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I. NEWS & VIEWS

ONTARIO

1. GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO PASSES LEGISLATION TO AMEND SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY (available in French)

The Government of Ontario (2011, April 19) announced that Christopher's Law (Sex Offender Registry), 2000, was aligned with the national registry. This will make it easier to share information between registries and will provide more data to support local crime investigations and police. Changes were made in the following areas:

- Reporting obligations - to enable the province to make a regulation which could require offenders to report within seven days instead of the current 15; and
- The addition of offenders convicted outside of Canada, if they are obligated to report to the national registry.

English: <http://news.ontario.ca/mcscs/en/2011/04/ontario-updates-christophers-law-1.html>

French: <http://news.ontario.ca/mcscs/fr/2011/04/protection-accrue-pour-les-enfants-et-les-collectivites.html>

2. GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO ANNOUNCES CHANGES TO ITS IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM (available in French)

The Government of Ontario (2011, May 5) announced that beginning in August 2011 the province will offer two new vaccines as part of its immunization program and will expand the availability of two others. The changes include:

- A new oral rotavirus vaccine to protect infants against rotavirus, which causes severe diarrhea, vomiting, and dehydration;
- A combined Measles-Mumps-Rubella-Varicella (MMRV) vaccine that will reduce the number of immunizations a child needs. Varicella is currently given as a stand-alone vaccine;
- A second childhood dose of varicella vaccine to enhance protection against chicken pox; and
- A lifetime dose of pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine to adults age 19-64, who often pass this highly-contagious disease to infants and children.

English: <http://news.ontario.ca/mohlrc/en/2011/05/ontarios-immunization-program-getting-a-boost.html>

French: <http://news.ontario.ca/mohlrc/fr/2011/05/nouvel-essor-du-programme-dimmunisation-de-lontario.html>

3. GIVING PARENTS MORE INFORMATION ABOUT LOCAL CHILD CARE CENTRES (available in French)

The province of Ontario (2011, May 8) has expanded its *Licensed Child Care Website*, which offers information for parents/caregivers for choosing a child care provider. The website provides more information about licensed child care centres and private-home day care agencies, including up to three years of inspection reports that identify details including if:

- Equipment and furnishings are in safe and clean condition (e.g., play equipment);
- Food and drink are properly stored, prepared and served to preserve nutritional value and prevent contamination;
- There is an approved emergency fire procedure and if fire drills are conducted at least once a month;
- All medications at the centre are properly stored; and
- There are enough staff and proper supervision.

English: <http://news.ontario.ca/edu/en/2011/05/giving-parents-more-information-about-local-child-care-centres.html>

French: <http://news.ontario.ca/edu/fr/2011/05/donner-aux-parents-plus-de-renseignements-sur-les-services-de-garde-denfants-locaux.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).

- Bunk bed by Dorel Distribution Canada: The wooden side rails that run from the headboard to the footboard and hold the bunk bed's mattress in place can split and cause the bunk bed to collapse, posing a fall hazard to consumers.
- "Hello Kitty" Cotton Nightshirt: Do not meet the design and flammability requirements for children's sleepwear under Canadian law.
- Sea Elite Systems Buoyancy Control Devices (BCDs): The spring in the over pressure valve (OPV) can corrode and break causing the buoyancy control device not to hold air, thus posing a drowning hazard to consumers.
- Topco Kidz Zone Shape Sorter: The ball shape and the cube shape are small pieces that pose a choking hazard to young children.
- Disney Princess Racing Trikes: The plastic castle display and the princess figures protruding from the top of the handle bar pose a laceration hazard if a child is thrown forward and hits the display with his/her head when the trike is stopped suddenly.
- Kiddieland Scooters: A child's finger can get caught in the hinge mechanism between the steering column and the platform, posing a laceration hazard.
- Monkeez Wrist Rattle and Monkeez Baby Booties: The pom-pom on the top of the monkey head on both items can detach, posing a choking hazard.

English: [http://cpsr-rspc.hc-sc.gc.ca/PR-RP/results-resultats-](http://cpsr-rspc.hc-sc.gc.ca/PR-RP/results-resultats-eng.jsp?searchstring=&searchyear=&searchcategory=)

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

- Health Canada is advising Canadians about the potential dangers of buying pesticides over the internet.

English: http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ahc-asc/media/advisories-avis/2011/2011_62-eng.php

French: http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ahc-asc/media/advisories-avis/2011/2011_62-fra.php

INTERNATIONAL**5. BREASTFEEDING APPEARS TO PROGRAM AN INFANT'S METABOLISM, STUDY SAYS**

A study presented at the *Pediatric Academic Societies annual meeting* (2011, May 2) in Denver showed that children who received breast milk for the first four months of life had a specific pattern of growth and metabolic profile that differed from the formula-fed babies (Roan, 2011, May 4). For example, at 15 days old, the breastfed infants had blood insulin levels that were lower than the formula-fed infants. At three years of age the metabolic and growth differences disappeared but blood pressure readings were higher in the infants who had been fed the high-protein formula compared with breastfed infants. The researchers suggest that if breastfeeding is not possible, infants should be fed formula that has a metabolic profile as close to human breast milk as possible (Roan, 2011, May 4).

<http://www.canada.com/health/Breast+feeding+appears+program+infant+metabolism+study+says/4725249/story.html>

II. RECENT REPORTS AND RESEARCH

CANADA**6. BIRTHS**

(available in French)

Statistics Canada (2011, April 27) released data about births in 2008. The findings indicate that there were 377,866 babies born in Canada in 2008 and the number of births rose in every province and territory, except in the Northwest Territories. Other key findings include:

- There was a slight rise in fertility from 2007 to 2008;
- Fertility was highest for women in the early 30s; and
- There were more women in their early 40s having babies.

News: <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/daily-quotidien/110427/dq110427a-eng.htm>

French: <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/daily-quotidien/110427/dq110427a-fra.htm>

Data: <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/bsolc/olc-cel/olc-cel?catno=84F0210X&lang=eng>

French: <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/bsolc/olc-cel/olc-cel?catno=84F0210X&lang=fra>

INTERNATIONAL**7. STILLBIRTHS**

The Lancet provides a series of articles about stillbirths. It includes the rates and causes of stillbirth globally, explores cost-effective interventions to prevent stillbirths (as well as maternal and neonatal deaths), and sets key actions to halve stillbirth rates by 2020.

<http://www.thelancet.com/series/stillbirth>

8. PAEDIATRICIANS' KNOWLEDGE, ATTITUDES, AND PRACTICE FOLLOWING PROVISION OF EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES ABOUT PREVENTION OF PRENATAL ALCOHOL EXPOSURE AND FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER (FASD)

Researchers (Payne et al., 2011) conducted a survey with paediatricians in Western Australia in 2004 and again in 2007 after they had been given educational resources about the prevention of prenatal alcohol exposure and FASD. The changes in their knowledge, attitudes, and practice about FASD and

alcohol consumption in pregnancy were examined. There was no change in the proportion of paediatricians who knew all of the essential features of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome but there was an increased proportion that agreed that pregnant women should completely abstain from consuming alcohol (75.6% in 2007; 48.9% in 2004). There was no increase in the routine questioning about alcohol use when taking a pregnancy history. The authors (Payne et al., 2011) highlight that paediatric training should emphasize questioning patients about alcohol use in pregnancy.

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1440-1754.2011.02037.x/abstract;jsessionid=6BC10C42B480C52E3721AB47FE8B46FA.d01t03>

III. CURRENT INITIATIVES

9. OUR HEALTH, OUR FUTURE: NATIONAL DIALOGUE ON HEALTHY WEIGHTS

(available in French)

Canada's Federal, Provincial, and Territorial governments have launched a national dialogue on healthy weights. The website provides information about how to participate for different groups:

- youth aged 13-18;
- parents, caregivers, and teachers;
- NGOs, researchers, and health care professionals; and
- business

English: <http://ourhealthourfuture.gc.ca/home/>

French: <http://notresantenotreavenir.gc.ca/fr/accueil/>

10. CANADA HEALTH DAY (CHD): MAY 12

This event is celebrated annually in honour of Florence Nightingale who was an innovator and advocate in public health. CHD is dedicated to recognizing developments and successes occurring in public health and public health fields. The CHD website provides more information about the event and how to get involved.

http://www.cha.ca/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=183&Itemid=99

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. MEETING THE CHALLENGE: EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES FOR GUIDING CHALLENGING BEHAVIOURS DURING THE EARLY YEARS

June 14, 2011: Webinar

Hosted by: Best Start Resource Centre

http://www.beststart.org/events/2011/webinar_june/meetingthechallenge.html

ONTARIO**12. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MOTHERHOOD ACTIVISM, ADVOCACY, AGENCY, TORONTO**

May 12-14, 2011: Toronto, ON

Hosted by: Motherhood Initiative for Research and Community Involvement

<http://www.motherhoodinitiative.org/motherhoodactivism.html>

13. DELIVERING CHANGE: STRENGTHENING MATERNAL-NEWBORN CARE IN ONTARIO

May 16-19, 2011: Hamilton, ON

Hosted by: Association of Ontario Midwives

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

14. PERINATAL WORKSHOP

May 27, 2011: Kitchener, ON

Hosted by: Conestoga College and Region of Waterloo Public Health

http://blogs1.conestogac.on.ca/events/2011/docs/prenatal_regform.pdf

15. TOBACCO CESSATION PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

May 31, 2011: Timiskaming, ON

Hosted by: Program Training and Consultation Centre

<http://www.ptcc-cfc.on.ca/english/Training/Training-Calendar/>

16. BRIEF COUNSELLING FOR TOBACCO USE CESSATION - HALF DAY

May 31, 2011: Orangeville, ON

Hosted by: Program Training and Consultation Centre

<http://www.ptcc-cfc.on.ca/english/Training/>

17. BRIEF COUNSELLING FOR TOBACCO USE CESSATION

June 1, 2011: Sault Ste. Marie, ON

June 2, 2011: Simcoe, ON

Hosted by: Program Training and Consultation Centre

<http://www.ptcc-cfc.on.ca/english/Training/>

18. PROGRAM EVALUATION: ESSENTIAL SKILLS SERIES

June 8-10, 2011: London, ON

Hosted by: Canadian Evaluation Society

<http://www.evaluationontario.ca/Events/EssentialSkillsSeries.html>

19. A WOMAN-CENTRED APPROACH TO TOBACCO USE AND PREGNANCY

June 14, 2011: Sudbury, ON

June 15, 2011: Timmins, ON

Hosted by: Program Training and Consultation Centre

<http://www.ptcc-cfc.on.ca/english/Training/>

20. MEDIA ADVOCACY IN PUBLIC HEALTH

June 15, 2011: London, ON

June 16, 2011: Toronto, ON

June 17, 2011: Ottawa, ON

Hosted by: Program Training and Consultation Centre

<http://www.ptcc-cfc.on.ca/english/Training/>

21. ANTI-HOMOPHOBIA TRAINING FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS

June 21, 2011: Toronto, ON

Hosted by: Planned Parenthood Toronto

<http://www.ppt.on.ca/trainingcentre.asp>

22. RAINBOW HEALTH ONTARIO 2012 CONFERENCE

March 20-23, 2012: Ottawa, ON

Hosted by: Rainbow Health Ontario

<http://www.rainbowhealthontario.ca/conference/welcome.cfm>

V. RESOURCES

23. SUPPORTING SUCCESS FOR ADULTS WITH FASD

This resource (Community Living British Columbia, 2011) is designed to be used by service providers, community members, family members, and others who work with adults with FASD. It includes information about FASD and how it affects the brain, how to create environments that support success, and relationships and community involvement.

<http://www.communitylivingbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/Supporting-Success-for-Adults-with-FASD.pdf>

24. RESOURCES FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS: FASD

This website (Telethon Institute for Child Health Research, 2009) provides downloadable resources for health professionals including a booklet, fact sheet, wallet card for women, and desktop calendar.

<http://www.ichr.uwa.edu.au/alcoholandpregnancy>

VI. FEATURED BEST START RESOURCES

25. READY TO USE WORKSHOP – CONNECTING WITH YOUR BABY

(available in French)

The purpose of this workshop (Best Start Resource Centre, 2011) is to provide practical tips for parents and simple messages on the topic of parent-child attachment.

English: http://www.beststart.org/resources/hlthy_chld_dev/pdf/BSRC_on_line_workshop_Eng.pdf

French: http://www.meilleurdepart.org/resources/develop_enfants/pdf/BSRC_on_line_workshop_Fre.pdf

26. ON TRACK - SUPPORTING HEALTHY CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND EARLY IDENTIFICATION IN THE EARLY YEARS: A REFERENCE GUIDE FOR PROFESSIONALS IN ONTARIO

The On Track guide (Best Start Resource Centre, 2011) is an online reference guide for service providers working with children from 0 - 6 and their families. The objectives of the guide are to:

- Support healthy development of all children within their own pace and context;
- Provide identification of indicators that may put a child at risk;
- List strategies to support children and those who work with and care for them; and
- Assist service providers in connecting to local services for children.

http://www.beststart.org/OnTrack_English/

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- **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>
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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/>