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I. NEWS & VIEWS

ONTARIO

1. GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO PROTECTING WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICES IN COMMUNITIES

(available in French)

A total of 85 small rural and northern communities will get additional help in order for families to continue to have access to clean, safe, reliable water and affordable wastewater services.

English: <http://news.ontario.ca/moi/en/2011/05/ontarios-water-strategy-at-work.html>

French: <http://news.ontario.ca/moi/fr/2011/05/la-strategie-ontarienne-de-leau-en-action.html>

2. GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO CREATING REGISTRY FOR PERSONAL SUPPORT WORKERS (PSWs)

(available in French)

The Government of Ontario (2011, May 19) is creating a registry of PSWs. This will enable the government to work in partnership with PSWs to better meet the health needs of patients. The registry will be created and running by summer of 2012.

English: <http://news.ontario.ca/mohltc/en/2011/05/ontario-creating-registry-for-personal-support-workers.html>

French: <http://news.ontario.ca/mohltc/fr/2011/05/ontario-cree-un-registre-pour-les-preposes-aux-services-de-soutien-a-la-personne.html>

CANADA

3. LAUNCH OF MISSINGKIDS.CA

(available in French)

The Canadian Centre for Child Protection launched MissingKids.ca, a new website dedicated to providing vital information and assistance to parents of missing children. This website is also a resource for law enforcement agencies across Canada. The primary functions of the website are:

- to assist in the location of missing children;
- to provide educational materials to help prevent children from going missing;
- to be an information resource centre on missing children; and
- to coordinate efforts and assist stakeholders in the delivery of missing children services (Government of Canada, 2011, May 24).

News: <http://news.gc.ca/web/article-eng.do?nid=603069>

French: <http://nouvelles.gc.ca/web/article-fra.do?nid=603069>

Website: <http://missingkids.ca/app/en/>

French: <http://missingkids.ca/app/fr/home>

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).

- "Kirkland Signature" Children's Two-piece Short Sleeve Top and Shorts Summer Pyjama Sets: Does not meet the design and flammability requirements for children's sleepwear under Canadian law.
- Shermag Chandleric Michelle Convertible Fixed Rail Crib: The crib's wooden slats can splinter or crack which can pose a laceration hazard to infants and toddlers. The crib's wooden slats can break which can pose a strangulation, entrapment, and fall hazard to infants and toddlers.

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=true>

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

- "Simply Thick" may be linked to illnesses in premature infants in the U.S.: Health Canada and the Public Health Agency of Canada (2011, May 20) are advising parents, caregivers, and healthcare providers not feed "Simply Thick" to premature infants.

English: http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ahc-asc/media/advisories-avis/2011/2011_72-eng.php

French: http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ahc-asc/media/advisories-avis/2011/2011_72-fra.php

- Important information for Canadians with wheat allergies: Health Canada is cautioning Canadians with severe wheat allergies that other cereal grains (e.g., oats, barley) may contain low levels of wheat because of the way these grains are grown and harvested.

English: http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ahc-asc/media/advisories-avis/2011/2011_71-eng.php

French: http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ahc-asc/media/advisories-avis/2011/2011_71-fra.php

- Barbecue food safety tips

English: http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ahc-asc/media/advisories-avis/2011/2011_70-eng.php

French: http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ahc-asc/media/advisories-avis/2011/2011_70-fra.php

- Health Canada reminds Canadians of the importance of food allergy awareness

English: http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ahc-asc/media/advisories-avis/2011/2011_68-eng.php

French: http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ahc-asc/media/advisories-avis/2011/2011_68-fra.php

5. GENDER-FREE BABY: IS IT O.K. FOR PARENTS TO KEEP THEIR CHILD'S SEX A SECRET?

Kathy Witterick and her husband David Stocker have kept their baby Storm's sex a secret. The only people who know are a family friend, the child's older brothers, and the midwives who delivered Storm. When the baby was born the couple sent an email to friends and family that said: "We've decided not to share Storm's sex for now – a tribute to freedom and choice in place of limitation, a stand up to what the world could become in Storm's lifetime (a more progressive place? ...)". The parents have received support and criticism. Critics worry that the child will be ridiculed and that the parents are imposing their political and ideological values on a newborn. Witterick and Stocker believe they are giving their children the freedom to choose who they want to be, unconstrained by social norms about males and females.

<http://healthland.time.com/2011/05/25/gender-free-is-it-okay-for-parents-to-keep-their-babys-sex-a-secret/?xid=rss->

[health&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+time%2Fscienceandhealth+%28TIME%3A+Top+Science+and+Health+Stories%29&utm_content=Google+Reader](http://www.parentcentral.ca/parent/babiespregnancy/babies/article/995112--parents-keep-child-s-gender-secret)

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II. RECENT REPORTS AND RESEARCH

CANADA

6. STUDY: VIOLENT VICTIMIZATION OF ABORIGINAL WOMEN

(available in French)

The 2009 General Social Survey on Victimization revealed that nearly 67,000 or 13% of Aboriginal women aged 15 or older who lived in the provinces, self-reported that they had been the victim of one or more violent crimes in the 12 months prior to the survey (e.g., sexual assault, robbery, and physical assault) (Statistics Canada, 2011, May 17). This rate of self-reported violent victimization was almost three times higher than the rate reported by non-Aboriginal women (Statistics Canada, 2011, May 17).

News release: <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/daily-quotidien/110517/dq110517b-eng.htm>

French: <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/daily-quotidien/110517/dq110517b-fra.htm>

Report: <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/85-002-x/2011001/article/11439-eng.pdf>

French: <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/85-002-x/2011001/article/11439-fra.pdf>

III. CURRENT INITIATIVES

7. MAKE ONTARIO THE HEALTHIEST PROVINCE

Ontario is not as healthy as other provinces across Canada (CNW Group, 2011, May 17). The Ontario Chronic Disease Prevention Alliance, the Health & Stroke Foundation of Ontario, the Canadian Cancer Society, and Ophea (2011, May 17) announced the launch of a campaign calling on Ontario's political party leaders to make Ontario the Healthiest Province in Canada. They highlight that sustainable health care requires a greater focus on health promotion and that investments in health promotion in Ontario should match British Columbia's.

News release: <http://smr.newswire.ca/en/heart-and-stroke-foundation/ontario-not-as-healthy-as-other-provinces-across-canada>

Campaign website: <http://www.healthiestprovince.ca/home>

twitter: <http://twitter.com/#!/healthiestprov>

8. JOB POSTINGS: NATIONAL COLLABORATING CENTRE FOR DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH (NCCDH)

NCCDH announced opening for new staff: knowledge translation specialists, research assistant, and knowledge broker. Acceptance of applications closes on June 5, 2011.

English: <http://www.mystfx.ca/administration/hr/employoppsStaff.htm>

French: <http://www.mystfx.ca/administration/hr/employoppsStaff.htm>

9. NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY: JUNE 21

(available in French)

National Aboriginal Day events will take place across Canada on June 21st. National Aboriginal Day is an opportunity to learn more about Aboriginal people and to celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures, and outstanding achievements of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples in Canada.

English: <http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ach/ev/nad/index-eng.asp>

French: <http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ach/ev/nad/index-fra.asp>

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

10. CANADIAN BEST PRACTICES PORTAL – A POWERFUL TOOL TO IMPROVE PRACTICE

June 2, 2011: Webinar

Hosted by: The Healthy Communities Consortium

http://www.hcconsortium.ca/?page_id=20

11. CREATING HEALTHYTIMISKAMING.CA: AN ONLINE NETWORK FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

June 8, 2011: Webinar

Hosted by: The Healthy Communities Consortium

http://www.hcconsortium.ca/?page_id=20

12. USING NETWORK MAPS TO STRENGTHEN YOUR PARTNERSHIPS (PRIMARILY FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIPS ACROSS ONTARIO)

June 14, 2011: Webinar

Hosted by: The Healthy Communities Consortium

http://www.hcconsortium.ca/?page_id=20

13. EXPLORING THE CONSTELLATION MODEL OF GOVERNANCE

June 20, 2011: Webinar

Hosted by: The Healthy Communities Consortium

http://www.hcconsortium.ca/?page_id=20

14. INTRODUCTION TO PROMOTING POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH

June 23, 2011: Webinar

Hosted by: The Healthy Communities Consortium

http://www.hcconsortium.ca/?page_id=20

15. SOCIAL MEDIA: FINDING THE RIGHT BALANCE FOR HEALTH PROMOTION

June 27, 2011: Webinar

Hosted by: The Healthy Communities Consortium

http://www.hcconsortium.ca/?page_id=20

ONTARIO

16. MIDWIVES ARE WORTH IT: PAY EQUITY FOR MIDWIVES RALLY

June 1, 2011: Toronto, ON

Hosted by: The Association of Ontario Midwives

<http://www.ontariomidwives.ca/>

V. RESOURCES

17. FULL DAY LEARNING RESOURCE KIT FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS (ECEs) TRANSITIONING TO SCHOOL BOARD FULL DAY LEARNING PROGRAMS

(available in French)

The Canadian Child Care Federation (CCCCF) has put together a selection of their top resources to help inform, build relationships, and empower ECEs in their new role in schools. The Full Day Learning Resource Kit contains:

- Foundations for Numeracy resources for both early learning environments and the school years,
- From Birth to Life Language and Literacy resources,
- Moving and Growing volumes that cover from 2-6 years,
- 10 of CCCC's top Resource Sheets,
- Meeting the Challenge,
- Physical Activity CD, and
- Partners in Quality-Relationships resource.

English: http://www.qualitychildcarecanada.ca/home_en.html

French: http://www.qualitychildcarecanada.ca/fr/home_fr.html

18. FOUNDATIONS FOR NUMERACY: AN EVIDENCE-BASED TOOLKIT FOR EARLY LEARNING PRACTITIONERS

(available in French)

These professional development and training resources are for building a foundation for numeracy in young children. To order, please email Cate Morisset at cmorisset@cccf-fcsge.ca. Numeracy resource sheets are also available online.

English: http://www.qualitychildcarecanada.ca/home_en.html

French: http://www.qualitychildcarecanada.ca/fr/home_fr.html

Numeracy sheets online: http://www.cccf-fcsge.ca/docs/cccf/RS_94-e.pdf

http://www.cccf-fcsge.ca/docs/cccf/RS_95-e.pdf

French: http://www.qualitychildcarecanada.ca/docs/cccf/RS_94-f.pdf

http://www.qualitychildcarecanada.ca/docs/cccf/RS_95-f.pdf

19. THE FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER (FASD) RESOURCE STORE AT THE ASANTE CENTRE FOR FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME

AsanteCentre.org is an information resource on FASD. The website includes: upcoming events, links to other organizations that provide support or information for families living with FASD, links to research and articles, and a glossary of terms. MINGA Marketplace is the Asante Centre's online FASD resource store and it now includes resources of FASD from other organizations, authors, and publishers (e.g., books, DVDs, posters, pamphlets, and FASD awareness gifts and promotions).

The Asante Centre: <http://www.asantecentre.org/index.html>

Minga Marketplace: <http://www.asantecentre.org/store.html>

VI. FEATURED BEST START RESOURCES

As noted above, National Aboriginal Day takes place on June 21, 2011. The Best Start Resource Centre provides a range of resources on Aboriginal Health that may be of interest. Some examples are provided in this bulletin. For a full list of resources on Aboriginal health, see http://www.beststart.org/resources/aboriginal_health.html

20. FOUNDED IN CULTURE: STRATEGIES TO PROMOTE EARLY LEARNING AMONG FIRST NATIONS CHILDREN IN ONTARIO

This report (2011) reviews early learning policy and research for First Nations children and identifies strategies to support early learning for service providers who work with First Nations parents/caregivers. http://www.beststart.org/resources/hlthy_chld_dev/pdf/FC_K13A.pdf

21. A CHILD BECOMES STRONG: JOURNEYING THROUGH EACH STAGE OF THE LIFE CYCLE

This manual (2011) offers culturally specific teachings and information about First Nations child development/child rearing.

http://www.beststart.org/resources/hlthy_chld_dev/pdf/CBS_Final_K12A.pdf

22. A SENSE OF BELONGING: SUPPORTING HEALTHY CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN ABORIGINAL FAMILIES

This manual was developed to improve service delivery to Aboriginal families in Ontario. It shares important information about what Aboriginal people feel they need to support their families in having happy, healthy children. This manual (2006) was created in collaboration with Spirit Moon Consulting, Waabinong Head Start, Ontario Federation of Indian Friendship Centres, Ontario Native Woman's Association, Pauktuutit Inuit Women of Canada, Ontario Native Woman's Association, Union of Ontario Indians, Métis Nation of Ontario, and Nishnawbe-Aski Nation.

http://www.beststart.org/resources/hlthy_chld_dev/pdf/aboriginal_manual_rev4.pdf

23. POSTERS: CREATING HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES, EATING THE RIGHT STUFF, GETTING ACTIVE, AND PREVENTING CHILDHOOD OBESITY

This is a series of 7 posters developed as part of the Let's Be Healthy Together project funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation (2011). This project developed tools to help communities prevent obesity in Aboriginal children.

Creating Healthier Communities 1:

http://www.beststart.org/resources/hlthy_chld_dev/posters/Poster%20-%20Creating%20Healthier%20Communities.pdf

Creating Healthier Communities 2:

http://www.beststart.org/resources/hlthy_chld_dev/posters/Poster%20-%20Creating%20Healthier%20Communities%202.pdf

Eating the Right Stuff: http://www.beststart.org/resources/hlthy_chld_dev/posters/Poster%20-%20Creating%20Healthier%20Communities%202.pdf

Eating the Right Stuff 2: http://www.beststart.org/resources/hlthy_chld_dev/posters/Poster%20-%20Eating%20the%20Right%20Stuff%202.pdf

Getting Active 1: http://www.beststart.org/resources/hlthy_chld_dev/posters/Poster%20-%20Getting%20Active.pdf

Getting Active 2: http://www.beststart.org/resources/hlthy_chld_dev/posters/Poster%20-%20Getting%20Active%202.pdf

Prevent Childhood Obesity: http://www.beststart.org/resources/hlthy_chld_dev/posters/Poster%20-%20Prevent%20Childhood%20Obesity.pdf

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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>
- [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/>