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I. NEWS & VIEWS

ONTARIO

1. FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN TO BE OFFERED IN 900 MORE SCHOOLS

(available in French)

In September 2012, almost half of Ontario's four- and five-year-olds will benefit from full-day kindergarten. By September 2014 full-day kindergarten will be available in all elementary schools.

English: <http://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2011/03/full-day-kindergarten-to-be-offered-in-900-more-schools.html>

French: <http://news.ontario.ca/opo/fr/2011/03/le-programme-de-maternelle-et-de-jardin-denfants-a-temps-plein-sera-offert-dans-900-ecoles-de-plus.html>

2. STEPPING UP THE FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

(available in French)

An estimated 92% of human trafficking victims around the world are trafficked for the purposes of sexual exploitation and the vast majority are female. The Government of Ontario (2011, February 17) is providing additional support to prevent, deter, and denounce human exploitation and provide support for victims of this crime. Initiatives will focus on prevention, enforcement and support for victims, including:

- A 24/7 crisis hotline to provide help for victims (launched by spring 2011)
- Additional support to emergency services and community agencies to better assist victims of human trafficking
- New specialized human trafficking Crown attorneys to help build strong cases and prosecute offenders
- Targeted enforcement initiatives by the Ontario Provincial Police, Peel Regional Police and Toronto Police Services
- Financial support for projects driven by local police services to fight human trafficking in their communities
- An awareness campaign to help victims.

English: <http://news.ontario.ca/mag/en/2011/02/stepping-up-the-fight-against-human-trafficking.html>

French: <http://news.ontario.ca/mag/fr/2011/02/intensifier-la-lutte-contre-la-traite-de-personnes.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).

- Burlington Basket Bassinets: If the cross-bracing rails are not fully locked into position, the bassinets can collapse causing the infant to fall to the floor or fall within the bassinet and suffer injuries.
- Jump Seat on certain Baby Jogger Strollers: If the Jump Seat is not attached to the stroller frame properly and locked into place, it can detach from the frame, posing a risk of injury to the child sitting in it.
- Organic Terry Animal and Spa Robes by Sage Creek Organics: Do not meet the design and flammability requirements for children's sleepwear under Canadian law.

- B.O.B. single and double strollers: Stroller's drawstring can get wrapped around a child's neck, posing a strangulation hazard.
- BT SA-17 Paintball Gun/Marker: When users attempt to pierce the CO2 cartridge by closing the lever to the cartridge chamber, the cartridge can fly out of the marker, which can potentially injure consumers.
- Rechargeable batteries sold with certain *Slim and Secure* Video Monitors: Battery in the handheld video monitor can overheat and rupture, posing a burn hazard.
- Summer Infant Video Baby Monitors with Electrical Cords: Cords present a potential strangulation hazard to infants and toddlers if placed too close to a crib. Due to the serious strangulation risk, parents and caregivers should never place these monitors or other corded cameras within one meter (three feet) of a crib.
- SNIGLAR Full-sized Crib: Four bolts that secure the mattress support on the recalled cribs may not be long enough and can cause the mattress support to detach and collapse. Infants and toddlers could become entrapped between the side of the crib and the mattress, which could lead to suffocation or strangulation, or they could fall out of the crib.
- LED Night Lights: Electrical short circuit in the night light can cause it to overheat and smoulder or melt. This poses burn and fire hazards.
- Various Brands of Child Restraint Systems (Car Seats): Harness adjustment strap can become loose during normal use. If the harness system loosens, the child or infant may not be fully protected in a motor vehicle collision.
- "Mexx" Children Two-piece Snowsuit Sets: The zipper tab/pull can become detached from the zipper, posing a choking hazard.
- Sassy® "Refreshing Rings" rattle/teether: The soft black plastic may separate from the black and white polka-dot when chewed or pulled at, and these small components may pose a choking hazard if ingested by an infant or small child.
- Baby Leg Warmers and Socks by Baby United LLC: Leg warmers and socks have a heart appliqué that can detach, posing a choking hazard.
- Foam Number Puzzle: Some of the small pieces of foam that make up the numbers in the puzzle are small parts; these small parts pose a choking hazard.
- Children's Polo Pyjama and Flannel Lounge Pants by Outerstuff ULC: Do not meet the design and flammability requirements for children's sleepwear under Canadian law.
- Tech 4 Kids OUTER EDGE Snow MX - Ski-doo and Snow MX-X Games: The front ski is defective and can crack or break when in use causing the Snow MX to suddenly stop. This can create a fall hazard.
- "sport v2" and "classic v1" Strollers by phil&teds: Stroller's hinge mechanism poses a potential fingertip amputation and laceration hazard to the child or adult when the consumer is folding and unfolding the stroller.
- Infantino SeaPals Water Teethers sold by Winners: Testing by Health Canada of the lobster teether has revealed that the liquid filling of the teether may be contaminated with the bacteria *Burkholderia tropica*.
- Forever-Glo Cylinder Nite Lites: A short circuit in the night light can cause it to overheat and smoulder or melt; this poses burn and fire hazards.
- AirZone and Variflex Trampolines: Incorrectly assembled trampolines can allow the top rails and legs to bend or break during normal use, resulting in partial collapse of the trampoline (i.e., fall hazard).
- Mini and Venetian Blinds sold by Verti Store Inc.: Looped pull-cord which poses a strangulation hazard.
- Toddler Talk Toy Mobile Phones by Discovery Toys: The clear plastic antenna can break off, forming a small part that poses a choking hazard to young children.
- Full Speed Ahead Gossamer BB30 Crank Sets for Bicycles: If the fixing bolt is over-tightened on the non-drive crank arm during installation, part of the bolt can crack or break. The non-drive

crankarm may also crack. Either of these situations can cause the non-drive crank arm to fall off the bicycle, posing a fall or crash hazard to riders.

- Children's Sleepers sold by Sears Canada: Does not meet the design and flammability requirements for children's sleepwear under Canadian law.
- Biconcept Racecar Bed by Cilek Canada: Lights on the recalled racecar beds are not certified to Canadian standards and have not been evaluated for safety hazards. They may pose a fire hazard.
- Toddler Girls' Pants, Jeans, and Shorts from 77kids by American Eagle: Metal clasp on the waistband can detach from the garment, posing a choking hazard to young children.
- Razbaby Pacifiers: Nipples of the recalled pacifiers may separate; these small components pose a choking hazard.
- Reusable shopping bags (design on the bag is a white background with a large green maple leaf): Contains lead.
- Organic Natural Charm Baby Sleeper (Romper): Does not meet the design and flammability requirements for children's sleepwear under Canadian law.
- "Tandra Fashions" Boys Polo Pyjama Set: Does not meet the design and flammability requirements for children's sleepwear under Canadian law.
- Zoom Buggy Car and Dream Pillow Star Educational Toys by Kindermusik: Wheels on the Zoom Buggy Car and the plastic beads on the Dream Pillow Star can detach, posing a choking hazard.
- Children's 2-Piece Pyjamas by Stocklots Inc.: Do not meet the design and flammability requirements for children's sleepwear under Canadian law.
- Hilary Duff Girls' Pyjama Set: Does not meet the design and flammability requirements for children's sleepwear under Canadian law.
- Bakugan Long-Sleeved Pyjama Set for children: Does 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=true>
<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/cps-spc/advisories-avis/aw-am/index-fra.php>

II. RECENT REPORTS AND RESEARCH

INTERNATIONAL

4. PRESCHOOL PROGRAM PRODUCES PAYOFF

The Child-Parent Centers (CPC) program in the Chicago Public School System provides intensive instruction in reading and math from pre-kindergarten through third grade. It also includes frequent educational field trips. The parents of the children in the program receive job skills training, parenting skills training, educational classes, and social services. They are involved with the program through volunteering in their children's classrooms, helping with field trips, and attending parenting support groups. Previous research on the program found that children who had been enrolled in CPCs were more likely to go to college, get a full-time job, and have health insurance. They were also less likely to go to prison and suffer from depressive symptoms. Dr. Arthur J. Reynolds and Dr. Judy A. Temple led a team of researchers to do a cost-benefit analysis of the program. The findings indicate that the early education program for children from low-income families generates an estimated \$4 to \$11 of economic benefits over a child's lifetime for every dollar spent on the program.

<http://www.nih.gov/researchmatters/february2011/02142011program.htm?source=govdelivery>

III. CURRENT INITIATIVES

5. COMMUNITY PROJECT TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST ABORIGINAL WOMEN AND GIRLS

(available in French)

The Government of Canada (2011, February 28) is supporting the Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) to address the issue of violence against Aboriginal women and girls in communities across Canada. NWAC will help communities understand, prevent, and respond to violence against Aboriginal women and girls. This will include training for police officers, educators, justice officials, frontline healthcare workers, social service providers, and community leaders across Canada.

English: <http://news.gc.ca/web/article-eng.do?m=/index&nid=592569>

French: <http://nouvelles.gc.ca/web/article-fra.do?m=/index&nid=592569>

6. INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY: MARCH 8TH

(available in French)

International Women's Day has been observed since in the early 1900's. Annually on March 8th, thousands of events are held throughout the world to inspire women and celebrate achievements. Organisations, governments and women's groups around the world choose different themes each year that reflect global and local gender issues. The Honourable Rona Ambrose, Minister of Public Works and Government Services and Minister for Status of Women announced Canada's unique theme "Girls' Rights Matter / Les droits des filles comptent". This theme supports the development, prosperity, and security of girls in Canada and around the world. It will be celebrated in conjunction with the United Nation's international theme: "Equal access to education, training and science and technology: Pathway to decent work for women". Minister Ambrose explains: "This year we want to commend and support all women and girls in Canada and around the world, and recognize their contribution to prosperous, healthy and civil societies" (Status of Women Canada, 2011, February 23).

News release: <http://www.swc-cfc.gc.ca/med/news-nouvelles/2011/0223-eng.html>

French: <http://www.cfc-swc.gc.ca/med/news-nouvelles/2011/0223-fra.html>

Resources: <http://www.swc-cfc.gc.ca/dates/iwd-jif/index-eng.html>

French: <http://www.cfc-swc.gc.ca/dates/iwd-jif/index-fra.html>

<http://www.internationalwomensday.com/default.asp>

7. WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY: MARCH 21

The 21st March each year is World Down Syndrome Day (WDSD). This date was chosen as the number 21 is synonymous with Down syndrome, signifying the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome. The aims of WDSD are to promote awareness and understanding of Down syndrome, and to mobilise support and recognition of the dignity, rights, and well being of people with Down syndrome across the World.

<http://www.ds-int.org/events/wdsd>

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>

ONTARIO**8. SHADOWS OF THE MIND FILM FESTIVAL**

March 2-6, 2011: Sault Ste. Marie

<http://www.shadowsfilmfest.com/>

9. PARC PHYSICAL ACTIVITY SYMPOSIUM 2011

March 22-23, 2011: Toronto, ON

Hosted by: PARC

<http://parc.ophea.net/symposium>

10. THE ONTARIO PUBLIC HEALTH CONVENTION

April 5-8, 2011: Toronto, ON

Partnership of: the Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion, the Ontario Public Health Association, and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies

[https://event-](https://event-wizard.com/secured/EWV3.01/Forms/reg1.asp?ClientCode=registration&Ecode=oahpp&Lang=English)

[wizard.com/secured/EWV3.01/Forms/reg1.asp?ClientCode=registration&Ecode=oahpp&Lang=English](https://event-wizard.com/secured/EWV3.01/Forms/reg1.asp?ClientCode=registration&Ecode=oahpp&Lang=English)

11. A DAY OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS, TEACHERS, AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

April 16, 2011: Barrie, ON

Hosted by: Simcoe County Best Start Network, Georgian College, and County of Simcoe

<http://www.simcoe.ca/dpt/ss/ccs/services/beststart/index.htm>

12. BREASTFEEDING EDUCATION UPDATE

May 13, 2011: North Bay, ON

For more information, contact Amélie Casonato at (705) 474-1400 ext. 2285.

13. MARKING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BABY-FRIENDLY HOSPITAL INITIATIVE

June 19-20, 2011: Oakville, ON

Hosted by: Breastfeeding Committee for Canada

English and French: <http://www.breastfeedingcanada.ca/>

14. STRATEGIES FOR WORKING WITH FATHERS CONFERENCE – CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Fall 2011: Toronto, ON

Hosted by: The Canadian Father Involvement Initiative

Deadline for submissions is March 31, 2011

http://www.cfii.ca/strategies_working_fathers

CANADA**15. BREASTFEEDING: EARLY SUPPORT, LONG TERM SUCCESS**

April 7-8, 2011: Gatineau, QC

Hosted by: Ottawa Valley Lactation Consultants

<http://www.ovlc.net/>

V. RESOURCES

16. CHILD HEALTH AND EXERCISE MEDICINE PROGRAM WEBSITE

The Child Health & Exercise Medicine Program is housed at the Children's Exercise & Nutrition Centre at McMaster University and McMaster Children's Hospital and is part of the Division of Children's Exercise & Nutrition in the Department of Pediatrics. This website provides information on the program's research, educational, and clinical activity devoted to exercise as medicine.

<http://www.fhs.mcmaster.ca/chemp/>

17. CLEAR LANGUAGE AND DESIGN (CLAD)

Clear Language and Design (CLAD) is a public education program of The Toronto Centre for Community Learning & Development, a non-profit organization that helps adults learn to read and write and educates the public about literacy issues. CLAD provides editing, writing, training, and consulting on a fee for service basis. The CLAD website includes a reading effectiveness tool and an online thesaurus for finding cleaner, simpler words or phrases.

<http://www.eastendliteracy.on.ca/clearlanguageanddesign/>

VI. FEATURED BEST START RESOURCES

18. A HEALTHY START FOR BABY AND ME

A low literacy prenatal book suitable for women who have difficulty reading due to literacy or language. Includes information about pregnancy, labour, delivery, postpartum and early infant care.

http://www.beststart.org/resources/rep_health/index.html

19. MOCKTAILS FOR MOM

(available in French)

This booklet has recipes for delicious non-alcoholic drinks, also called Mocktails.

English: http://www.beststart.org/resources/alc_reduction/index.html

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

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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/>