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----- I. NEWS & VIEWS -----

ONTARIO

1. SCHOOL EYECARE PLAN

(available in French)

The Government of Ontario (2011, June 20) is working in partnership with the Ontario Association of Optometrists. All parents of junior kindergarten students are encouraged to bring their child for a free eye exam at participating eye doctor offices.

English: <http://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2011/06/helping-more-junior-kindergarten-students-succeed-in-school.html>

French: <http://news.ontario.ca/opo/fr/2011/06/aider-plus-deleves-de-la-maternelle-a-connaître-le-succès-a-lecole.html>

2. PUBLIC HEALTH ONTARIO

(available in French)

The Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion (OAHPP) is now operating under a new name: Public Health Ontario. Although the operating name has changed, the mission to support their partners in making informed decisions will remain the same. The website has a refreshed look and the homepage has been reorganized with users in mind.

News: <http://www.oahpp.ca/about/whatsnew/20110614.html>

French: <http://www.oahpp.ca/fr/about/whatsnew/20110614.html>

Website: <http://www.oahpp.ca/index.html>

French: <http://www.oahpp.ca/fr/index.html>

CANADA

3. 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).

GE Zoneline® Air Conditioners and Heaters: An electrical component in the heating system can fail, posing a fire hazard to consumers.

Bratz Makeup Design Sketch Book by MGA Entertainment: The eye shadow makeup in the Bratz Makeup Design Sketch Book may be contaminated with two strains of bacteria: *Staphylococcus warneri* and *Staphylococcus intermedius*.

Emma's Garden Dress: Decorative buttons may detach, posing a choking hazard to young children.

"Carpet Art Deco" brand rug of the Shag Rug Montana Collection: Does not meet the flammability requirements for textiles under Canadian law.

Musical Shaker Instrument by Woodstock Percussion: The handle can detach from the shaker, exposing a rough edge and posing a laceration hazard. The detached handle also exposes small steel pellets and a plastic plug which pose choking hazards.

Bell Sports Exodus Full-Face Bicycle Motocross Helmet (Youth): The plastic release buckle on the helmet that connects the chin straps can separate and cause the helmet to eject from the user's head. This can pose a risk of serious injury or death to the user.

"Blade" brand micro helicopters by Horizon Hobb: The main rotor blades and main rotor grips can release from the main rotor head while in use. This poses an impact or laceration hazard to the user or persons nearby.

Katie Little Infant Bathrobes by Kids Line: Do not meet the design and flammability requirements for children's sleepwear under Canadian law.

English: <http://cpsr-rspc.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=truehttp://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/cps-spc/advisories-avis/aw-am/index-fra.php>

Antipsychotic drugs: Labelling update regarding the risk of abnormal muscle movements and withdrawal symptoms in newborns exposed during pregnancy.

English: http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ahc-asc/media/advisories-avis/_2011/2011_78-eng.php

French: http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ahc-asc/media/advisories-avis/_2011/2011_78-fra.php

Portable pools as risky as in-ground pools.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/health/story/2011/06/20/portable-pools-drowning.html?ref=rss>

4. KEY ELEMENTS OF THE CANADA CONSUMER SAFETY ACT

(available in French)

The Canada Consumer Product Safety Act came into force June 20, 2011. It replaces Part I of the Hazardous Products Act and introduces a new regulatory regime in Canada. Pamela Fuselli, Executive Director of Safe Kids Canada, says: "The Canada Consumer Product Safety Act will be of great benefit to Canadians by improving the safety of products they purchase and helping to prevent unintentional injuries, especially for our children" (Government of Canada, 2011, June 20). The Act will help reduce the number of unsafe or potentially unsafe consumer products on the Canadian Market. For example, it will be an offence to package or label consumer products that make false or deceptive health or safety claims. For more details about the key elements of the Act, see the link below.

News: <http://news.gc.ca/web/article-eng.do?nid=606859>

French: <http://nouvelles.gc.ca/web/article-fra.do?nid=606859>

Key elements: http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ahc-asc/media/nr-cp/_2011/2011_81bkr-eng.php

French: http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ahc-asc/media/nr-cp/_2011/2011_81bkr-fra.php

5. MYTH: C-SECTIONS ON THE RISE BECAUSE MORE MOTHERS ARE ASKING FOR THEM

(available in French)

The Canadian Health Services Research Foundation's (CHSRF) "MythBusters" are articles that use evidence to debunk common misconceptions in Canadian healthcare. This edition (CHSRF, 2011, May 6) provides information about caesarean sections in Canada including: women's preferences, rates of C-sections, and recommendations.

English: <http://www.chsrf.ca/PublicationsAndResources/Mythbusters/ArticleView/11-05-06/ab4a74cd-ffbc-427b-9995-7f7434a87a67.aspx>

French: <http://www.fcrss.ca/PublicationsAndResources/Mythbusters/ArticleView/11-05-06/ab4a74cd-ffbc-427b-9995-7f7434a87a67.aspx>

----- II. RECENT REPORTS AND RESEARCH -----

CANADA**6. 2011 JOINT STATEMENT ON SAFE SLEEP: PREVENTING SUDDEN INFANT DEATHS (SIDS) IN CANADA**

(available in French)

The Division of Childhood and Adolescence (Public Health Agency of Canada, 2011) announced that the 2011 Joint Statement on Safe Sleep: Preventing SIDS in Canada is now available. This Joint Statement was produced for service providers so they may provide parents and caregivers with information and support to prevent deaths due to SIDS and unsafe sleeping practices.

English: http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/hp-ps/dca-dea/stages-etapes/childhood-enfance_0-2/sids/jsss-ecss-eng.php

French: http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/hp-ps/dca-dea/stages-etapes/childhood-enfance_0-2/sids/jsss-ecss-fra.php

7. INCOME OF CANADIANS

(available in French)

New Statistics Canada data was released this week about the income of Canadians in 2009. The median after-tax income for Canadian families of two or more people was \$63,800 in 2009, virtually unchanged from 2008. Ontario's Social Planning Network examined the data using the Low Income Measure, after taxes, which is the province's new method of measuring poverty. They found that almost 1.7 million Ontarians are living in poverty, including almost 400,000 children (Monsebraaten, 2011, June 17). The rise in poverty was lowest among children (3.5%) but was higher for working-age adults (20%) and seniors (42%) (Monsebraaten, 2011, June 17).

News: <http://www.thestar.com/news/canada/article/1011076--ontario-poverty-rate-up-since-last-election>

Statistics Canada: <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/daily-quotidien/110615/dq110615b-eng.htm>

French: <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/daily-quotidien/110615/dq110615b-fra.htm>

----- III. CURRENT INITIATIVES -----

8. ONTARIO COALITION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

A network of 26 provincial groups has been formed called the Coalition for Children and Youth Mental Health. The coalition includes hospitals, social workers, Children's Aid Societies, psychologists, teachers, students, and trustees. The Coalition has asked each political party to provide their plan for coping with the mental health of today's students. The Coalition says that mental health "is the number one issue facing schools today".

<http://www.therecord.com/news/canada/article/541360--mental-health-top-issue-facing-schools-coalition-says>

----- 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/TELECONFERENCES**9. CIHR-IPPH SYSTEMS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF POPULATION HEALTH INTERVENTIONS**

June 28, 2011: Webinar

Hosted by: CHNET-Works!

http://www.chnet-works.ca/index.php?option=com_rsevents&view=events&Itemid=6&lang=en**10. THE REGISTRY OF METHODS AND TOOLS: ACCESSING KNOWLEDGE TRANSLATION RESOURCES TO IMPROVE PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE**

June 28, 2011: Webinar

Hosted by: CHNET-Works!

http://www.chnet-works.ca/index.php?option=com_rsevents&view=events&Itemid=6&lang=en**11. ASSESSING FOR FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS IN CHILDREN**

July 13, 2011: Teleconference

Hosted by: National AIA Resource Center

<http://www.regonline.com/Register/Checkin.aspx?EventID=957431>**12. THE EFFECTS OF STRESS ON PARENTING AND RELATED CHILD OUTCOMES IN FAMILIES LIVING WITH HIV**

August 18, 2011: Teleconference

Hosted by: National AIA Resource Center

<http://www.regonline.com/Register/Checkin.aspx?EventID=957431>**13. ADDRESSING POVERTY AS A RISK FACTOR IN CHILD NEGLECT**

September 14, 2011: Teleconference

Hosted by: National AIA Resource Center

<http://www.regonline.com/Register/Checkin.aspx?EventID=957431>**ONTARIO****14. ENGAGING PRIORITY POPULATIONS**

October 5-6, 2011: Toronto, ON

Hosted by: Ontario Public Health Association

<http://www.ophafallforum.ca/>**CANADA****15. NOBODY'S PERFECT FACILITATOR TRAINING**

September 20, 2011: Vancouver, BC

Hosted by: BC Council for Families

<https://www.bccf.ca/professionals/events/info?id=42&reset=1>

----- V. RESOURCES -----

16. CANADIAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION (CPHA): PUBLIC HEALTH KNOWLEDGE CENTRE
(available in French)

CPHA announced the launch of the KnowledgeCentre, which is a group subscriber-based service for those working in public health. The goal of the KnowledgeCentre is to facilitate information sharing and

collaboration across jurisdictions. It will provide timely access to scientific and practice-based research, information, e-learning, and community tools.

English: <http://www.cphaknowledgecentre.ca/>

French: <http://www.cphaknowledgecentre.ca/>

17. NUMERACY: IT ADDS UP TO MORE THAN COUNTING

(available in French)

This resource (Centre of Excellence for Early Childhood Development, 2011) provides information on numeracy for parents. It includes what is currently known about numeracy and tips for parents about how to help children develop these abilities and prepare for school.

English: <http://www.child-encyclopedia.com/pages/PDF/NumeracyANGmcP.pdf>

French: <http://www.enfant-encyclopedie.com/pages/PDF/NumeratieFRmcP.pdf>

18. PREVENTING MATH DIFFICULTIES: IT ADDS UP TO SUCCESS

(available in French)

This resource for parents (Centre of Excellence for Early Childhood Development, 2011) covers what parents can do to promote the development of math skills.

English: http://www.child-encyclopedia.com/pages/PDF/Math_learning_DifficultiesANGmcP.pdf

French: http://www.enfant-encyclopedie.com/pages/PDF/Difficultes_apprentissage_mathFRmcP.pdf

19. PREVENTING READING DIFFICULTIES: IT SPELLS SUCCESS

(available in French)

At a young age, children learn the basic skills of reading. This resource (Centre of Excellence for Early Childhood Development, 2011) provides information about what is known about reading difficulties and what parents can do to help develop reading skills.

English: http://www.child-encyclopedia.com/pages/PDF/Reading_difficultiesANGmcP.pdf

French: http://www.child-encyclopedia.com/pages/PDF/Reading_difficultiesANGmcP.pdf

20. SOCIAL COGNITION: HELPING YOUR CHILD UNDERSTAND PEOPLE'S THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS

(available in French)

Social cognition begins with paying attention to human faces and voices, smiling at people or responding to others with gestures and facial expressions (Centre of Excellence for Early Childhood Development, 2011). As children age, they are able to understand their own and others' thoughts, desires, intentions, and feelings. This resource provides information about how parents can help children develop their social cognition at a young age and have the foundations for good social interactions (Centre of Excellence for Early Childhood Development, 2011).

English: http://www.child-encyclopedia.com/pages/PDF/Social_cognitionANGmcP.pdf

French: http://www.enfant-encyclopedie.com/pages/PDF/Cognition_socialeFRmcP.pdf

----- VI. FEATURED BEST START RESOURCES -----

As noted in the Recent Reports and Research section of this bulletin, many Ontarians live in poverty. The Best Start Resource Centre has several resources on socio economic status that may be useful to services providers and some examples are provided below. For a full list of resources, see http://www.beststart.org/resources/anti_poverty/index.html

21. "I'M STILL HUNGRY" CHILD AND FAMILY POVERTY IN ONTARIO

This resource is a practical guide (2010) for moving from stigma to empowerment, including a review of the realities of child poverty and promising responses.

http://www.beststart.org/resources/anti_poverty/pdf/child_poverty_guide_rev.pdf

22. THE IMPACT OF POVERTY ON PREGNANT WOMEN: A GUIDE FOR PROGRAM MANAGERS

This resource (2003) assists program managers in supporting their frontline staff who work with pregnant women living in poverty. It adds to the resource "Reducing the Impact".

http://www.beststart.org/resources/anti_poverty/pdf/prog_mgr_guide.pdf

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- [Click4HP](https://listserv.yorku.ca/archives/click4hp.html) - 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](http://www.blogs.healthnexusante.ca/) - 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](http://www.meilleurdepart.org/index_fr.html) - 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](http://leblocnotes.ca/) - The biweekly French language bulletin provides information on health promotion. <http://leblocnotes.ca/>