETC.)

(available in French)

Statistics Canada (2010) released a product that presents comparable time-series data for a range of health indicators from a number of sources including the Canadian Community Health Survey, Vital Statistics, and Canadian Cancer Registry. The application is designed to give quick access to recent trends that can be customized by indicator or by geography such as: low birth weight, breastfeeding initiation, exclusive breastfeeding for at least 6 months, overweight or obese, perceived health, perceived mental health, perceived life stress, etc.

English: <http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/health-sante/82-213/index.cfm?Lang=eng>

French: <http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/health-sante/82-213/index.cfm?Lang=fra>

7. WOMEN IN CANADA: A GENDER-BASED STATISTICAL REPORT

(available in French)

This report provides a compilation of data related to women's family status, education, employment, economic well-being, unpaid work, health, and more. It allows readers to better understand the experience of women compared to that of men. Recognizing that women are not a homogenous group and that experiences differ not only across gender but also within gender groups, Women in Canada includes chapters on immigrant women, women in a visible minority, Aboriginal women, senior women,

and women with participation and activity limitations. The most recent report provides information about women and paid work. Some key findings include:

- The employment rate of women with children has generally been increasing over the past three decades
- Mothers in two-parent families are more likely to be employed than lone-parent mothers
- Women are more likely to work part time than men
- Increasing numbers of women are self-employed
- Young women and men are more likely to have temporary employment
- Women make up a growing share of employees holding more than one job
- Despite progress, women are still concentrated in traditional female occupations

Tables and charts: <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/89-503-x/2010001/tbl-c-g-eng.htm>

French: <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/89-503-x/2010001/tbl-c-g-fra.htm>

Paid work: <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/89-503-x/2010001/article/11387-eng.htm>

French: <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/89-503-x/2010001/article/11387-fra.htm>

INTERNATIONAL

8. REFLECTIVE SUPERVISION: SUPPORTING REFLECTION AS A CORNERSTONE FOR COMPETENCY

A collaboration among representatives from 14 state infant mental health associations are working to enhance competence among infant–family professionals by focusing on reflective practice and reflective supervision (Weatherston, Weigand, & Weigand, 2010). This group has worked to examine the fundamental nature of reflective practice, to deepen their understanding of reflective supervision, and to create strategies to support the development of critically important professional capacity. Key issues that are being addressed by this group are provided. The authors also describe their views on reflective supervision as they have emerged through this collaboration (Weatherston, Weigand, & Weigand, 2010). http://main.zerotothree.org/site/DocServer/31-2_Weatherston.pdf?docID=11942

III. CURRENT INITIATIVES

9. WATER IS A HUMAN RIGHT

Water is considered a basic human right according to the UN Convention for the Rights of the Child (Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs [AMC], 2010). In Canada, safe running water is not available to Indigenous people living in some areas of Manitoba. The AMC have launched a campaign “Water is a Human Right” to make Canada adhere to the same standards as the United Nations. Prepaid postcards to the Prime Minister of Canada are available at AMC, 2nd floor, 275 Portage Ave., Winnipeg. You can also sign the online petition or join their Facebook group.

<http://www.manitobachiefs.com/water/index.html>

10. THE CANADIAN FOUNDATION ON FETAL ALCOHOL RESEARCH (CFFAR) – 4TH ROUND GRANT COMPETITION

CFFAR will be awarding grants to support FASD related research to a maximum of \$40,000 per year for up to two years. Please submit your letter of intent (not to exceed two pages) by email to

researchgrants@fasdfoundation.ca by December 31, 2010 at 5:00pm. For instructions, please see

http://www.fasdfoundation.ca/cffar_letter.pdf

<http://www.fasdfoundation.ca/applications.htm>

IV. UPCOMING EVENTS

This section lists events that have not been included in earlier editions of the bulletin or listserv postings. For the details of these events and a complete list of events noted in previous bulletins and postings see <http://www.beststart.org/events/otherevents.php>

ONLINE

11. WEBINAR LECTURE SERIES: ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO MIDWIVES

January 12, 2011: Online

Hosted by: Association of Ontario Midwives

http://www.aom.on.ca/Professional/Clinical_Days/

ONTARIO

12. PROVIDING PERINATAL CARE FOR TRANS CLIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

January 21, 2011: Toronto, ON

Hosted by: Association of Ontario Midwives

http://www.aom.on.ca/Professional/Clinical_Days/

13. PROVIDING PERINATAL CARE FOR LBQ WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES

January 21, 2011: Toronto, ON

Hosted by: Association of Ontario Midwives

http://www.aom.on.ca/Professional/Clinical_Days/

14. A BREASTFEEDING COURSE BASED ON THE WHO/UNICEF 20-HOUR LACTATION MANAGEMENT COURSE

January 26-28, 2011: Toronto, ON

Hosted by: INFACT Canada

http://www.infactcanada.ca/Lactation_Mgmt_Course.htm

15. SELF-HELP RESOURCE CENTRE FACILITATION WORKSHOP

January 29, 2011: Toronto, ON

Hosted by: Self-Help Resource Centre

For more information or to secure a spot, call Rick at (416) 487-4355 ext. 21 or email:

shrc@selfhelp.on.ca

16. DEALING WITH NEAR MISSES AND POOR OUTCOMES: ISSUES FACING PERINATAL CARE PROVIDERS

February 25, 2011: Hamilton, ON

Hosted by: Association of Ontario Midwives

http://www.aom.on.ca/Professional/Clinical_Days/

17. FASD BLUEPRINT FOR ACTION: TOWARDS A COORDINATED RESPONSE

March 24, 2011: Toronto, ON

Hosted by: Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Network of Expertise

Please forward any enquiries by email to info@fasdontario.ca

V. RESOURCES

18. REFLECTIVE SUPERVISION: WHAT IS IT AND WHY DO IT?

In this resource individuals share their views and insights about the process of reflective supervision and show how the practice raises consciousness about cultural, ethnic, and racial differences (Powers, 2007). The cost of this book is \$15.00.

https://secure2.convio.net/zttcf/site/Ecommerce?VIEW_PRODUCT=true&product_id=3101&store_id=1121&JServSessionIdr004=8zp822zgh1.app209a

19. DENTAL RESOURCES

(available in French and languages other than English and French)

The Ministry of Health Promotion provides dental resources to health and social service providers as well as other groups serving Ontario families at no cost.

- Children In Need Of Treatment (CINOT) dental treatment program posters: The first poster “Bunny” is geared towards parents/caregivers and influencers. The image is of a child holding a stuffed bunny rabbit, with two of its teeth pulled out. This is the child’s way of expressing dental pain. The second image “Popsicle” is geared towards youth and teens. The image is of a teen with an orange popsicle taped to his cheek as a last resort to help his dental pain. The posters are 11” by 18”, double-sided, with English one side and French on the other.

English: <http://www.mhp.gov.on.ca/en/healthy-communities/dental/default.asp#Posters>

French: <http://www.mhp.gov.on.ca/fr/healthy-communities/dental/default.asp#Posters>

- CINOT dental treatment program information cards: The cards are 8.5” by 5.5”, double-sided, and are available in 18 languages: English; French; Amharic; Arabic; Cantonese; Cree; Farsi; Italian; Oji-cree; Portuguese; Punjabi; Russian; Somali; Spanish; Tagalog; Tamil; Urdu; and Vietnamese.

English: <http://www.mhp.gov.on.ca/en/healthy-communities/dental/default.asp#Posters>

French: <http://www.mhp.gov.on.ca/fr/healthy-communities/dental/default.asp#Posters>

- Oral Health, Different Ages/Different Stages, Birth to 12 years booklet: Geared towards parents, caregivers and influencers of young children, this booklet provides age appropriate oral health information. Available in English, French, Arabic, Chinese, Farsi, Punjabi, Somali, Tamil, Urdu, and Vietnamese.

English: <http://www.mhp.gov.on.ca/en/healthy-communities/public-health/default.asp>

French: <http://www.mhp.gov.on.ca/fr/healthy-communities/public-health/default.asp>

- Your All Access Pass to a Healthy Mouth Healthy You booklet: Aimed at teens, this booklet provides age appropriate oral health information. Available in English, French, Arabic, Chinese, Farsi, Punjabi, Somali, Tamil, Urdu, and Vietnamese.

English: <http://www.mhp.gov.on.ca/en/healthy-communities/public-health/default.asp>

French: <http://www.mhp.gov.on.ca/fr/healthy-communities/public-health/default.asp>

VI. FEATURED BEST START RESOURCES

20. HEALTH NEXUS 25TH ANNIVERSARY – MONTHLY SERIES OF “25” IDEAS: SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

(available in French)

At Health Nexus, we have been celebrating our 25th year with several events, including a monthly series of 25 ideas to help service providers in their work. Our most recent edition listed 25 resources to support your work on the social determinants of health. Previous editions include: “25 key resources on physical

activity and early years”, “25 things to discover about Francophone culture in Ontario”, “25 key resources in health promotion”, “25 resources in French in maternal health and child development”, and “25 programs and services for Aboriginal people”.

To read our lists and read more about our celebration activities, go to the links below.

English: http://www.healthnexus.ca/events/25th_anniversary/25_ideas.html

French: <http://www.nexussante.ca/nosevenements/25ans/25ans.htm>

21. HEALTH NEXUS 25TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE

(available in French)

We want to thank all of our guests who were able to join us at our open house on December 8, 2010. We also thank all of you who sent their regrets and warm wishes. It was wonderful to celebrate our milestone with so many of our friends - former staff and board members, funders, partners, and colleagues. Our Health Nexus Today blog provides some highlights and pictures of the event.

Blog: <http://www.blogs.healthnexusante.ca/>

Thank you note: http://www.healthnexus.ca/index_eng.php

French: http://www.nexussante.ca/index_fr.php

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In English:

- [OHPE](#) - The free weekly Ontario Health Promotion E-mail bulletin (OHPE) offers a digest of news, events, jobs, feature articles on health promotion issues, resources, and much more, to those working in health promotion. <http://www.ohpe.ca/>
- [Click4HP](#) - An open, facilitated public listserv, is an international dialogue on health promotion. Participants exchange views on issues and ideas, provide leads to resources, and ask questions about health promotion. <https://listserv.yorku.ca/archives/click4hp.html>
- [Health Nexus Today](#) - Health Nexus Today is our Blog on health promotion. According to Google, "Blog is short for weblog - a journal or newsletter that is frequently updated and intended for the general public." Find the latest on health promotion including breaking news, highlights, studies, and issues in health promotion and the determinants of health in Canada and internationally. <http://www.blogs.healthnexusante.ca/>

In French:

- [French distribution list](#) - The free distribution list offers information in French on maternal, newborn, and child health promotion topics. http://www.meilleurdepart.org/index_fr.html
- [Le Bloc-Notes](#) - The biweekly French language bulletin provides information on health promotion. <http://leblocnotes.ca/>