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## **---- I. NEWS & VIEWS ----**

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The Government of Ontario (2009, March 20) announced their proposal to increase the Ontario Child Benefit in July 2009 from \$600 to a maximum of \$1,100 per child per year. The Government of Ontario is also planning to increase its investment in social and affordable housing. With the federal government, a joint investment of 1.2 billion will be used to renovate 50,000 social housing units and build 4,500 new affordable units. Deb Matthews, Minister of Children and Youth Services explains: "If we want our economy to be at its best, we need all Ontarians working at their full potential. That's why our fight against poverty is so important" (2009, March 20).

English: <http://www.premier.gov.on.ca/news/Product.asp?ProductID=2915&Lang=EN>

French: <http://www.premier.gov.on.ca/news/Product.asp?ProductID=2915&Lang=FR>

- 2. GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO PROMOTES ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS (also available in French)

The Government of Ontario (2009, February 26) announced that in Fall 2009 schools will begin implementing a new policy framework, created as part of the advice of the Curriculum Council and recommendations made by a working group on environmental education chaired by Dr. Roberta Bondar. The environment will be a part of every subject in every grade. John Gerretsen, Minister of the Environment, explains: "By engaging students in our schools at every grade level, Ontario will develop more environmental leaders in the future. We need all our young people aware, involved, and taking action to protect our environment and help tackle the challenge of climate change" (Government of Ontario, 2009, February 26).

English: <http://ogov.newswire.ca/ontario/GPOE/2009/02/26/c4034.html?lmatch=&lang= e.html>

French: <http://ogov.newswire.ca/ontario/GPOF/2009/02/26/c4052.html?lmatch=&lang= f.html>

### **CANADA**

- 3. LATEST PRODUCT RECALLS (also 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).

- Stretchin' Squid Yo-Yo Ball: Risk of strangulation.
- Blü Children's Jacket: Buttons can detach, posing a choking hazard.
- Wooden Baby Rattle by Hestia Global: Can pose an impaction and choking hazard.

- Little Moose Mountain First Food Forward 8-in-1 Convertible Rocker to Ride On: In one of the 8 configurations, the product is considered to be a baby walker. Baby walkers have been prohibited in Canada since 2004.

- Good Neigh Bear by State Farm: Plastic eyes can detach, posing a choking hazard.

- Children's Flip Flops: Paint contains lead.

- Children's Toys with Blue Metallic Material by Infantino: Blue metallic material can detach, posing a choking hazard.

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

French: [http://healthycanadians.gc.ca/pr-rp/pr-rp\\_f.php](http://healthycanadians.gc.ca/pr-rp/pr-rp_f.php)

- Tampering Associated With Various Luncheon Meat Kits and Wieners

English: <http://news.gc.ca/web/article-eng.do?m=/index&nid=438259>

French: <http://nouvelles.gc.ca/web/article-fra.do?m=/index&nid=438259>

#### 4. GOVERNMENT OF CANADA SUPPORTS INITIATIVE TO PROVIDE MORE FRENCH-SPEAKING HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

(also available in French)

The Government of Canada (2009, March 23) announced support for Francophone students pursuing post-secondary educational opportunities in the health care field so that more Francophones across Canada will have greater access to health care services in the language of their choice. The \$4 million in federal support will help the Consortium national de formation en santé, an umbrella organization representing 11 different universities and colleges outside of Quebec that offer French study in various health disciplines. The funding will help the Consortium strengthen its promotion and recruitment efforts, expand the scope of distance learning, strengthen clinical training for students through the purchase of new medical equipment, and strengthen continuous learning and teaching recruits.

English: <http://news.gc.ca/web/article-eng.do?m=/index&nid=438649>

French: <http://nouvelles.gc.ca/web/article-fra.do?m=/index&nid=438649>

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

### ONTARIO

#### 5. HELPING BOARDS MANAGE IMPACT OF FEWER STUDENTS

(also available in French)

Enrolment in Ontario's schools has declined by 90,000 students between 2002-2003 and 2008-2009 and it is projected to decline by 56,000 students between 2008-2009 and 2012-2013. The *Declining Enrolment Working Group* provided recommendations in a new report about how Ontario can address the impact of declining student enrolment and continue advancing student achievement. "Based on the recommendations, the province is encouraging boards to discuss the challenges and opportunities of enrolment decline with their local communities and explore partnerships with other boards to maximize the use of business services and facilities" (Government of Ontario, 2009, March 20).

Report: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/policyfunding/dewgReport.html>

French: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/fre/policyfunding/dewgreport.html>

News: <http://ogov.newswire.ca/ontario/GPOE/2009/03/20/c3006.html?lmatch=&lang= e.html>

French: <http://ogov.newswire.ca/ontario/GPOF/2009/03/20/c3009.html?lmatch=&lang= f.html>

### CANADA

#### 6. MAJORITY OF CANADIAN WOMEN SATISFIED WITH MATERNITY EXPERIENCE

(also available in French)

The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of Health (2009, March 24), released new findings on how women experience pregnancy, labour and birth, as well as the early months of motherhood. The

information gathered with the Maternity Experiences Survey is available in two reports: “*What Mothers Say: The Canadian Maternity Experiences Survey*” and “*Mothers’ Voices —What women say about pregnancy, childbirth and early motherhood.*” These reports provide an overview of maternity experiences as reported by women themselves.

What Mothers Say: The Canadian Maternity Experiences Survey: <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/rhs-ssg/survey-eng.php>

French: <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/rhs-ssg/survey-fra.php>

Mothers’ Voices—What Women Say about Pregnancy, Childbirth, and Early Motherhood:

<http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/rhs-ssg/survey-eng.php>

French: <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/rhs-ssg/survey-fra.php>

News: [http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/media/nr-rp/2009/2009\\_0324-eng.php](http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/media/nr-rp/2009/2009_0324-eng.php)

French: [http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/media/nr-rp/2009/2009\\_0324-fra.php](http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/media/nr-rp/2009/2009_0324-fra.php)

## 7. TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT BREASTFEEDING

This document, prepared by the Canadian Lactation Consultants Association (Nikiforuk, 2007), looks at the importance of developing a national strategy to promote, support, and protect breastfeeding. Action strategies for Canada are reviewed including building healthy public policy, creating supportive environments, strengthening community action, developing personal skills, and reorienting health services (Nokiroruk, 2007).

[http://www.clca-accl.ca/english/Breastfeeding0707\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.clca-accl.ca/english/Breastfeeding0707_brochure.pdf)

## 8. USING REACHING IN...REACHING OUT (RIRO) SKILLS AND CONCEPTS TO WORK WITH CHILDREN WITH FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER (FASD)

This article (Pearson, 2009) provides an overview of how to use RIRO skills and concepts when working with children with FASD. Strategies for parents and caregivers are provided.

[http://www.reachinginreachingout.com/e-newsbrief/documents/ResilienC-Issue5-FASD\\_and\\_RIRO\\_strategies.pdf](http://www.reachinginreachingout.com/e-newsbrief/documents/ResilienC-Issue5-FASD_and_RIRO_strategies.pdf)

## 9. CHILD LURING THROUGH THE INTERNET

(also available in French)

During the two-year period of 2006 and 2007, police services across Canada reported 464 incidents of luring of children under the age of 17 over the Internet (Loughlin & Taylor-Butts, 2009). This study examines police-reported and criminal court data on Internet child luring, including the characteristics of this criminal offence, those accused of committing it, and the court cases involving child luring charges.

English: <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/85-002-x/2009001/article/10783-eng.pdf>

French: <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/85-002-x/2009001/article/10783-fra.pdf>

News: <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/daily-quotidien/090312/dq090312b-eng.htm>

French: <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/daily-quotidien/090312/dq090312b-fra.htm>

## 10 EARNINGS OF WOMEN WITH AND WITHOUT CHILDREN

(also available in French)

This article (Zhang, 2009) is based on data from the Survey of Labour and Income Dynamics (SLID), a longitudinal household survey conducted by Statistics Canada. The findings reveal that there is a substantial earnings gap between women with and without children. On average, women with children earned 12% less than women without children. This gap increased with the number of children. The author also found that lone mothers, mothers with long career interruptions, and mothers with at least some postsecondary education experienced greater losses than married mothers, mothers with no or short career interruptions, and mothers with no more than a high school education.

Study: <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/75-001-x/2009103/pdf/10823-eng.pdf>

French: <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/75-001-x/2009103/article/10823-fra.htm>

News: <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/daily-quotidien/090324/dq090324b-eng.htm>

French: <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/daily-quotidien/090324/dq090324b-fra.htm>

## 11. MOVING FORWARD ON FINANCIAL LITERACY

(also available in French)

This report on Canada's second national conference on financial literacy highlights the need to build a financially literate society, especially given the increasing complexity of financial products and services, as well as the current state of the global economy (Government of Canada, 2009, March 25).

Participants' views and ideas for future action to improve financial literacy in Canada are provided. Financial Consumer Agency of Canada Commissioner Ursula Menke noted: "During the conference, we have seen that public, private, and voluntary sector organizations are providing a growing number of financial literacy programs, products, and services".

English: <http://www.fcac-acfc.gc.ca/eng/publications/SurveyStudy/reachhigherConf/reachhigher-eng.asp>

French: <http://www.fcac-acfc.gc.ca/fra/publications/sondageetude/verssommetsconf/verssommets-fra.asp>

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

## 12. ORAL HEALTH MONTH

(also available in French)

The theme of the Canadian Dental Association's (CDA) 2009 National Oral Health Month is "Oral Health: Good for Life". The CDA website provides a variety of oral health activities and resources including: 5 steps to good oral health, fact sheets and posters, dentist questions and answers, media campaign newspaper articles, the history of National Oral Health Month, and children activities.

English: [http://www.cda-adc.ca/en/cda/news\\_events/health\\_month/index.asp](http://www.cda-adc.ca/en/cda/news_events/health_month/index.asp)

French: [http://www.cda-adc.ca/fr/cda/news\\_events/health\\_month/index.asp](http://www.cda-adc.ca/fr/cda/news_events/health_month/index.asp)

## 13. CALL FOR PROPOSALS: ENABLING ACCESSIBILITY FUND

(also available in French)

The Honourable Diane Finley, Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development, announced (2009, March 24) that the Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF) is open for organizations to apply for small project funding until May 4, 2009. Grants of up to \$50,000 are available for projects to renovate buildings within Canada; to enhance existing transportation through the modification of an existing vehicle; and/or to modify or enhance media and/or hardware in order to increase accessibility to information and communication. All projects must be accessible to the public and may include installing ramps, improving lighting, building accessible washrooms, and installing voice-interactive computers.

English: [http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/disability\\_issues/eaf/call2009/index.shtml](http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/disability_issues/eaf/call2009/index.shtml)

French: [http://www.rhdcc.gc.ca/fra/condition\\_personnes\\_handicapees/fpa/appel2009/index.shtml](http://www.rhdcc.gc.ca/fra/condition_personnes_handicapees/fpa/appel2009/index.shtml)

News: <http://news.gc.ca/web/article-eng.do?m=/index&nid=438819>

French: <http://nouvelles.gc.ca/web/article-fra.do?m=/index&nid=438819>

### ----- 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

## 14. SUPPORTING WATERBIRTH – PRACTICE AND EVIDENCE

March 28, 2009: Toronto, ON  
Hosted by: Choices Childbirth Services  
[http://www.aom.on.ca/files/Professional\\_Development\\_and\\_Events/Other\\_Educational\\_Opportunities/PROFESSIONAL\\_WORKSHOP\\_BROCHURE.pdf](http://www.aom.on.ca/files/Professional_Development_and_Events/Other_Educational_Opportunities/PROFESSIONAL_WORKSHOP_BROCHURE.pdf)

15. EXAMINING CONTROVERSIES, PROMOTING SUCCESS

April 16, 2009: Oshawa, ON  
Hosted by: Durham Regional Breastfeeding Coalition  
[http://www.aom.on.ca/files/Professional\\_Development\\_and\\_Events/Other\\_Educational\\_Opportunities/ECSPamphlet.pdf](http://www.aom.on.ca/files/Professional_Development_and_Events/Other_Educational_Opportunities/ECSPamphlet.pdf)

16. DAY IN PERINATOLOGY: MCMASTER CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTHCARE

April 17, 2009: Hamilton, ON  
Hosted by: St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton and McMaster Children's Hospital  
[http://www.aom.on.ca/files/Professional\\_Development\\_and\\_Events/Other\\_Educational\\_Opportunities/Day\\_in\\_Perinatology\\_2009\\_brochure\\_adobe\\_FINAL\\_NOV\\_13.pdf](http://www.aom.on.ca/files/Professional_Development_and_Events/Other_Educational_Opportunities/Day_in_Perinatology_2009_brochure_adobe_FINAL_NOV_13.pdf)

17. "TOXIC TRESPASS" FILM SCREENING

April 17, 2009: Toronto, ON  
<http://www.womenshealthyenvironments.ca/node/287>

18. A SAFE PASSAGE: SUPPORTING WOMEN SURVIVORS OF ABUSE THROUGH THE CHILDBEARING YEARS

April 18-19, 2009: London, ON  
Hosted by: A Safe Passage  
<http://www.asafepassage.info/training.shtml>

19. RTS PERINATAL BEREAVEMENT TRAINING

April 29-30, 2009: Toronto, ON  
Hosted by: Perinatal Bereavement Services Ontario and The Child Health Network for the Greater Toronto Area  
[http://www.aom.on.ca/Professional/Other\\_Educational\\_Opportunities/](http://www.aom.on.ca/Professional/Other_Educational_Opportunities/)

20. MEDICATION AND MOTHER'S MILK

May 8, 2009: North Bay, ON  
Hosted by: North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Breastfeeding Coalition of North Bay Area, and North Bay General Hospital  
[http://www.aom.on.ca/files/Professional\\_Development\\_and\\_Events/Other\\_Educational\\_Opportunities/North\\_Bay\\_Breastfeeding\\_Update\\_Pamphlet.pdf](http://www.aom.on.ca/files/Professional_Development_and_Events/Other_Educational_Opportunities/North_Bay_Breastfeeding_Update_Pamphlet.pdf)

21. ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO MIDWIVES ANNUAL CONFERENCE – "JOINING HANDS: SUPPORTING MIDWIFERY IN THE SECOND STAGE"

May 11-14, 2009: Toronto, ON  
Hosted by: Association of Ontario Midwives  
[http://www.aom.on.ca/Professional/AOM\\_Annual\\_Conference/](http://www.aom.on.ca/Professional/AOM_Annual_Conference/)

22. PREGNANCY AND BIRTH: CURRENT CLINICAL ISSUES

September 11, 2009: Toronto, ON  
Hosted by: The Centre for Mother, Infant and Child Research, Sunnybrook Research Institute  
For further details contact: Judy Cardwell - phone: 416-323-6501 mailbox #3781; or email: [cmicr@sunnybrook.ca](mailto:cmicr@sunnybrook.ca)  
[http://www.sunnybrook.ca/research/?page=sri\\_proj\\_cmicr\\_events](http://www.sunnybrook.ca/research/?page=sri_proj_cmicr_events)

23. THE 19<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL BREASTFEEDING CONFERENCE 2009

October 22-23, 2009: Toronto, ON  
Hosted by: INFAC Canada, Toronto Public Health, and Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre  
<http://www.breastfeedingconference.com/>

## **CANADA**

### **24. EIGHTEEN HOUR BREASTFEEDING COURSE**

April 28, May 5, May 12, 2009: Red Deer, AB

Hosted by: Alberta Health Services

<http://www.breastfeedingalberta.ca/conferences.htm>

### **25. COMMON BREASTFEEDING PROBLEMS: AN EXPLORATION OF CASE STUDIES**

May 2, 2009: Calgary, AB

Hosted by: Calgary Breastfeeding Matters Group

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

### **26. BREASTFEEDING: SUCCESS IN THE FIRST WEEK OF LIFE**

June 1, 2009: Red Deer, AB

Hosted by: David Thompson Health Region

<http://www.breastfeedingalberta.ca/conferences.htm>

### **27. "SHARING THE CARING OF BABIES AND FAMILIES" FULL DAY CONFERENCE**

June 12, 2009: Edmonton, AB

Hosted by: The Healthy Beginnings Maternity Network Committee

<http://www.breastfeedingalberta.ca/files/sharing%20the%20caring%202009adobe.pdf>

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

### **28. "IMPORTANCE OF SKIN-TO-SKIN" POSTER**

The Alberta Breastfeeding Committee is selling posters about the importance of skin-to-skin contact.

They are \$4.00 each or 3 for \$10.00 plus shipping and handling.

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

### **29. FOUNDATIONS FOR LITERACY: AN EVIDENCE-BASED TOOLKIT FOR THE EFFECTIVE READING AND WRITING TEACHER**

(French kit coming soon)

Foundations for Literacy (The Canadian Language and Literacy Research Network, 2009) is a resource designed to help pre-service and in-service teachers, administrators and policymakers understand and use what is known about the development of reading and writing skills, identify what needs to be taught and how it can be taught most effectively, to ensure that all children succeed. The kit highlights the use of this knowledge for the benefit of children in Grades K-6. The kit is comprised of three main components: (1) a print resource that summarizes what is known about children's development of reading and writing skills, and provides examples of classroom activities and effective instruction techniques. The print resource also includes an extensive glossary and province-by-province listing of various library services available to alumni of faculties of education at Canadian universities; (2) an accompanying DVD-ROM including PowerPoint presentations on the key ideas presented in the kit, video clips of classroom demonstrations and interviews with expert Canadian researchers about recent research findings; and (3) a companion website which includes downloadable print materials, multimedia components, hyperlinks to online resources, a glossary of terms, and charts of key supporting resources.

[http://foundationsforliteracy.ca/index.php/Main\\_Page](http://foundationsforliteracy.ca/index.php/Main_Page)

### **30. BENEFITS FOR YOUR FAMILY**

(also available in French)

This website provides an overview of the benefits and credits available for families through the tax system. These benefits and credits administered by the Canada Revenue Agency are designed to help families with the cost of raising children.

English: <http://news.gc.ca/web/article-eng.do?m=/index&nid=438779>

French: <http://nouvelles.gc.ca/web/article-fra.do?m=/index&nid=438779>

### 31. SOURCE-SURVEY-SYNTHESIS TOOL

(also available in French)

The Source-Survey-Synthesis Tool is a web-based, bilingual website where researchers, policy makers, health planners, community groups, and students can access Canadian data sources, as well as reports and grey literature on women's health matters (Women's Health Data Directory, 2008).

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

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

The "Take Another Look at Breastfeeding" report (Canadian Lactation Consultants Association, 2007) noted in the "Recent Reports and Research Studies" section of the bulletin highlights the importance of developing a national strategy to promote, support, and protect breastfeeding. The following resources may be helpful to service providers in working with mothers to support breastfeeding.

### 32. BREASTFEEDING: GUIDELINES FOR CONSULTANT'S – PHYSICIAN'S DESK REFERENCE

(also available in French)

This newly revised reference (2007) is desk size and laminated. One side is a duplication of the poster while the other side offers more in depth information about the assessment of effective breastfeeding for those working with breastfeeding mothers as well as WHO approved guidelines on supplementation.

English: <http://www.beststart.org/resources/breastfeeding/index.html>

French: <http://www.meilleurdepart.org/resources/allaitement/index.html>

### 33. BREASTFEEDING YOUR BABY POSTER

(also available in French)

This 61cm by 44cm colour poster (2007) has just been revised to provide the latest evidence based guidelines visual assessment of effective breastfeeding in the first six months using graphics, photographs and text. Infant tummy size, intake, output, weight, and growth spurts can be seen at a glance. Information on exclusive breastfeeding is also provided.

English: <http://www.beststart.org/resources/breastfeeding/index.html>

French: <http://www.meilleurdepart.org/resources/allaitement/index.html>