

In this week's issue:

#### I. NEWS & VIEWS

- Ontario doctors call for ban on smoking in cars with children
- Ontario Government announces the expansion of school library services
- Ontario Government reengages a team of safety and education experts
- Latest product recalls
- Bottles with bisphenol A still under review: Health Canada letters in error
- British Columbia Government announces ban on smoking in cars with children
- Yukon First Nations seek more time to review child act
- Government of Canada announces funding to strengthen community organizations
- Government of Canada helps families save for their children's post-secondary education
- Breast milk contains stem cells

#### II. RECENT REPORTS AND RESEARCH STUDIES

- Homework realities: A Canadian study of parental opinions and attitudes
- Women more likely than men to look for health information on the internet
- Neonatal outcome following pregnancy exposure to antidepressants
- Effectiveness of psychosocial interventions in pregnant women enrolled in drug treatment programs
- Prior successful vaginal birth after cesarean delivery linked to low risk for complications in later attempts
- Air pollution shrinks fetus size
- Diet can increase brain growth in infants with perinatal brain injury
- The state of the world's children 2008: Child survival
- The effects of childhood stress on health across the lifespan

#### III. CURRENT INITIATIVES

- International Women's Day (March 8) / International Women's Week (March 2-8)
- Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN) small grants program
- Canadian Federation for Sexual Health launches condom survey
- Kids in the Kitchen education initiative on childhood obesity and nutrition
- YMCAs across Canada launch annual Strong Kids campaign
- No Child Without program

#### IV. UPCOMING EVENTS

- Skills for health promotion: New introductory-level workshops
- 2e colloque en alphabétisation familiale
- Men of courage: The 1<sup>st</sup> provincial conference on male sexual victimization
- Juvenile obesity epidemic: The problems and solutions – A multidisciplinary approach by the Children's –
- Motherisk update 2008: Reproductive mental health
- Working together to prevent and manage chronic disease: Ideas, innovation, and insights
- Gender matters: Meeting the challenge – Moving best practices forward for women in Ontario's substance abuse system
- Health promotion summer school: English and French sessions available
- AWHONN 19<sup>th</sup> national conference: Power. Passion. Politics
- Welcome baby softly 2008: A step to breastfeeding success through skin-to-skin care
- 8<sup>th</sup> World Indigenous women and wellness conference
- International conference on childhood obesity: Evidence and practice from exercise science

#### V. RESOURCES

- Same sex partner abuse resources

- Freedom of choice: A youth activist's guide to safe abortion advocacy

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

## ONTARIO

### ONTARIO DOCTORS CALL FOR BAN ON SMOKING IN CARS WITH CHILDREN

Ontario physicians are calling for a ban on smoking in vehicles where children are present based on recent data that shows accumulation of second-hand smoke particles is greater in vehicles than indoors (CBC, 2008, February 15). Dr. Janice Willett, the president of the Ontario Medical Association, explained that "we now have evidence showing the harmful levels of second-hand smoke in a car are even more potent than we once believed...These important findings should be heard by both caregivers who smoke and our lawmakers so that children can be protected" (CBC, 2008, February 15).

<http://www.cbc.ca/health/story/2008/02/15/smoking-ban.html?ref=rss>

### ONTARIO GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES THE EXPANSION OF SCHOOL LIBRARY SERVICES

The Government of Ontario (2008, February 14) announced that an additional \$40 million will be provided to school boards over the next 4 years to hire about 160 more library staff, noting that students who develop solid reading skills in elementary school have a better chance at success in high school and beyond. Premier Dalton McGuinty explained: "to keep Ontario moving forward, we need everyone to be at their best — and that includes our youngest students...That means we must make sure they have all the help they need to reach their full potential" (Government of Ontario, 2008, February 14).

<http://www.premier.gov.on.ca/news/Product.asp?ProductID=1952>

### ONTARIO GOVERNMENT REENGAGES A TEAM OF SAFETY AND EDUCATION EXPERTS

The Government of Ontario (2008, February 21), in an effort to prevent violence and harassment in schools, reengaged a team of safety and education experts called the "Safe Schools Action Team". The team, initially created in 2004 to examine school safety and review the former safe schools legislation, will focus on improving school safety by making recommendations aimed at preventing behaviour such as: (1) sexual harassment, (2) homophobia, and (3) gender-based violence.

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/document/nr/08.02/nr0221.html>

## CANADA

### LATEST PRODUCT RECALLS

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

- Sketchbooks with coloured spirals: Coloured spiral metal bindings contain lead
- Mexx Kids brand shoes and sunglasses: Contain lead
- Trek MT220 Girls' Bicycles: Frame can break, posing the risk of a serious accident

[http://www.healthycanadians.gc.ca/pr-rp/pr-rp\\_e.php](http://www.healthycanadians.gc.ca/pr-rp/pr-rp_e.php)

### BOTTLES WITH BISPHENOL A STILL UNDER REVIEW: HEALTH CANADA LETTERS IN ERROR

Health Canada advises that recent letters sent to some retailers on January 15, 2008 dismissing concerns about the safety of bisphenol A were sent in error and did not include the most recent scientific information (CBC, 2008, February 20). Health Canada is currently conducting an assessment of bisphenol A, including its use in consumer products, that is expected to be complete by May 2008.

Until then Health Canada is not advising retailers or the public to stop selling and/or using polycarbonate bottles but recognizes that some retailers have decided to stop selling polycarbonate bottles and some

consumers have stopped using these products until the review is complete (Health Canada, 2008, February 20).

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/story/RTGAM.20080220.wbpa20/BNStory/specialScienceandHealth/?page=rss&id=RTGAM.20080220.wbpa20>

#### BRITISH COLUMBIA GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES BAN ON SMOKING IN CARS WITH CHILDREN

The Lung Association (2008, February 13) marks the first "win" since its national campaign to end smoking in cars with kids was launched, praising the B.C. government for being the second province in Canada to announce that it will introduce legislation to ban smoking in cars when children are present.

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/97157.php>

#### YUKON FIRST NATIONS SEEK MORE TIME TO REVIEW CHILD ACT

First Nations have long raised concerns with the existing Children's Act, as well as the disproportionately high number of aboriginal children in care (CBC, 2008, February 7). First Nations leaders want the Yukon Government to postpone tabling a new child and family services act so they have time to review the proposed legislation. Ta'an Kwach'an Chief Ruth Massey notes that "we need more time to talk to other First Nations as to what the future of this legislation means for us". The resolution passed at the February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting calls for a symposium to accommodate roundtable discussions about the proposed act, as well as setting a new timeline for introducing the legislation. Details of a draft of the proposed act include more First Nations involvement in child and family service planning and delivery, mandatory reporting of abuse against children, and a clear intention to place children in care with extended family and within their First Nation when possible.

<http://www.cbc.ca/canada/north/story/2008/02/07/cyfn-act.html>

#### GOVERNMENT OF CANADA ANNOUNCES FUNDING TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

The Government of Canada (2008, February 18) announced projects to help not-for-profit groups enhance the quality of life in communities. Through the "Social Development Partnership Program", almost \$2.6 million is being invested to support community not-for-profit organization to benefit children, families, and communities across Canada.

<http://news.gc.ca/web/view/en/index.jsp?articleid=379069>

#### GOVERNMENT OF CANADA HELPS FAMILIES SAVE FOR THEIR CHILDREN'S POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

The Government of Canada (2008, February 18) announced that funding will be provided to support local organizations delivering outreach activities that will help Canadian families save for their children's education. A total of \$811,635 will be provided to the "Social and Enterprise Development Innovations' (SEDI), My Child's Future, program", which offers practical assistance to help families access grants such as the Canada Education Savings Grant, and the Canada Learning Bond. The funds will support projects in Halifax, Toronto, Montreal, and Winnipeg.

<http://news.gc.ca/web/view/en/index.jsp?articleid=378879>

#### INTERNATIONAL

##### BREAST MILK CONTAINS STEM CELLS

This article (ScienceAlert, 2008, February 11) reports on Dr. Mark Cregan who made the discovery that human breast milk contains stem cells. This researcher believes that within 5 years scientists will be harvesting these stem cells to research treatment for conditions like spinal injuries, diabetes, and Parkinson's disease. He notes that this discovery could be the start of many more exciting revelations about the potency of breast milk and its many functions other than providing babies nutritional needs.

<http://www.sciencealert.com.au/news/20081102-16879.html>

## ----- II. RECENT REPORTS AND RESEARCH RESULTS -----

### CANADA

#### HOMEWORK REALITIES: A CANADIAN STUDY OF PARENTAL OPINIONS AND ATTITUDES

The purpose this first national study on homework (Cameron & Bartel, 2008) was to obtain a Canadian perspective on the issue. A 40 item questionnaire was created on a website and more than 1,000 parents were surveyed. The findings indicate that while parents like the good work habits homework promotes, as well as how it helps parents be involved in their children's academic lives, the amount students are getting is interfering with family time, play time, causing stress, and marital troubles (CBC, 2008, February 9).  
[http://www.oise.utoronto.ca/oise/UserFiles/File/cameron\\_bartel\\_report.pdf](http://www.oise.utoronto.ca/oise/UserFiles/File/cameron_bartel_report.pdf)

#### WOMEN MORE LIKELY THAN MEN TO LOOK FOR HEALTH INFORMATION ON THE INTERNET

According to a study released by Statistics Canada (2008), more than one-third of Canadian adults used the Internet to search for health information in 2005. The study, "Getting a second opinion: Health information and the Internet", found that a relatively high proportion of these "health users" were women with higher levels of education and income. They also tended to be engaged Internet users that accessed the Internet daily, spent at least five hours a week online, had more online activities, and had been using the Internet for at least 5 years. (The Daily, 2008, February 21).  
<http://www.statcan.ca/english/freepub/82-003-XIE/2008002/article/10515-en.htm>

### INTERNATIONAL

#### NEONATAL OUTCOME FOLLOWING PREGNANCY EXPOSURE TO ANTIDEPRESSANTS

This study (Maschi et al., 2008) aimed to determine the incidence of early adverse effects associated with antidepressant drug use in pregnancy. A total of 200 neonates exposed to antidepressants in utero and 1,200 controls were selected. Neonatal adverse events and Special Care Unit admission rate were assessed through an interview with the mothers. The researchers found that only the prematurity rate was significantly higher in exposed compared to non-exposed newborns. The authors note that these results do not support an association between antidepressant exposure and unsafe fetal and neonatal outcomes in newborns, but that a collaborative international multicentre epidemiological monitoring of the use of psychotropic drugs during pregnancy is needed in order to guarantee pregnant women and their children safe and effective treatments.  
<http://www.blackwell-synergy.com/doi/full/10.1111/j.1471-0528.2007.01518.x>

#### EFFECTIVENESS OF PSYCHOSOCIAL INTERVENTIONS IN PREGNANT WOMEN ENROLLED IN DRUG TREATMENT PROGRAMS

Women who use illicit drugs while pregnant are more likely to give birth early and have low weight infants who are at risk of neonatal abstinence syndrome and requiring intensive care. This systematic review (Terplan & Lui, 2008) evaluated the effectiveness of psychosocial interventions in pregnant women enrolled in illicit drug treatment programs on birth and neonatal outcomes, on attendance and retention in treatment, and on drug abstinence. Nine trials involving 546 pregnant women were included: five studies considered contingency management (CM), and four studies considered motivational interviewing (MI). CM uses positive, supportive reinforcement with, for example, monetary vouchers or giving work and a salary only when abstaining from drug use or attending treatment to change behaviour. MI has a more directive counselling style. The findings suggest that CM is effective in improving retention of pregnant women in illicit drug treatment programs but with minimal effects on their abstaining from illicit drugs. Motivational interviewing over three to six sessions may lead to poorer retention in treatment.  
Abstract: <http://www.cochrane.org/reviews/en/ab006037.html>

## PRIOR SUCCESSFUL VAGINAL BIRTH AFTER CESAREAN DELIVERY LINKED TO LOW RISK FOR COMPLICATIONS IN LATER ATTEMPTS

This study (Mercer et al., 2008) estimates the success rates and risks of an attempted vaginal birth after cesarean delivery (VBAC) according to the number of prior successful VBACs. Using a prospective, multicentre registry encompassing 19 clinical centers from 1999 to 2002, the investigators selected 13,532 women with 1 or more previous low transverse cesarean deliveries who attempted VBAC in their current pregnancy. They compared outcomes based on the number of previous VBAC attempts after the last cesarean delivery. The researchers found that women with previous successful attempts at VBAC are at low risk for maternal and neonatal complications during subsequent VBAC attempts. The study authors note that "our results are particularly important for those considering repeated pregnancies after an initial cesarean delivery. Although women planning large families should consider the risks associated with repeated cesarean deliveries, they should be reassured by the increasing success rates and decreasing risks associated with VBAC attempts in successive pregnancies" (Medscape, 2008, February 8).

Abstract: <http://www.greenjournal.org/cgi/content/abstract/111/2/285>

## AIR POLLUTION SHRINKS FETUS SIZE

This study (Hansen, Barnett, & Pritchard, 2008) examined possible associations between fetal ultrasonic measurements collected from 15,623 scans (13–26 weeks gestation) and ambient air pollution during early pregnancy. The study found that mothers with a higher exposure to air pollution had fetuses that were, on average, smaller in terms of abdominal circumference, head circumference, and femur length. Study author James Barnett concludes "while we need to get more data from individual mothers before we can be more certain about the effects of air pollution on fetal development, we would recommend that where possible pregnant women reduce their exposure to air pollution" (ScienceDaily, 2008, January 10).

<http://www.ehponline.org/members/2007/10720/10720.pdf>

## DIET CAN INCREASE BRAIN GROWTH IN INFANTS WITH PERINATAL BRAIN INJURY

The researchers of this study (Dabydeen et al., 2008) hypothesized that infants with perinatal brain injury fail to thrive in the first postnatal year because of increased energy and protein requirements from deficits that accumulated during neonatal intensive care. The study aimed to assess whether dietary energy and protein input was a rate-limiting factor in brain and body growth in the first year after birth. Participants were recruited from a neonatal intensive-care unit and had brain injuries either from birth asphyxia or from complications of premature birth (Medscape, 2008, January 22). The participants were randomly allocated to receive either a high (120% recommended average intake) or average (100% recommended average intake) energy and protein diet. The study began at term and continued for 12 months using measures for brain growth. The results indicate that infants with significant perinatal brain damage have increased nutritional requirements in the first postnatal year and suggest that decreased postnatal brain growth may exacerbate their impairment. A high-energy, high-protein diet was found to significantly enhance brain growth in the first year. Further research is necessary to determine whether there will be any improvement in the cognitive ability at 12 months of age, and whether there will be any improvement in the status of these children.

Abstract: <http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/cgi/content/abstract/121/1/148>

## THE STATE OF THE WORLD'S CHILDREN 2008: CHILD SURVIVAL

This UNICEF (2008) report provides a wide-ranging assessment of the current state of child survival and primary health care for mothers, newborns, and children. UNICEF (2008) notes that "these issues lie at the heart of human progress, serving as sensitive barometers of a country's development and wellbeing and as telling evidence of its priorities and values. Investing in the health of children and their mothers is not only a human rights imperative, it is also a sound economic decision and one of the surest ways for a country to set its course towards a better future". This website provides a link to the full report in English, French, Spanish, and Arabic and as a multi-media version in English, French, and Spanish. A photo essay, radio drama, and audio interviews are available.

<http://www.unicef.org/sowc08/index.php>

## THE EFFECTS OF CHILDHOOD STRESS ON HEALTH ACROSS THE LIFESPAN

This report, produced by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Middlebrooks & Audage, 2008) summarizes the research on childhood stress and its implications for adult health and well-being including the stress caused by child abuse, neglect, and repeated exposure to intimate partner violence (IPV). This publication provides violence prevention practitioners with ideas about how to incorporate information on childhood stress into their work.

[http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/pub-res/pdf/Childhood\\_Stress.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/pub-res/pdf/Childhood_Stress.pdf)

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

#### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY (MARCH 8) / INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S WEEK (MARCH 2-8)

The Ontario Women's Directorate is creating a list of events happening throughout Ontario to raise awareness about the celebration of International Women's Day and International Women's Week. Please send information about any upcoming events to Eileen Dalusong at [Eileen.Dalusong@ontario.ca](mailto:Eileen.Dalusong@ontario.ca) or (416) 314-0327.

#### ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN'S HEALTH, OBSTETRIC, AND NEONATAL NURSES (AWHONN) CANADA SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME

The AWHONN Canada Small Grants Programme is designed for novice Canadian nurse researchers applying for new project funding. The purpose of the funding is to provide seed money, pilot funding, or total funding for small projects with promise of a significant contribution to Canadian nursing knowledge in clinical practice. Applicants are encouraged to work with mentors (established scientists or academic supervisors) in their own institutions to develop the application and conduct the research. There will be two grants of \$5000 available with additional funding of \$2500 each for eligible projects. To be considered for additional funding, applicants must present two budgets: one for up to \$5000 and a second for up to \$7500. The deadline for applications is April 25, 2008.

<http://www.awhonn.org/awhonn/section.by.state.do;jsessionid=239112E17C88238B41463D80B73C6C15?state=Canada&name=Research-Grant-Program>

#### CANADIAN FEDERATION FOR SEXUAL HEALTH LAUNCHES CONDOM SURVEY

In celebration of the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Sexual and Reproductive Health Awareness Day on February 12, 2008, the Canadian Federation for Sexual Health (CFSH) is launching a survey about condom use in Canada.

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

#### KIDS IN THE KITCHEN EDUCATION INITIATIVE ON CHILDHOOD OBESITY AND NUTRITION

This March, in conjunction with National Nutrition Month, the Association for Junior Leagues International Inc. will launch its 3rd annual Junior Leagues' "Kids in the Kitchen" education initiative on childhood obesity and nutrition. This initiative helps communities across Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, and Mexico address the consequences of childhood obesity and poor nutrition by helping children learn about healthy eating and involve them in the preparation of their own meals and snacks.

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/96331.php>

For more information about National Nutrition Month events and resources:

[http://www.dietitians.ca/public/content/eat\\_well\\_live\\_well/english/nutritionmonth/index.asp](http://www.dietitians.ca/public/content/eat_well_live_well/english/nutritionmonth/index.asp)

#### YMCAs ACROSS CANADA LAUNCH ANNUAL STRONG KIDS CAMPAIGN

Participating Canadian YMCA's launched their month-long "Strong Kids Campaign" on February 15, 2008 (YMCA, 2008). This campaign aims to raise public awareness and financial support for children, teens, and families who are unable to afford the full cost of participation in a YMCA program or activity.

<http://ymcastrongkids.ca/bin/aboutUs.cfm>

#### NO CHILD WITHOUT PROGRAM

The Lions Clubs of Canada and the Canadian MedicAlert Foundation have come together in a national partnership through MedicAlert's charitable program, "No Child Without". This program offers all elementary school aged children with medical conditions or allergies free 24-hour MedicAlert protection regardless of their financial resources.

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

#### ----- IV. UPCOMING EVENTS -----

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

#### ONTARIO

##### SKILLS FOR HEALTH PROMOTION: NEW INTRODUCTORY-LEVEL WORKSHOPS

March 5-6, 2008: Kingston, ON

Hosted by: The Health Communication Unit

[http://www.thcu.ca/workshops/main\\_calendar.htm](http://www.thcu.ca/workshops/main_calendar.htm)

##### 2e COLLOQUE EN ALPHABÉTISATION FAMILIALE

March 6-7, 2008: Ottawa, ON

Hosted by: Fédération canadienne pour l'alphabétisation en français

<http://www.fcaf.net/colloque/index.html>

##### MEN OF COURAGE: THE 1<sup>ST</sup> PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE ON MALE SEXUAL VICTIMIZATION

March 17-18, 2008: Toronto, ON

Hosted by: The Men's Project

<http://themensproject.ca/section.php?ID=15&Lang=En&Nav=Section>

##### JUVENILE OBESITY EPIDEMIC: THE PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS – A MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH

March 31, 2008: Hamilton, ON

Hosted by: McMaster Children's Hospital, McMaster University, and Michael G. DeGroot School of Medicine

<http://www.beststart.org/events/otherevents.php>

##### MOTHERISK UPDATE 2008: REPRODUCTIVE MENTAL HEALTH

May 7, 2008: Toronto, ON

Hosted by: Motherisk

<http://www.motherisk.org/women/eventUpdate.jsp>

##### WORKING TOGETHER TO PREVENT AND MANAGE CHRONIC DISEASE: IDEAS, INNOVATION, AND INSIGHTS

May 23, 2008: Toronto, ON

Hosted by: The Ontario Hospital Health Promotion Network and St. Joseph's Health Centre

<http://www.beststart.org/events/otherevents.php>

##### GENDER MATTERS: MEETING THE CHALLENGE – MOVING BEST PRACTICES FORWARD FOR WOMEN IN ONTARIO'S SUBSTANCE ABUSE SYSTEM

Hosted by: The Jean Tweed Centre

May 27-28, 2008: Toronto, ON  
<http://www.beststart.org/events/otherevents.php>

HEALTH PROMOTION SUMMER SCHOOL: ENGLISH AND FRENCH SESSIONS AVAILABLE  
June 21-25, 2008: Toronto, ON  
Hosted by: Centre for Health Promotion, University of Toronto  
<http://www.utoronto.ca/chp/hpss/>

AWHONN 19<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL CONFERENCE: POWER. PASSION. POLITICS.  
October 23-25, 2008: Ottawa, ON  
<http://www.awhonn.org/awhonn/section.by.state.do;jsessionid=6A34D45E20A77093517A60223DBA2EC3?state=Canada&name=Calls-for-Abstracts>

#### CANADA

WELCOME BABY SOFTLY 2008: A STEP TO BREASTFEEDING SUCCESS THROUGH SKIN-TO-SKIN CARE  
May 23, 2008: Red Deer, AB  
Hosted by: Learning Inquiry Centre, Organizational Learning & Leadership  
[http://www.health-in-action.org/library/pdf/Conferences/May08/BABY\\_SOFTLY\\_2008.pdf](http://www.health-in-action.org/library/pdf/Conferences/May08/BABY_SOFTLY_2008.pdf)

8<sup>TH</sup> WORLD INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND WELLNESS CONFERENCE  
September 29 – October 1, 2008: Calgary, AB  
Hosted by: Awo Taan Healing Lodge  
<http://www.visions.ab.ca/content/conferences/8thwomansconfcallpropfeb08.pdf>

#### INTERNATIONAL

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CHILDHOOD OBESITY: EVIDENCE AND PRACTICE FROM EXERCISE SCIENCE  
November 13-16, 2008: Hong Kong, China  
Hosted by: Department of Sports Science and Physical Education, Faculty of Education, Chinese University of Hong Kong  
<http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/spe/obesity2008/iccobesity.html>

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

##### SAME SEX PARTNER ABUSE RESOURCES

The Family Services Association of Toronto's website provides links to resources on same sex partner abuse including brochures, electronic resources, an annotated bibliography, articles, and booklets.  
[http://www.fsatoronto.com/programs/dks/res\\_samesex.html](http://www.fsatoronto.com/programs/dks/res_samesex.html)

##### FREEDOM OF CHOICE: A YOUTH ACTIVIST'S GUIDE TO SAFE ABORTION ADVOCACY

This guide is a tool for advocates that outlines how laws and policies restrict access to comprehensive and safe abortion services and care, internationally and domestically, and the disproportionate impact of certain restrictions on young and adolescent women. The reference tool is for young people around the world to enhance their capacity to advocate for access to safe abortion services for youth.  
<http://www.youthcoalition.org/DEV/mambo2/>