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## Community Information & Volunteer Centre



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## Awards

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### REPRESENTATIVE'S AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE – NOMINATIONS OPEN!

The Representative for Children and Youth's third annual Awards of Excellence recognize and encourage excellence in British Columbia's child- and youth-serving system, and reflect the established goals of the Representative's Office; specifically those that:



- Profile and recognize best practices in program and service delivery to children and youth, and by youth;
- Support initiatives to improve outcomes for all children with respect for their place, culture and community; and
- Draw on lessons learned to promote prevention initiatives and best practices.

These awards recognize and honour people and organizations whose work with children and youth exemplify innovation, respect, and a commitment to improving outcomes and professional excellence.

A panel of qualified individuals will assist the Representative in selecting the winners. Winners will be recognized and honoured at award ceremonies in October 2010. The **nomination deadline is September 3, 2010**

For additional information, please visit: <http://www.rcybc.ca>.

--SOURCE: First Call Weekly Announcements, June 22, 2010

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### MACLEAN'S MAGAZINE RELEASES LIST OF TOP 50 SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE COMPANIES

For the second year in a row, Maclean's, in partnership with Jantzi-Sustainalytics, has compiled their list of the country's top 50 socially responsible corporations. The reasons each company was selected vary: Gildan Activewear donated more than half a million dollars to Haitian relief efforts, Loblaw's committed to acquiring all of its seafood from sustainable sources by 2013, and Nike made World Cup jerseys for nine national teams out of bottles found in landfills.

For more information, visit: [www2.macleans.ca](http://www2.macleans.ca)

--SOURCE: CharityVillage, Village Vibes, June 14, 2010

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## KCR Database

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### OKANAGAN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FAIR

**August 13, 2010** marks the registration deadline for the 13th Annual Okanagan Volunteer Opportunities Fair! This event showcases volunteerism in a family-friendly atmosphere. Last year, over 800 members of the public checked out the 80 non-profit displays. Onsite media interviews attracted attention on event day. One organization had 30 potential volunteers sign their follow-up list.

We are pleased to announce that Astral Media has joined our slate of sponsors. In addition to promoting the Volunteer Fair, Astral Media will MC the new Volunteer Speed Matching where volunteer recruitment meets speed dating. Ongoing sponsorship partners include: Beyond 50 Magazine, Central Okanagan Foundation, City of Kelowna, Investors Group, Kelowna Community Resources and United Way.

For a **\$50 registration fee**, your organization receives:

- BEYOND 50 MAGAZINE: Your organization promoted in a year-round, Special September Issue entitled '*Volunteer Okanagan Style*' with 10,000 copies distributed to businesses in Kelowna
- LUNCH & LEARN: "Your Organization's One Minute Elevator Speech" training to be held Thursday, September 9, 12 pm-1:30 pm, Rotary Centre for the Arts
- VOLUNTEER SPEED MATCHING: New dimension for the first 20 interested organizations
- DISPLAY AT THE FAIR: Includes a 6' table and two chairs. Please note: If your organization chooses not to participate in the Fair, the fee is \$75 for a description in the Beyond 50 Special Issue.

Watch the [KCR website](#) for new pages featuring the Okanagan Volunteer Opportunities Fair. For more information or to register your organization, contact Dawn Anthony at 250.763.8008 ext. 25 or email [info@kcr.ca](mailto:info@kcr.ca)

To add new or additional volunteer opportunities to your online database record, please click:



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### DIRECTORY OF COMMUNITY SERVICES: JULY 2010 EDITION

The July 2010 Directory of Community Services will be available mid-July. You will notice a great number of changes in content, layout and organization as KCR implements international standards for information and referral. Each record on our database is listed in one location within the Directory.

To reserve your copy of the July 2010 Issue, please email [info@kcr.ca](mailto:info@kcr.ca). The cost is \$30 per Directory. Directories can be picked up from either of our office locations. If you prefer us to mail your Directory, there is an additional \$8 mailing fee per copy. KCR Locations are 120-1735 Dolphin Avenue and 255 Lawrence Avenue, Kelowna.

To check your record's accuracy, please visit the KCR database:



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## SENIORS CONSULTING

Seniors Consulting assists seniors and their families with the transition to a senior's residence, arranges moves into the residence that will best meet their needs, and acts as a temporary 24 hour emergency contact to allow families respite and vacation time.

There is a fee for this service, but during the complimentary, no obligation, one-hour consultation the senior(s) and family can discuss their needs and requirements and get to know one another in an informal setting.

For more information on this organization, please visit this KCR database:



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## Facts and Trends

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### NEW BLACKBAUD STUDY REPORTS 12.1% INCREASE IN OVERALL CHARITABLE GIVING

Blackbaud, Inc. announced the launch of the Blackbaud Index of Charitable Giving, a broad-based fundraising index that reports monthly on revenue trends of 1,400 non-profit organizations representing \$2.2 billion in yearly revenue. The most recent index released last week reported that overall revenue increased by 12.1% for the three months ending April 2010 as compared to the same period in 2009. A significant portion of this increase was related to the very generous outpouring of support to organizations helping with relief efforts in Haiti.

For more information, and to download the full report, visit: [www.blackbaud.com](http://www.blackbaud.com).

--SOURCE: CharityVillage, Village Vibes, June 21, 2010

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### BOOMERS ARE INCREASINGLY USING SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES

A new US survey indicates that more than 25% of Americans aged 50 and older are using social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, and MySpace. Almost 50% of those using social media sites started using them at a request from a family member (often child or grandchild). Nearly half of respondents aged 50 - 64 indicated that they are Internet savvy.

--SOURCE: CharityVillage, Village Vibes, June 21, 2010 (AARP)

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### MAJORITY OF DONORS MAKE DECISIONS RATIONALLY, NOT EMOTIONALLY

A new UK survey indicates that 68% of donors would stop giving to an organization that they felt was underperforming. Another 18% indicated that they would feel more obliged to give to a charity that they knew was performing well. Furthermore, 42% stated that knowing a charity's achievements influenced their decision to donate, while 29% indicated that their decision to donate was influenced more by emotion than rational decision-making.

--SOURCE: CharityVillage, Village Vibes, June 14, 2010 (YouGov)

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## **INTERNET USERS CONNECTING TO THEIR COMMUNITY ONLINE**

According to a US report, 22% of all adults (representing 28% of Internet users) signed up to receive alerts about local issues, such as traffic, school events, weather warnings, or crime alerts, via email or text messaging. Another 20% of all adults (27% of Internet users) used digital tools to talk to their neighbors and keep informed about community issues.

--SOURCE: CharityVillage, Village Vibes, June 14, 2010 (Pew Internet & American Life Project)

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## **HOUSEHOLD GIVING FALLS IN 2009 BUT EXPECTED TO REBOUND IN 2010**

A new US report indicates that charitable household giving fell by 4.9% last year. Considering that household giving declined by 6% in 2008, this figure is concerning. However, it isn't all bad news. The same report suggests that household giving will rebound in 2010, rising between 3% and 4.5%.

--SOURCE: CharityVillage, Village Vibes, June 7, 2010 (Center on Wealth and Philanthropy at Boston College)

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## **CANADA'S FESTIVALS DRAW MANY TOURISTS, RAISE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS**

According to new research, an estimated 12.6 million people attended Canada's 15 largest festivals. Out of that amount, 3.3 million were tourists and one million came from outside Canada. The events generated more than \$1 billion in spending, with an estimated \$780 million spent by tourists. New spending at events contributes \$650 million in GDP to local communities.

--SOURCE: CharityVillage, Village Vibes, June 7, 2010 (Enigma Research Corporation)

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## **MAJORITY OF CANADIANS DONATE USED GOODS TO CHARITY**

When looking to dispose of old household items such as furniture, books, or children's clothing, Canadians tend to make sure that these items are put to good use, as 81% report that they usually donate these items to a charity, a new poll found. Another 22% indicated that they donate their old electronics, such as computer parts, televisions, or video games, to charity.

-- SOURCE: CharityVillage, Village Vibes, June 28, 2010 (Ipsos Canada)

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## **DONORS STILL NOT SPENDING TIME RESEARCHING CHARITIES**

A new US report shows that only 35% of donors researched a charity prior to making their donation last year. Of those who did do some research, 48% spent an hour or less looking into the charity, and 62% indicated they were only looking for simple facts and figures. Only 15% wanted detailed reports about the charity.

--SOURCE: CharityVillage, Village Vibes, July 5, 2010 (Hope Consulting)

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## ARE TEENS TIRING OF FACEBOOK?

A new US survey called the *Teens & Social Networks Study* found that teens age 13 - 17 are spending an average of two hours online per day, with 80% of that time being on a social network. However, these teens are also showing signs of *Facebook fatigue* with 19% who have an account no longer visiting it or visiting it less. Among the reasons given for no longer using their account, teens listed lost interest (45%), the fact that their parents were on the site (16%), too many adults and older people (14%), and concerns about privacy (13%).

For more information, and to view the full study results, visit: [www.scribd.com](http://www.scribd.com).

--SOURCE: *CharityVillage, Village Vibes, July 5, 2010*

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## Financial

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### NON-PROFITS ENCOURAGED TO APPLY FOR GRANTS SUPPORTING FINANCIAL LITERACY

TD Bank Financial Group and Social and Enterprise Development Innovations (SEDI), a charitable organization that helps low-income Canadians gain financial independence, officially launched the TD Financial Literacy Grant Fund with the first call for applications for funding. The new fund, managed by SEDI, will provide grants ranging from \$25,000 to \$100,000 to qualified community-based agencies, charities, and not-for-profit organizations to help integrate financial literacy training into services they deliver to their clients. The deadline for applications is July 31, 2010.

For more information, and to submit an application, visit: [www.sedi.org](http://www.sedi.org).

--SOURCE: *CharityVillage, Village Vibes, June 7, 2010*

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### VOLUNTEER CONSULTING AVAILABLE TO NON-PROFITS THIS FALL

Endeavour Volunteer Consulting for Non-Profits helps non-profits improve and sustain their impact by providing pro bono strategy consulting in various business areas, including strategic planning, marketing strategy, earned income venture feasibility studies, and more. Endeavor is currently accepting project applications from non-profits for Fall 2010/Winter 2011 consulting engagements. The **deadline for applications is July 15, 2010.**

For more information, visit: [www.endeavourvolunteer.ca](http://www.endeavourvolunteer.ca).

--SOURCE: *CharityVillage, Village Vibes, June 21, 2010*

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### ARTS AND MUSIC FESTIVALS IN BC NO LONGER ELIGIBLE FOR GAMING GRANTS

According to a report by the *Vancouver Sun* newspaper, arts and music festivals in BC are no longer eligible for provincial gaming grants. Major changes to the eligibility requirements for gaming grants were made back in March of this year, but at that time arts and music festivals were still allowed to apply for grants. Housing and Social Development Minister Rich Coleman explained the cuts, saying,



"When we started doing these changes it was very obvious there were some festivals that had been running for 25 years and they were saying if they couldn't get a \$10,000 grant they wouldn't be able to survive for a year. I'm thinking, you've got to wonder what have you been doing as far as planning for your organization...the past 25 years."

For more information, visit: [www.vancouver.sun.com](http://www.vancouver.sun.com).

--SOURCE: *CharityVillage, Village Vibes June 7, 2010*

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## CANADIAN SUBSIDY DIRECTORY

The Canadian Subsidy Directory is Canada's most trusted reference dedicated to provide information leading to financial help, subsidies, grants, loans, joint ventures or any funding program offered by Canadian governments, associations and foundations. Stop searching! This publication will link you to thousands of grants, loans and programs available across Canada for businesses, non-profit organizations and personal projects. You will find inside, detailed contact information along with a description of each grant, loan or program. This publication is offered in both print and electronic versions.



Cost:               Printed: \$149.95  
                          CD-ROM (PDF file): \$69.95  
                          Database Access: \$129.95

To order, call 1-866-322-3376.

--SOURCE: *Canadian Grants Directory 2010*

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## APPLY NOW FOR FREE MARKETING SUPPORT SERVICES

DAM<sup>2</sup> Marketing is offering free marketing support through their Marketing Matters program to one lucky not-for-profit charitable arts or grass roots organization. The program is open to charities throughout North America, although the company is based in Toronto, and the deadline for applications is July 30, 2010.

For more information, including full eligibility requirements, visit: [www.damsquared.com](http://www.damsquared.com). (PDF)

--SOURCE: *CharityVillage, Village Vibes, June 28, 2010*

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## SOFTWARE DONATIONS AVAILABLE TO CHARITIES AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISES

NetSuite, a vendor of financial management systems, is offering free software to both charities and social enterprises. The standard donation is a complete software package sufficient to run all aspects of a small charity including a full NetSuite software suite, five user licenses, support at the silver level, a NetSuite essentials training course, and implementation materials.

For more information, visit: [www.netsuite.org](http://www.netsuite.org).

--SOURCE: *CharityVillage, Village Vibes, June 28, 2010*

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## BIRTH OF THE FUNDING REALLY EARLY DEVELOPMENT (FRED) TABLE

FRED is a funders table that is facilitated by Success By 6. It is an opportunity for funders from government, foundations, and business to liaise with one another to talk about how each of their organizations is meeting the needs of local children.

They discuss questions like: What can each organization fund? What can't they fund? What requests is each of them receiving from non-profits? And, can they collaborate on something high impact which they know can make a high impact for children?

The rationale behind having this investors table is that it can move funders away from doing "one off" sponsorships where organizations make a donation to a particular event or program, the item occurs, but the sponsor never really hears how their contribution made a difference.

The FRED table offers a unique opportunity to jointly invest in a high impact project; have it jointly implemented by non-profits; and jointly evaluated by Success By 6, the non-profits, and the investment partners. Through this model each investor is now able to see how their individual money made a difference as well as how the project as a whole made an impact in the community. Better still it allows for relationship building between investors that can leverage other collaborative relationships that one investor could not achieve on their own.

Members of FRED include: Ian Disbery (Success By 6 Council of Partners), Alison Moscrop (The Colin & Lois Pritchard Foundation), Harry Grossmith (United Way), Debra Bye (Okanagan Kids Care Fund), Leanne Hammond Komori (Central Okanagan Foundation), and Beth Flynn (Ministry of Children & Family Development).

--SOURCE: *Success by 6: Central Okanagan Highlights, May 2010*

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## VANCOUVER FOUNDATION YOUTH HOMELESSNESS CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Vancouver Foundation's Youth Homelessness Initiative provides grants to organizations that are targeting the complex issue of youth homelessness in Metro Vancouver. Vancouver Foundation is seeking initiatives that increase access to, and maintenance of, housing for youth at risk of homelessness who are transitioning to independence.

Early in the development of your proposals, interested applicants are asked to email Nicole MacLellan at [nicolem@vancouverfoundation.ca](mailto:nicolem@vancouverfoundation.ca) to arrange a time to discuss your initiative with Catharine Hume, Director, or Vi Nguyen, Manager. Once a fit has been established with Vancouver Foundation staff, organizations will be invited to submit a full proposal **due September 15, 2010**.

A meeting for interested applicants is scheduled for Thursday, July 22, 2010 from 4 pm – 5:30 pm in the Vancouver Foundation Boardroom, Suite 1200-555 West Hastings Street. The focus of the meeting is to provide an overview of the Youth Homelessness Initiative, an opportunity for questions and answers, and a chance for interested applicants to meet with each other.

If you plan to attend the meeting, please email your RSVP to Nicole MacLellan at [nicolem@vancouverfoundation.ca](mailto:nicolem@vancouverfoundation.ca) **by Monday, July 19th**.

Download the call for proposals [here](#).

--SOURCE: *First Call's Weekly Announcements, June 11, 2010*

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## **CRA RELEASES DOCUMENT EXPLAINING IMPLICATIONS OF HST FOR NON-PROFITS**

As Ontario and British Columbia implemented the HST on July 1, 2010, PSBs may have questions concerning HST rebates or other rules or requirements resulting from the new tax. To answer these questions, the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) has developed a publication called *Harmonized Sales Tax for Ontario and British Columbia — Questions and Answers for Public Service Bodies*.

For more information, and to read the full publication, visit: [www.cra-arc.gc.ca](http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca).

--SOURCE: *CharityVillage, Village Vibes, July 5, 2010*

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## **STATUS OF WOMEN CANADA ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR WOMEN'S FUNDING**

Status of Women Canada is inviting applications to the Women's Community Fund component of the Women's Program. Starting with the 2010-2011 fiscal year, Status of Women Canada will be accepting and reviewing applications on an ongoing basis, year-round. Applications will also be reviewed by a departmental assessment committee comprised of officials from Status of Women Canada as well as invited officials from other relevant federal departments such as Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Public Safety Canada, Health Canada, and Justice Canada to introduce a broader representation of areas of expertise and identify potential funding partners.

For more information, visit: [www.swc-cfc.gc.ca](http://www.swc-cfc.gc.ca).

--SOURCE: *CharityVillage, Village Vibes, July 5, 2010*

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## **APPLY NOW FOR ENVIRONMENTAL FUNDING**

The TD Friends of the Environment Foundation (TD FEF) is a national organization with a grassroots focus that supports local environmental projects. TD FEF is currently encouraging registered charities, First Nation communities, municipalities, and schools to apply for funding online. TD FEF supports a wide range of projects, including wildlife rehabilitation, education programs for children, environmental cleanups; tree planting campaigns, conservation and recycling initiatives, and urban renewal.

For more information, and to submit an application, visit: [www.fef.td.com](http://www.fef.td.com).

--SOURCE: *CharityVillage, Village Vibes, July 5, 2010*

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## **GOODWILL LAUNCHES NEW DONATION IMPACT CALCULATOR FOR USED GOODS**

Goodwill Industries International recently launched an education movement to raise awareness about the importance of donating used items and the positive impact those items have on people and the planet. To commemorate the launch, they announced the first-ever Donate Challenge with an online Donation Impact Calculator to help consumers quickly and easily determine the social and environmental benefits of their donations.

For more information, visit: [donate.goodwill.org](http://donate.goodwill.org).

--SOURCE: CharityVillage, Village Vibes, July 5, 2010

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**FREE USED PHOTOCOPIER**

If your organization needs a "new" used photocopier, please contact Tony at Ikon at 250.860.4779 ext.235.

--SOURCE: Cheryl Miller, Central Okanagan Foundation

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**THE OKANAGAN GRAPE ESCAPE RONA MS BIKE TOUR**

Invite your friends, family and coworkers and join us for appetizers and not-alcoholic beverages. Enter to win a \$50 gift certificate and win great door prizes. This is a great opportunity to introduce potential new teammates to the bike tour.

Date: **July 20, 2010**  
Location: Bar One  
2130 Harvey Ave.



Please RSVP by **July 13, 5 pm to** Myra Majeran at 250.762.5850 or Myra.Majeran@mssociety.ca.

--SOURCE: Myra Majeran, MS Society

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**FISHING FOREVER**

Fishing Forever is a BC Wildlife Federation program which has been designed to provide fishing opportunities for persons with special needs. It provides a day of supervised participation in fishing activities for all who require some assistance.

Location: The Heritage Park  
Beach Avenue, Peachland  
Date: Saturday, **July 24, 2010**  
Time: 11 am - 2:30 pm  
Cost: FREE to people with disabilities  
All equipment will be supplied, as well as food and prizes



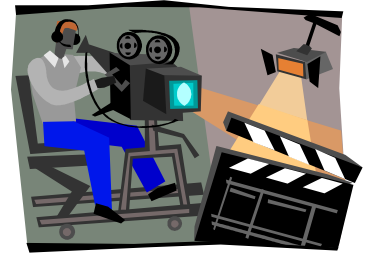
To register or volunteer, please contact Al Springer at 1.250.767.2287.

--SOURCE: Peachland Wellness Centre, June 22, 2010

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## YOUTH OPTIONS PROGRAM: MAKE A MOVIE

As summer is approaching it is important to keep our youth engaged through recreation and creative opportunities. Therefore the focus for this next round of Youth Options is going to be making a movie about teen drug and alcohol use. Each group will be responsible for planning and filming their own movie under the supervision of staff. The overall message and what is filmed in the video will be entirely up to them, creating something that is relevant for other youth in the Okanagan. This session will conclude with a screening of both videos for youth and community partners.



Youth who would be ideal for this round are 13-18, have made or want to make a positive change in their substance use, and are willing to participate two nights a week for 10 weeks. If youth have a passion for media, acting, or filming this round would be great for them. Through participation in this round youth have the opportunity to participate in something that gives back to the community while developing some skills in leadership and learning more about teen substance use.

Kelowna Dates: Tuesday and Thursday nights, **starting July 12, 2010**  
Westside Dates: Monday and Wednesday nights, **starting July 13, 2010**  
Times: 5 pm - 8 pm

For additional information, please contact Krista Germyn, Program Coordinator at 250-869-6983 or email [kgermyn@boysandgirlsclubs.ca](mailto:kgermyn@boysandgirlsclubs.ca).

--SOURCE: Krista Germyn, Program Coordinator, Youth Options Project, Okanagan Boys and Girls Clubs

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## UBC'S CREATE: NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

The students at UBC's Okanagan campus have a unique opportunity to be part of building a culture and tradition on the growing campus. Create: New Student Orientation, is the kick-off to the 2010-2011 academic year for new-to-UBC students. During this event, we will welcome over 1800 new-to-UBC students to our Okanagan campus and the local Kelowna community.



During the afternoon of Create the campus hosts Showcase, an opportunity to introduce your organization to new-to-UBC and new-to-Kelowna students. Showcase provides a unique opportunity to promote yourselves to new and returning students. Exhibitors are encouraged to interact with and engage students.

Please join us for Create 2010 and Showcase! The registration fee includes a table, 2 chairs, light refreshments, and parking. Please note that it is UBC policy to not allow the sale of products at Showcase. Registration can be completed by visiting

Regardless of your availability to attend Showcase, thank you for considering being a part of Showcase and we look forward to hearing from you.

Date: Tuesday, **September 7, 2010**  
Cost: \$100.00; includes a table, 2 chairs, light refreshments and parking

Register online at [Showcase](#). Registrations are processed first-come, first-served so please register and complete payment by **Friday, August 20**. Please note that registration will not be completed until payment is received.

For additional information, please contact Adam Goodwin, Orientation Coordinator at 250.807.8632 or email [adam.k.goodwin@ubc.ca](mailto:adam.k.goodwin@ubc.ca).

--SOURCE: Adam Goodwin, Orientation Coordinator, University of British Columbia

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## DKA MARDI GRAS STREET FESTIVAL INVITATION

It's almost Mardi Gras time again! You will hear more details as we get closer to the event date but we wanted to make sure that all of our Downtown businesses had lots of notice to plan to attend.



We understand that staffing for the day can be a challenge, and that businesses looking to order special product may need lots of lead time to get it here on time, so we are giving you a nice, early head's-up that we would love to see you out for the day!

As in previous years, invitations are also sent to non-Downtown businesses to participate and we are getting excellent responses. It is more important, however, that we see businesses from our Downtown participate.

Downtown businesses are given priority placement so as to be in front of their store, or, for those businesses off Bernard Ave., as close to their store as possible. Outside vendors will not be assigned their spot until Downtown businesses have been given priority.

Date: Saturday, **August 7, 2010**  
Time: 11 am – 5 pm  
Location: Bernard Ave.

Vendor booth prices for Downtown Members are as follows:

Single: \$39.20 (\$35 + 12% HST; based on a 10x10 space)  
Double: \$61.60 (\$55 + 12% HST; based on a 10x20 space)

For more information, or to book your spot, contact Jennifer Batey, Events Coordinator at 250.862.3515 or email [Jennifer@DowntownKelowna.com](mailto:Jennifer@DowntownKelowna.com).

Vendor applications can also be found on our website: [www.DowntownKelowna.com](http://www.DowntownKelowna.com)

--SOURCE: Jennifer Batey, Events Coordinator, Downtown Kelowna Association

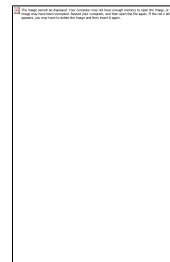
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## ARTS PICNIC: AN OUTDOOR EVENING OF ARTS AND FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

The Kelowna Art Gallery, the Okanagan Symphony and the Rotary Centre for the Arts presents Arts Picnic. The Daily Courier Performance Court and the Arts Common - outdoors between the Kelowna Art Gallery and the Rotary Centre for the Arts - will come alive with an evening of arts and fun for the whole family.

Highlights include:

- Outdoor concert by the National Youth Orchestra
- Artist Demonstrations
- Community Drum Circle



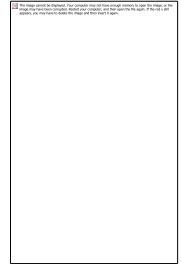
- Hands-on Visual Art Activities
- Picnic at country-style tables
- Okanagan Street Food
- Artwalk Bistro

Date: Tuesday, **August 10, 2010**  
 Time: 5 pm

### ARTS PICNIC: BILLET A MUSICIAN!

The 94 National Youth Orchestra musicians (aged 17-20) playing at the Arts Picnic, are in a need of good homes for the nights of August 9th and 10th. You will not need to feed the musicians, but will be required to pick them up and drop them off at the RCA on the 9th, 10th and 11th.

If you can provide a spare bed to a youth or several young musicians, or for additional information, please contact Dawn, Volunteer Coordinator at the Rotary Centre for the Arts at 250.717.5304 or email [volcoord@rotarycentreforthearts.com](mailto:volcoord@rotarycentreforthearts.com).



--SOURCE: Rotary Centre for the Arts, July 2010 Newsletter

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### POSITIVE DISCIPLINE

Positive discipline is a 4, 3 – hour session approach to parenting. It is a way of thinking built on 4 principles of effective parenting – focusing on identifying long-term goals, providing warmth and structure, understanding how children think and feel, and problem solving.

Date: Saturdays, **August 7 – 28, 2010** (4 sessions) †  
 Time: 1:30 – 4:30 pm  
 Location: 630 Cadder Ave.  
 Cost: \$ 70 per person / \$125 per couple; subsidies are available upon request  
 Workbook: \$15.00  
 Facilitator: Michele Hucul

† A 2 hour follow-up session for this course will be held 3 weeks after the last workshop date. Your instructor will provide this date and time to you.

--SOURCE: The Bridge Youth & Family Services

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### 2010 OKANAGAN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

The 2010 Okanagan International Film Festival presents a world-class program of films against the backdrop of the Okanagan Valley's beautiful wine country. You can party with the stars, or just enjoy our selection of fresh thought provoking movies spread over the multiple venues in downtown Kelowna.

To see the list of films, please visit: [Event Program now online!](#)

The festival is currently looking for volunteers. If you would like to help make this a successful event, please contact 250.868-1003 or email [volunteer@okanaganfilmfestival.com](mailto:volunteer@okanaganfilmfestival.com).

## SAGE-ING WITH CREATIVE SPIRIT -IT'S "HAPPENING" ON TUESDAYS THIS SUMMER AT THE RCA



Sage-ing With Creative Spirit invites you to exercise your creative energy. Bring a young relative or neighbour (all ages welcome) or come on your own ready for a morning of "playing and creating" together.

### JULY 20TH AND 27TH:

Feel a creative energy that enlivens you and activates you to "just do it". As you feel the rhythm and hear the energy, the painter within you will come alive in response to the spontaneously composed melodies of Jordan Leibel on keyboard. Jordan sees colours when he composes and you will too.

Dates: Tuesdays  
Times: 9:30 am - 12noon  
Cost: FREE  
Location: Rotary Centre for the Arts  
The drawing and painting studio (the studio remains open for free use all day)

For additional information, please visit: [www.sage-ing.com](http://www.sage-ing.com)

--SOURCE: Rotary Centre for the Arts, July 2010 Newsletter

## KELOWNA LIONESSE ROSE SALE

The Kelowna Lioness Club is having its Rose Sale is on August 12th, 19th, and 26th, and is pre-selling orders up until August 20, 2010. The cost is \$14.00 for a dozen roses, and includes free delivery and all taxes.

For additional information or to order, please contact Elaine Fraser a 250.764.0341 or email [efraser@shaw.ca](mailto:efraser@shaw.ca).

--SOURCE: Elaine Fraser, Kelowna Lioness Club

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## Provincial News

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### RECENT WELFARE CHANGES, PART 2: MINIMUM SHELTER BENEFITS ELIMINATED

Before April 1, 2010, people receiving persons with disabilities benefits, and people aged 60 to 64 on income assistance who were not eligible for the federal spouse's Allowance received \$75 per month in shelter benefits from the Ministry of Housing and Social Development even if they had no actual shelter costs (e.g., they were homeless). As of June 1, 2010, this minimum shelter allowance is eliminated.



## PEOPLE WITH OUTSTANDING WARRANTS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR WELFARE

People who have outstanding warrants in relation to indictable offences or under immigration legislation will not generally be eligible for welfare. However, the rules are complicated; there are some exceptions and options for receiving repayable hardship benefits while trying to deal with a relevant warrant.

The Community Legal Assistance Society (CLAS) has prepared a [Welfare and Outstanding Warrants Fact Sheet](#) for clients and advocates, which is available on the [CLAS website](#) and has been circulated on the PovNet welfare list.

--SOURCE: *Legal Services Society, Electronic Legal Aid Newsletter for Community Workers, June 21, 2010*

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## CAMPAIGN 2000 NATIONAL UPDATE

Campaign 2000, the national campaign to end child poverty, has released its spring bulletin with an update on anti-poverty work federally. Also included in this bulletin are updates from their regional partners, including First Call in BC and partners in eight other provinces and territories. Download the spring bulletin [here](#).

On May 21, a delegation of witnesses presented to the Select Standing Committee on Children and Youth at an all-day meeting on child poverty. Along with contributions from our partner, First Call: BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition, BC's Representative for Children and Youth requested that the Committee undertake a plan to eliminate child poverty.

The [BC Poverty Reduction Coalition](#) continues to identify allies and educate the public on their poverty reduction strategy for the province.

The [Living Wage for Families Campaign](#) is making progress in their employer recognition process. BREAKING NEWS: the City of New Westminster adopted on April 27th a living wage bylaw for city staff and contractors of \$16.74/hr – the first time in Canadian history that a municipality has set a wage floor above the provincial minimum wage. See [www.acorncanada.org](http://www.acorncanada.org) for more info.

A new provincial budget at the beginning of March brought more cuts to services for children and families, including over \$7 million in cuts to contracted services from the Ministry of Children and Family Development, the planned elimination of Success By 6 funding, and reduced access to dental care and medical services for very low income families and those on welfare and disability benefits.

The Winter Olympics brought Vancouver and BC's poverty struggles into the spotlight around the world. The [Poverty Olympics](#) held a successful event just prior to the official games with 600 community members and media to highlight the complexities of living in poverty and enjoy the creativity of Vancouver's Downtown Eastside community. A Poverty Olympics Torch Relay made its way around the province, with photos and stories capturing the work of passionate advocates on the Poverty Olympics blog and in the media.

--SOURCE: *First Call's Weekly Announcements, June 11, 2010*

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## BC211 – LOWER MAINLAND COMMUNITY SERVICES LINE

Funded by the United Way of the Lower Mainland, BC211 provides services for communities in the Metro Vancouver, Fraser Valley and Squamish-Lillooet Regional Districts. 211 will help anyone seeking information about services such as:

- A senior citizen wanting home care support in order to live independently
- A teenager looking for job-seeking skills
- A young mother wanting advice on how to care for her newborn
- A homeless person seeking a shelter bed and a hot meal
- A recent immigrant needing language and employment training
- A family searching for child-care services in their community or close to work
- A father trying to find services for his son with a newly diagnosed illness
- A laid-off worker wanting to find out about employment insurance
- A person affected by disabilities looking for services available in their community
- A service provider wanting to find complementary programs for her clients

For additional information, please visit: [www.bc211.ca](http://www.bc211.ca).

--SOURCE: First Call's Weekly Announcements, June 11, 2010

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## LIVING WAGE CALCULATOR FOR EMPLOYERS

The Living Wage for Families Campaign has recently started encouraging employers to apply to become Living Wage Employers (for information on how to become a Living Wage Employer, visit [http://livingwageforfamilies.ca/?page\\_id=22](http://livingwageforfamilies.ca/?page_id=22)).

So far the response has been very positive. 7 organizations have been designated as Living Wage Employers, covering 460 direct employees and numerous other indirect employees. We have had contact with about 40 other organizations about this program and about half of these have expressed an interest in applying to become a Living Wage Employer. We are hoping to publicly launch this program to the wider business community in the fall/winter of this year.

During our conversations with employers, 3 main issues surfaced. We have worked on dealing with these issues so as to make it easier for employers to participate in this program:

### 1. Calculating how your benefits package affects the Living Wage calculation.

If you pay non-mandatory benefits to your employees, the Living Wage hourly rate will be reduced to take this into account. We have developed a software tool in conjunction with the software company SAP to help employers calculate how their benefit package affects their ability to pay a living wage - see <http://livingwageforfamilies.ca/calculator>. If you have already signed up to be a Living Wage Employer this calculator can be used to ensure that your externally contracted staff are paid a living wage as well.

### 2. How to ensure that externally contracted staff are paid a living wage.

One of the criteria for becoming a Living Wage Employer asks employers to commit to ensuring that all externally contracted staff, who are not direct employees but provide services to the organization onsite on a regular ongoing basis, are paid a Living Wage. Many employers we have talked to have expressed concern about their ability to fulfill this condition. To meet this condition, successful applicants need to undertake the following:

If the staff are directly contracted by your organization. When the contract comes up for renewal you should include a living wage clause as part of your Request for Proposals (RFP).

If the staff are not directly contracted by you, but do provide services onsite -for example as part of a tenancy agreement. You should advocate for a living wage clause to be included in the agreement/contract when it comes up for renewal.

If after fulfilling the above you are not able to ensure that all contracted staff will be paid a living wage, you should communicate to the Living Wage for Families what efforts you have taken to have a living wage clause included in your external contracts and the reasons for the inability to comply. You will be allowed to keep your Living Wage Employer status if there is a legitimate reason for you being unable fulfill this condition, for example if there were no response to a RFP that included a living wage clause.

3. How do changes in the Living Wage calculation affect my status/application.

Every year the Living Wage is re-calculated to take account of cost of living and government tax/benefits changes. At the start of May the Living Wage for Metro Vancouver was recalculated based on the most up to date data available as \$18.17 (see the calculation report [here](#)). This means that any applications received after this date will be assessed based on the new \$18.17 figure. Living Wage Employers will be notified of changes to the Living Wage figure every year. We will ask Living Wage Employers to apply to be re-certified every 2 years based on the existing Living Wage figure at that time.

Please circulate this information to your manager or board of your organization if you feel they may be interested in this program. More information about the Living Wage for Families campaign can be found at [www.livingwageforfamilies.ca](http://www.livingwageforfamilies.ca).

--SOURCE: First Call's Weekly Announcements, June 30, 2010

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## **NEWS FROM BOARD VOICE**

The latest newsletter from Board Voice highlights the work that this organization of community social services boards of directors is undertaking to raise the profile of the sector. Board Voice will hold a conference and Annual General Meeting on October 22 and 23. Visit their website to find out more at [www.boardvoice.ca](http://www.boardvoice.ca).

Here is Board Voice's update on their advocacy around provincial funding cuts:

Board Voice has been actively discussing the impact of funding cuts with both government and community over the past six months. An OpEd article in January was followed by letters to the editor, letters to our membership, and meetings with boards and government officials. Most recently, Board Voice met with Allan Seckel, Deputy Minister to the Premier, where Anthony Ostler, Dave Duncan and Doug Hayman engaged Mr. Seckel in an interesting discussion on the social determinants of health and received considerable support for the ideas presented. We have also heard back from the Minister of Finance, to whom we had directed a letter about the impact of the HST on already strained agency budgets. He suggested that the rebate for social service agencies (57%) was assessed as ensuring that the impact would be revenue neutral. We shall see! The board also weighed in on the Municipal Pension Plan and heard back from the Finance Minister.

MCFD cuts are only now being disclosed to agencies across the province. The good news is that the original intent to cut 10 million dollars has been reduced to 5 million in cuts to community agencies. (This is in addition to a 5 million dollar transfer of funds to Aboriginal agencies and cuts related to regional deficits). Obviously, no one is happy about these cuts, but for the most part, agencies report that the process seems to be a respectful one.

Health Authorities, on the other hand, are making cuts to mental health and addictions programs with little discussion. The compounded impact of these cuts is devastating for some agencies and will have unintended consequences. Both Board Voice and the Federation of Community Social Services are asking that a broader social policy framework be put in place and, if cuts must happen, a process

developed whereby the impact of cuts can be assessed across ministries prior to operationalizing them.

--SOURCE: *First Call's Weekly Announcements, June 30, 2010*

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## **NEW ONLINE MEDICAL FILES DATABASE FROM TELUS**

Telus has launched a new consumer electronic health service that will give patients instant online access to all their medical files. Patients and their health-care providers will now be able to input and share information in a high-security database over the web.

One of the major advantages for this new system is that vital health information will be instantly available to medical staff when it is most needed. It can also help people with mental illness and their families better track and manage their mental health care information. The service is currently in the pilot stage and is expected to launch to individual consumers by the end of the year.

CMHA National proudly supports this new platform and hopes that it will enhance mental wellness by allowing Canadians to have an active role in managing their own health and living healthier lifestyles.

To read the full article, visit [www.vancouversun.com](http://www.vancouversun.com).

--SOURCE: *CMHA BC Division, Mind Matters, Volume 86, July 2010*

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## **NEW WEBSITE - NO CHILD LABOUR IN BC**

We recently launched a new website, <http://nochildlabour.org>, to draw attention to the BC government's unacceptable child labour laws.

A First Call report published last fall found a startling increase in the number of child work-place injury claims accepted by WorkSafeBC since the general work-start age was lowered to 12-years-old in late 2003.

After the report was published First Call representatives met with Minister of Labour Murray Coell to discuss its recommendations. While he seemed responsive, in a subsequent letter the Minister indicated he would not be taking further action.

We are asking for your support in demanding that the Minister of Labour take action on the recommendations in First Call's report, *What's Happening to Our Children?: A Look at Child Work-Related Injury Claims in BC Over the Past 10 Years* (<http://www.firstcallbc.org/pdfs/communities/4-injury%20report.pdf>).

Please visit <http://nochildlabour.org/add-your-voice/> and indicate your support in the comments field at the bottom of the page. On this page you'll also find a sample letter that you can send to Minister Coell, the Premier and your MLA. Please take action now to increase safety for BC's young workers!

--SOURCE: *Andrina Perry, Administrative & Communications Coordinator First Call: BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition, July 5, 2010*

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## National News

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### **PEI REFORM OF EARLY CHILDHOOD SYSTEM**

CRRU news—Prince Edward Island's government is proposing important changes to early childhood services following last month's significant budget commitment which committed to increasing funding for regulated child care by 63%. It has already been announced that half-day kindergarten, which had been delivered by child care centres, will be moving into the public education system this fall.

Kindergarten will become a full-school day program staffed by early childhood educators who will now be required to complete a B.Ed. credential. Recognizing the impact on the early childhood sector of five-year olds moving to the public school system, the provincial government has now announced significant changes for the 0-4 year old population as well -- a new, more publicly managed model for early childhood education and care for children aged 0-4.

The policy work that underpins the changes includes a comprehensive "Early Years Report" based on Island-wide consultation with parents and early childhood educators, key informant interviews, and a comprehensive literature review.

For the full article and links to all press releases visit: [Preschool Excellence Initiative](#)

--SOURCE: CATCH Network Newsletter June 4, 2010

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### **ALBERTA: FINAL REPORT ON (CCS) MINISTER'S DIALOGUE WITH THE NON-PROFIT/VOLUNTARY SECTOR**

Minister of Culture and Community Spirit, the Honourable Lindsay Blackett hosted a government dialogue with the non-profit/voluntary sector between December 16, 2009 and February 26, 2010.

His "Final Report on the (CCS) Minister's Dialogue with the Non-profit/Voluntary Sector, December 2009 - February 2010" is posted on the Culture and Community Spirit Website <http://culture.alberta.ca/anvsi/research.aspx>. His report identifies themes emerging from each of the 5 regional dialogues as well as the online dialogue. It also lists the participants at each regional dialogue.

Additionally, the "Final Report on the Minister's Dialogue with the Arts Sector", that ran concurrently, is posted at <http://culture.alberta.ca/arts/default.aspx> in the Spotlight section. The reports will also be featured on the CCS home page.

--SOURCE: Volunteer Alberta, Sector Connector June 17, 2010

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### **RIGHT TO HOUSING LEGAL CHALLENGE LAUNCHED**

A legal challenge has been launched in the Superior Court of Ontario on the basis that Canada and Ontario have violated the rights of the homeless by creating and maintaining conditions that lead to and sustain homelessness and inadequate housing. The challenge is supported by a coalition of housing and legal advocates.

Read the article in the [Globe and Mail](#).

--SOURCE: First Call's Weekly Announcements, June 4, 2010

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## UPDATE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TRIBUNAL ON FIRST NATIONS CHILD WELFARE

Last week, the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal heard arguments from Canada to dismiss a complaint about the under-funding of First Nations child welfare. Canada tried twice to have the hearing dismissed at federal court, and now they are appealing to the chair of the Tribunal. The chair has reserved judgment.

A summary of arguments made by Canada, the Chiefs of Ontario, Amnesty International, Assembly of First Nations, and First Nations Child and Family Caring Society is available [here](#).

--SOURCE: *First Call's Weekly Announcements*, June 11, 2010

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## CANADA NEEDS TO DO BETTER FOR ABORIGINAL CHILDREN AND YOUTH

This month the Canadian Council of Provincial Child and Youth Advocates (CCPCYA) held a press conference and released the position paper: [Aboriginal Children and Youth in Canada: Canada Must Do Better](#). The advocates, who work in nine provinces and one territory in Canada, work to ensure that government and the public understand issues having to do with children and youth, particularly those who are most vulnerable. CCPCYA also works to ensure that not only are children and youth's issues understood, but that action is taken when it is required.

This new position paper identifies many areas where non-Aboriginal children and youth outcomes are better than Aboriginal children and youth outcomes. The report notes that Aboriginal children and youth are more likely to live in poverty, disproportionately involved with the criminal justice system and the child protection system, more likely to face health problems, sexual abuse, violence, injury or death, and their educational achievement lags behind that of their non-Aboriginal peers. In order to address these disparities CCPCYA suggest that a national strategy is required.

CCPCYA acknowledge that the exercise of jurisdiction by Aboriginal authorities must be central to any strategy. But they also make the point that the duty to care for our country's children lies with all Canadians.

The position paper identifies four concrete actions that CCPCYA believe are needed to begin to develop a national strategy for Canada's Aboriginal Children.

To read the full position paper and press release, please visit: [BC Representative for Children and Youth website](#)

--SOURCE: *HealthyFamilies, BC Council for Families*, July 5, 2010

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## SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM GROWS

Just prior to President Barack Obama leaving Washington to attend the [G8 and G20 Summits](#) in Ontario, he delivered the first plan to end homelessness in the United States. The [United States Interagency Council on Homelessness](#) (USICH), including Executive Director Barbara Poppe, unveiled and submitted to the President and Congress the nation's first comprehensive strategy to prevent and end homelessness. The full report is titled *Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness*.

Although Canada remains without its own national housing plan, pressure is growing across the country. The latest effort to re-engage the federal government is [Bill C-304](#), an act to ensure secure, adequate, accessible and affordable housing for all Canadians. The legislation will go into its third

reading in the House of Commons on October 7, 2010. Introduced by NDP MP for Vancouver East, Libby Davies, the Bill has been steadily gaining support across the country, including the development of a [Facebook](#) group advocating for its passage.

--SOURCE: *Raising the Roof, Housing Again Bulletin No. 133, July 2010*

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## **OLDER ADULTS WITH MENTAL DISORDERS NOT RECEIVING SERVICES**

A national survey has been looking at mental health services use among adults who were 55 years of age or older. The one-year study observed the social, demographic and need factors of mental health services in relationship to their utilization of the 700 plus participants. Secondary data was used from the *Canadian Community Health Survey: Mental Health and Well-Being*.

Results indicate that over 60% of adults, aged 55 and older and met the clinical criteria for a disorder were not using mental health services and social and demographic factors did not significantly predict service use.

To read more, visit [publications.cpa-apc.org](http://publications.cpa-apc.org).

--SOURCE: *CMHA BC Division, Mind Matters, Volume 86, July 2010*

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## **BILL C-470**

Dear Colleagues, I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on the latest developments concerning Bill C-470, the private member's bill that would effectively place a \$250,000 cap on the compensation that any charity could pay to any employee or executive, and that would allow the disclosure of the names and compensations details for any charity's five most highly compensated employees.

The Clerk of the House of Commons Finance Committee cannot confirm yet when the Committee will take up consideration of the Bill. It is clear, however, that the Committee will be quite busy this autumn, as it has just published a [partial schedule](#) for pre-budget consultations that will take the Committee through to the end of October. This means that hearings on [Bill C-470](#) could be delayed until after other business has been completed. Alternatively, if the Committee finds itself completing other business more quickly than expected, Bill C-470 could be placed on the agenda earlier. The intelligence we have gathered is that we should be ready to move quickly, just in case the latter scenario plays out.

As previously reported, Imagine Canada has requested the opportunity to testify when the hearings are held. We have also informed the Clerk that we anticipate many organizations from across Canada will want the opportunity to be heard as well and are following up with the Clerk to encourage the Committee to consider holding hearings not only in Ottawa, but other locations as well.

Imagine Canada continues to play a convening role in responding to Bill C-470. Based on bilateral discussions with a number of other affected organizations we recently organized a meeting involving the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, the Association of Community Colleges of Canada, the Association of Fundraising Professionals, the Association of Canadian Academic Healthcare Organizations, the Ontario Hospital Association, and the Council of Academic Hospitals of Ontario. This gave us a valuable opportunity to update each other on our efforts and share our thoughts about the Bill.

We will continue to make the argument that the compensation cap in Bill C-470 represents an unwarranted undermining of the autonomy and independence of volunteer boards and their fiduciary responsibilities. This autonomy and independence is vital to organizations both large and small as they seek to carry out their missions in the most effective way possible. We also continue to emphasize the

disruption that the proposed compensation disclosure will have on smaller organizations. We are also pointing out the reality of low wages and poor benefits across much of the sector and that this is where efforts might be better focused.

In an effort to encourage the sector to speak with a strong and consistent voice, Imagine Canada has prepared these [talking points](#) that your Board members might find helpful if they have any discussions with Members of Parliament. These speaking points can be supplemented with the more detailed and comprehensive answers provided in the [Q&A documents](#) that we shared with you last month.

If anyone from your organization is planning to speak with a Member of Parliament, we would appreciate it if you could let [Bill Schaper](#) in our Ottawa office know ahead of time, if at all possible. Bill will be collecting information about discussions with MPs and may have more up-to-date information to pass along that could be helpful. Bill can be reached at (613) 238-7555 ext. 268.

Please don't hesitate to be in touch if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Marcel Lauzière  
President and CEO

--SOURCE: Imagine Canada July 5, 2010

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## Research

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### **IGNORING STRESS LEADS RECOVERING ADDICTS TO MORE CRAVINGS**

Recovering addicts who avoid coping with stress succumb easily to substance use cravings, making them more likely to relapse during recovery, according to behavioral researchers. "Cravings are a strong predictor of relapse," said H. Harrington Cleveland, associate professor of human development, Penn State. "The goal of this study is to predict the variation in substance craving in a person on a within-day basis. Because recovery must be maintained 'one day at a time,' researchers have to understand it on the same daily level."

Cleveland and his colleague Kitty S. Harris, director, Center for the Study of Addiction and Recovery, Texas Tech University, used data from a daily diary study of college students who are recovering addicts to identify the processes that trigger cravings and prevent some addicts from building a sustained recovery.

The researchers found that how addicts cope with stress -- either by working through a problem or avoiding it -- is a strong predictor of whether they will experience cravings when faced with stress and negative mood.

"Whether you avoid problems or analyze problems not only makes a big difference in your life but also has a powerful impact on someone who has worked hard to stay away from alcohol and other drugs," explained Cleveland. "When faced with stress, addicts who have more adaptive coping skills appear to have a better chance of staying in recovery." The findings appeared in a recent issue of Addictive Behaviors.

Researchers supplied Palm Pilots to 55 college students who were in recovery from substance abuse ranging from alcohol to cocaine and club drugs. The students were asked to record their daily cravings for alcohol and other drugs, as well as the intensity of negative social experiences -- hostility, insensitivity, interference, and ridicule -- and their general strategies for coping with stress.



"We looked at variations in the number of cravings across days and found that these variations are predicted by stressful experiences," said Cleveland. "More importantly, we found that the strength of the daily link between experiencing stress and the level of cravings experienced is related to the participants' reliance on avoidance coping."

Statistical analyses of the survey data suggests that the magnitude of the link between having a stressful day and experiencing substance use cravings doubles for recovering addicts who cope with stress by avoiding it.

"We found that addicts who deal with stress by avoiding it have twice the number of cravings in a stressful day compared to persons who use problem solving strategies to understand and deal with the stress," explained Cleveland. "Avoidance coping appears to undercut a person's ability to deal with stress and exposes that person to variations in craving that could impact recovery from addiction."

According to Cleveland, the findings suggest the impulse to avoid stress is never going to help recovering addicts because stressful experiences cannot be avoided.

"If your basic life strategy is to avoid stress, then your problems will probably end up multiplying and causing you more problems," he added.

--SOURCE: David Paur, Angels Community Support Network

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## 2008 CHILD POVERTY RATES AND BILL TO ELIMINATE POVERTY

Last week Statistics Canada released Income of Canadians survey data from 2008. The data show that, measured by the after-tax Low Income Cut-Off, BC has now had the highest child poverty rate in Canada for 7 years in a row. The rate is 10.4%, which is a decrease from 13% the previous year. BC also has the highest rate of poverty for all persons in Canada at 11.4%.

On Wednesday, June 16, 2010, the [Bill C-545 - "An Act to Eliminate Poverty in Canada"](#) was introduced in the House of Commons. This private member's bill, if passed into law in its current form, would provide a foundation for federal engagement, leadership and accountability for eliminating poverty in Canada. Key provisions of the bill include the following:

- 1) Recognition of poverty as a "condition of a human being who does not have the resources, means, choices and power necessary to acquire and maintain economic self-reliance and to facilitate their integration into and participation in society"
- 2) Recognition of poverty as a human rights issue and anchoring the federal response to poverty in a human rights framework;
- 3) Imposing on the federal government "the obligation to eliminate poverty and promote social inclusion by establishing and implementing a strategy for poverty elimination in consultation with the provincial, territorial, municipal and Aboriginal governments and with civil society organizations"
- 4) Requiring the federal strategy to have short, medium and long term targets to eliminate poverty;
- 5) Establishing the "Office of the Poverty Elimination Commissioner", independent of government and to help hold the federal government to account for progress in addressing poverty; and
- 6) Amend the *Canadian Human Rights Act* to include "social condition" as a prohibited ground of discrimination.

Bill C-545 aligns with the second goal of [Dignity for All: The Campaign for a Poverty-free Canada](#), which calls for "a federal anti-poverty Act that ensures enduring federal commitment and accountability for results." Over the summer, it is expected that individuals and organizations behind

the campaign and/or with related efforts will be encouraging all Members of Parliament to support the bill and ensure its passage into history-making law.

Canada Without Poverty and the CWP Advocacy Network congratulate Mr. Martin and Mr. Lessard for helping introduce Bill C-545 into the House. We hope all Members of Parliament and Senators will now work to ensure its passage into law.

To read more about the national child poverty rate, please visit the [Canada Without Poverty website](#), [First Call](#) and [Campaign 2000](#).

--SOURCE: *First Call Weekly Announcements, June 22, 2010*

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## STATE OF THE URBAN YOUTH

A State of the Urban Youth report was released at the UN's World Urban Youth Assembly and World Urban Forum held in Brazil in March:

The world today is younger than it has ever been, with half of the global population under the age of 25, and the majority of those living and growing up in cities and slums. This "youth bulge" defines one of the great challenges of the 21st century, this being how do governments at all levels overcome this urban divide, a divide where youth are finding themselves marginalized and excluded?

The State of the Urban Youth 2010-2011 report uniquely focuses on calling for the global community to level the playing field for urban youth. In this report UN-HABITAT focuses on youth exclusion from opportunities in urban areas, with the report imploring that now is the time to provide targeted programs for urban youth so as to assure their equal access to opportunities. This report is based on a survey on youth opportunity and inequality given in four rapidly urbanizing cities: Rio de Janeiro, Mumbai, Kingston, Nairobi and Lagos.

The findings of the survey suggest that young people have unequal access to basic services such as housing, education and employment, which leads to the youth not being able to have meaningful work or study.

Download the [Urban Youth Need Targeted Support](#) report.

--SOURCE: *First Call's Weekly Announcements, June 4, 2010*

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## RESEARCH ON TEACHING CHILDREN IN THEIR MOTHER TONGUE

A paper by Jessica Ball at the University of Victoria emphasizes that a child can become fluent in English, even if it is not the language of instruction throughout primary school. It is both literacy and fluency in the mother tongue that lay cognitive and linguistic foundations for learning additional languages (via [ANCIE bulletin](#)). The paper states that UNESCO has encouraged mother tongue instruction in early childhood and primary education for over fifty years, yet most countries continue to offer schooling only in their official and dominant languages:

Decisions about which language(s) will be the medium of instruction and the treatment of children's home languages in preschools and schools exemplify the exercise of power, the manufacture of linguistic and eventually socio-economic marginalization and minoritization, and the unfulfilled promise of children's rights. Political, social, and technical considerations often collide in policy makers' decisions on language medium, schooling, and curriculum. Considerations include, but go beyond, questions of resources, teacher training, and subjects to be studied. Other crucial factors range from: the political will of local, regional, and national governments; the relationships between countries and

their former colonizers: the understanding and patience of international donors; and parents' hopes and anxieties about which languages their children will need to secure employment and participate in their social, legal, and economic worlds.

The paper includes the following recommendations:

- Recognize mother tongue acquisition, rather than acquisition of a dominant national or international language, as the first priority in assessing children's achievement in preschool and throughout primary school.
- Recruit early childhood educators and school teachers who are fluent in the mother tongue at the level of cognitive academic language proficiency in reading, writing, and speaking.
- Carry out awareness raising campaigns on the importance of the development and use of mother tongue-based instruction.
- Advocate for the critical role of governments in promoting effective mother tongue-based bi/multilingual education programs.
- Promote policies that position parents and other family members as 'first teachers' and that engage parents and community members in program planning, implementation, and evaluation.

Download or read the paper [here](#).

--SOURCE: First Call's Weekly Announcements, June 4, 2010

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## **GENDER DIFFERENCES IN OECD COUNTRIES**

Here are some facts from the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development's March 2010 Gender Brief:

- Since the 1970's, fertility rates have decreased markedly, reaching below replacement levels in 2008 in most OECD countries.
- One in every six children is living in sole-parent households across OECD countries, with most sole-parent households headed by women. In Canada, 22% of children are living in a sole-parent household, compared to Portugal, Italy and Greece which all average fewer than 10% of children.
- Employment rates tend to be lower for mothers of young children than women as a whole. In Canada, the maternal employment rate for mothers of children age 3-5 years has an average of 68%, compared to Iceland, Finland, and Sweden all with averages above 80%. The proportion of sole mothers in paid employment is higher than partnered mothers in most countries. Sole mothers often have to engage in paid work, as public benefits for sole parents are low, often relying on informal networks for child care support.
- Although the gender and age gaps have decreased over time, the median earnings of men are still higher than those of women in all OECD countries. While in Canada men's earnings are more than 20% higher than those of women, in Belgium and New Zealand gender differences are below 10%. Unequal pay prevails in part because most women are more likely to work in lower-paid occupations than men and work part-time.
- Women spend more time on care work (time spent caring for a child or another adult) as a primary activity than men. In Canada the proportion of total time spent on care work by women with 1 child is 8% and with 2 children or more is 9%. This is almost double that of men, as is the average in almost all countries.
- Public spending on family benefits varies across countries, with Canada well below the OECD average 2.3% of GDP. The public expenditure of family benefits in Canada sits at 1.1% with the majority being spent in cash benefits rather than in services or tax benefits. On the other hand, France, Luxembourg and the United Kingdom all spend above 3.5% on family benefits. In

Finland, Iceland and Norway public spending on family benefits is at 3%. Public support accounted here only concerns that which is exclusively for families (e.g. child payments and allowances, parental leave benefits and childcare support). This does not include spending recorded in other social policy areas such as health and housing.

- Public spending on child care and preschool services across the OECD countries is an average of 0.6% of GDP; Canada's public expenditure is 0.1%. The US public expenditure is also well below the OECD average at .35%. Iceland and France are above average, spending over 1%.

[Download the Gender Brief](#) here.

--SOURCE: *First Call's Weekly Announcements, June 11, 2010*

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### **FROM FOSTER CARE TO HOMELESSNESS: REPORT ON CALIFORNIA CHILD WELFARE**

A new report from Human Rights Watch says that California is creating homeless adults by failing to ensure that youth in foster care are given the support to live independently as adults and by ending state support abruptly.

More than 20% of the youth who age out of care in California become homeless, and the state has recently proposed budget cuts to child welfare. Human Rights Watch has called on California to provide more options for foster youth as they transition out of care, which may include more time at home before moving out, a place to stay during college vacations, and other options for housing, mentoring and support. There may be lessons for BC to be learned from California's experience.

Read more from the report [here](#).

--SOURCE: *First Call's Weekly Announcements, June 30, 2010*

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### **EARLY CANNABIS USE MAY INCREASE RISK OF PSYCHOSIS**

A recent study by the Park Centre for Mental Health in Wacol, Australia has found that cannabis use at an early age significantly increases the risk of psychosis among young adults. Over 3,500 young adults born between 1981 and 1984 were followed for 21 years in order to study the relationship between cannabis and psychosis.

At the end of the follow up, individual assessments found that 65% of participants had been diagnosed with non-affective psychosis, persistent delusional disorder or acute and transient psychotic disorders. Those who had used cannabis for more than 6 years were found to be twice as likely as those who had never used cannabis to develop psychosis and three times as likely to have experienced hallucinations.

More information can be found at [www.camhcrosscurrents.net](http://www.camhcrosscurrents.net) and an abstract of the study can be found at [archpsyc.ama-assn.org](http://archpsyc.ama-assn.org).

--SOURCE: *CMHA BC Division, Mind Matters, Volume 86, July 2010*

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### **CCEL ANNOUNCES ONLINE LAUNCH OF FAMILY CAREGIVING STUDY PAPER**

The British Columbia Law Institute and the Canadian Centre for Elder Law are pleased to announce the online launch of their study paper, *Care/Work: Law Reform to Support Family Caregivers to Balance Paid Work and Unpaid Caregiving*.

The study paper, generously funded by the Law Foundation of British Columbia, considers whether the law recognizes the value of unpaid family caregiving labour and examines to what extent the law assists British Columbians who are managing the double role of worker / caregiver.

As the population ages, more and more British Columbians will find themselves caring for parents and grandparents. Recent statistics suggest that 80% of elder care is delivered through informal care arrangements and over 60% of adults with disabilities require the daily assistance of family members. Many adults are joining the "sandwich generation" who struggle to provide care simultaneously for both children and parents.

The study paper identifies five areas in need of reform to better support family caregivers: employment law, human rights, tax policy, health policy and pensions.

The [study paper and its accompanying documents](#) can be read here.

--SOURCE: Barb MacLean, Executive Director, Family Caregivers' Network Society

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### **MISSION, MESSAGE, AND DAMAGE CONTROL**

Adapted from Kim Klein's book, *Reliable Fundraising in Unreliable Times*, published by Jossey-Bass. Strategies for surviving and thriving in any economy. Practical advice on short- and long-term fundraising strategies such as the role of non-profits in working for the common good, the role of taxes in creating a just society, and the need for new organizational forms to accomplish non-profit work.

To read the article, please visit: <http://www.non-profitquarterly.org>

--SOURCE: Idea Core Network Update, June 23, 2010

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### **iMINDS – RESOURCES FOR MENTAL HEALTH LITERACY**

From the University of Victoria's Centre for Addictions Research of BC, iMinds is a set of learning resources aiming to help teachers help their students understand and manage health-related behaviours.

The iMinds curriculum is now available for Grades 6 – 10. Find out more [here](#).

--SOURCE: First Call Weekly Announcements, June 22, 2010

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## **SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH: THE CANADIAN FACTS**

*The Canadian Facts* is a publication by Juha Mikkonen and Dennis Raphael which considers 14 social determinants of health, including income and income distribution, education, early childhood development and social exclusion.

From the section on income and income distribution:

Income is perhaps the most important social determinant of health. Level of income shapes overall living conditions, affects psychological functioning, and influences health-related behaviours such as quality of diet, extent of physical activity, tobacco use, and excessive alcohol use. In Canada, income determines the quality of other social determinants of health such as food security, housing, and other basic prerequisites of health. [...]

Income comes to be especially important in societies which provide fewer important services and benefits as a matter of right. In Canada, public education until grade 12, necessary medically procedures, and libraries are funded by general revenues, but childcare, housing, post-secondary education, recreational opportunities, and resources for retirement must be bought and paid for by individuals.

It can be downloaded for free from [www.thecanadianfacts.org](http://www.thecanadianfacts.org).

--SOURCE: *First Call Weekly Announcements*, June 22, 2010

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## **CANADIAN INDEX OF WELLBEING REPORT—CAUGHT IN THE CRUNCH**

CCRU news—More and more Canadians are struggling to meet the competing demands of the workplace, their families and their own need to refresh body and mind, according to a new CIW Report, [Caught in the Time Crunch: Time Use, Leisure and Culture in Canada](#) (PDF 1MB) released on June 15. The Report finds that more of us are working non-standard hours (weekends, evenings, nights and rotating shifts) and looking after children and seniors, while fewer of us are able to participate in social activities, attend arts performances or volunteer for culture and recreation organizations.

The report puts forward a number of positive public policy suggestions for improving the work-life balance of Canadians.

--SOURCE: *CATCH Network Newsletter*, June 21, 2010

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## **OPTIMIZING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF E-LEARNING FOR FIRST NATIONS**

E-learning can help close the education gap between First Nations people living on a reserve and Canada's non-Aboriginal population. Based on a brief literature review and interviews, this report found that optimizing the effectiveness of e-learning in improving the educational outcomes of First Nations people living on a reserve requires a number of actions including: better engagement of First Nations in e-learning program development and implementation; the development of an e-learning strategy; and an increase in funding amounts and the extension of funding terms for e-learning.

Registration is required to [Download this Complimentary Report](#)

--SOURCE: *Get OnBoard June 2010: The Conference Board of Canada's eNewsletter*

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## **THE CONFERENCE BOARD OF CANADA'S SUMMER SCHOOL**

This past year the Conference Board held 15 conferences on a variety of topics. We know you didn't have the time or budget to attend all of them, so we recorded each one and created Conference e-Proceedings.

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Until August 31, 2010, you can purchase any three Conference e-Proceedings for only \$895 (or you can purchase each individually for \$750).

Conference e-Proceedings include (click the link for a full description of each event, the speakers, and the topics they addressed):

- Intergovernmental Forum on Risk Management 2009: Rethinking Risk and Rising to New Challenges
- Pandemic Preparedness 2009
- HR Summit 2009: Building Organizational Resilience and Sustainability
- Compensation Outlook 2009: Matching Strategy to the New Economic Reality
- Creating Business Value With Integrated Sustainability
- Public Sector Transformation 2009: Mastering Complex Change for High Performance
- Workplace Diversity and Inclusiveness 2009: Maximizing the Diversity Dividend
- Leadership 2009: Developing Strategic Management Capacity
- Enterprise Risk Management 2010: Retooling the Discipline
- Public Sector Human Resources 2010: Building Capability for Future Challenges
- Strategic Supply Chain Management Forum
- Health-Care Enterprise Risk Management: Bringing ERM to Life
- 2010 Summit on the Future of Pensions
- Public Sector Social Media: New Rules of Engagement
- Change Management 2010: The Human Dimension

To order the Conference e-Proceedings please call 1.866.711.2262 or e-mail [publications@conferenceboard.ca](mailto:publications@conferenceboard.ca). Please remember to indicate which titles you would like to receive.

--SOURCE: *Get OnBoard June 2010: The Conference Board of Canada's eNewsletter*

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## **HOW FIVE TRENDS WILL RESHAPE THE SOCIAL SECTOR**

Lots of articles come your way, but this is one you should get around to reading. This article speaks to all of us in the sector and is a worthwhile 15 minute read.

..."The non-profit sector, like the rest of the nation, has been riveted by the first great economic crisis of the new century. This response is only natural, as the crisis threatens large numbers of organizations with, at the least, hard times, and at the worst, extinction. But this story is not about that crisis. The non-profit sector is at an inflection point that will fundamentally reshape it long after the recession, when surviving non-profits find themselves in a new reality — not just economically, but demographically, technologically and socially. We call this shift Non-profitNext."

Hear what La Piana Consulting has to say about Convergence, Non-profitNext and the future of the non-profit sector. Volunteer Alberta is working on the possibility of bringing Mr. La Piana to Alberta in fall 2010. Stay tuned for details.

See the full report: [How Five Trends Will Reshape the Social Sector](#)

--SOURCE: Volunteer Alberta, Sector Connector, June 17, 2010

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## BEST CHANCE WEBSITE FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

This website from the provincial government includes tools and resources for women, expectant parents and families with babies and toddlers up to the age of three. Resources include information on breastfeeding, how to write a birth plan, and general information on how to prepare for pregnancy, birth, and caring for a young child.

To check it out, please visit [www.bestchance.gov.bc.ca](http://www.bestchance.gov.bc.ca).

--SOURCE: First Call's Weekly Announcements, June 4, 2010

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## WORKING WIKILY

A buzz-word in the non-profit/voluntary sector as of late has been "social media", with questions and answers about how applications like Facebook and Twitter can be incorporated into an organization's communications all around. The Stanford Social Innovation Review has recently published "Working Wikily" – an article about how America's Environmental Defense Fund uses social media as a fundamental part of its work.

[The article](#) also offers suggestions for how to use social media, and tips for overcoming some of its challenges.

--SOURCE: Volunteer Alberta Sector Connector, June 3, 2010

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## FREE eBook: IS YOUR NON-PROFIT FACEBOOK PAGE WORTH IT?

ANALYTICS AND MEASUREMENT TECHNIQUES

[Download this free eBook now; registration is required](#)

--SOURCE: Network for Good, June 3, 2010



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## GREENING YOUR PURCHASE OF CLEANING PRODUCTS

EDITORS NOTE: In Chapter 8 of the [Non-profit Guide to Going Green](#) by Britt Tang Sørensen covers a wide array of topics related to green purchasing. Here we provide you one Internet resource that will also be helpful to you.

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing, or EPP, seeks the overall best value, taking into account price competitiveness, availability, regulatory requirements, performance, and environmental impact. Because purchasers typically have clear sources of information on procurement and regulatory requirements and well-established methods for evaluating price and performance, the US EPA has developed these purchasing guides to help government purchasers consider





environmental factors in purchasing decisions. EPA realizes that there are not universal answers for all scenarios and that purchasers must take into account local conditions when weighing the various attributes of a particular product. Please note that EPA is not endorsing any of the products, services, or organizations described in the guides, and has not verified information provided by these organizations. Read more information about the EPP Program's [history](#), [tools](#), and [resources](#).

Click here for the entire resource: <http://www.epa.gov/epp/pubs/cleaning.htm>

A number of [general environmentally preferable purchasing tools](#) have been developed by EPA and other organizations to assist federal purchasers with putting environmentally preferable purchasing into practice.

Click here for hands-on tools <http://www.epa.gov/epp/tools/index.htm>

--SOURCE: *Green Non-profits News Volume 1.18, June 17, 2010*

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## **INCLUSIVE EDUCATION**

Vancouver Parents for Successful Inclusion provides the following resource to encourage inclusive education. As many BC schools struggled with another round of budget cuts to special education, questions about inclusion inevitably arise. This brief summary, prepared by MOMS, outlines why we all need to continue pressing BC to pursue the promise of inclusive education.

To download a copy, please visit: <http://vpsinclusion.net>

--SOURCE: *Donna Long, Families In Touch Network*

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## **WATERLOO REPORT FINDS ROLE FOR EVERYONE IN ENDING HOMELESSNESS**

Everyone has a role to play in ending homelessness and promoting housing stability in Waterloo Region – all levels of government, non-profit groups, the private sector and community members, a new report says. The [report card](#) and its workbook have been created by the *Homelessness and Housing Umbrella Group* to bring awareness to the issues of homelessness and housing in Waterloo Region.

--SOURCE: *Raising the Roof, Housing Again Bulletin No. 133, July 2010*

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## **IN FROM THE MARGINS: A CALL TO ACTION ON POVERTY, HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS**

[In From the Margins](#), A Call to Action on Poverty, Housing and Homelessness, a report from the Standing Senate Committee On social Affairs, Science and Technology, published December, 2009, sets out [74 practical recommendations](#) including a number that speak directly to the needs of at-risk and homeless youth.

“Senator Art Eggleton and his committee have prepared a vital blueprint for social and economic renewal, and it is gratifying to see that the full Senate has unanimously backed the strategy,” said Michael Shapcott, Director of Affordable Housing and Social Innovation at the Wellesley Institute. “Now, the federal government is required to consider carefully and respond fully.”

--SOURCE: *Raising the Roof, Housing Again Bulletin No. 133, July 2010*

## HOWTOCHILL.CA: SELF-CARE TOOL FOR GIRLS LAUNCHED IN TORONTO

A web-based, self-care tool for managing girlhood stress, behaviour problems, depression and stress, called HowToChill.ca, has been launched in Toronto. HowToChill.ca was developed by Child Development Institute (CDI), as part of the SNAP (Stop Now And Plan) Girls Connection program, which provides individual and group intervention to girls under the age of 12, generally dealing with depression and bullying. The website was made as a response to the growing need for mental health services for children and youth.

Feel free to visit the website [here](#), or for more information on CDI and the SNAP Girls connection, visit [www.childdevelop.ca](http://www.childdevelop.ca).

--SOURCE: CMHA BC Division, *Mind Matters*, Volume 86, July 2010

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## Training

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### PROFESSIONAL GRANT DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

This intensive three-day grant proposal workshop is geared for both those who wish to strengthen their grant writing skills as well beginners who wish to acquire and master the techniques of preparing, writing and winning proposals from various funding agencies. The focus will be effectively telling the story that leads to funding.

Participants Will Learn How To:

- Comprehend the diversity of the grant funding community.
- Research and identify potential funding sources
- Create the right fit with the funding agency
- Address the guidelines of proposals
- Identify and effectively write the key elements of a proposal
- Integrate each component of the grant into the final product
- Develop focused and realistic budgets
- Package professional grants submissions

Space is limited; registration first-come-first serve basis.

\$595.00 USD, including tuition, materials, certificate of completion, and continental breakfast. Rebate of \$50.00 per person is given for two or more registrants from the same organization.

To register please go to: [Grant Training Center](#)

To register by phone or for more information call (866)-704-7268

Dates: **July 12 - 14, 2010**

Cost: \$595.00 USD; includes tuition, materials, certificate of completion, continental breakfast  
Rebate of \$50.00/person for two or more registrants from the same organization

Location: University of British Columbia  
Vancouver, BC

To register or for additional info, please go to [Grant Training Center](#) or 1.866.704.7268.

--SOURCE: Matt Devine, *The Grant Training Centre*

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## **IT CAN HAPPEN TO ANYONE**

It Can Happen to Anyone is a prevention based workshop designed for parent groups, service providers, and community audiences. The workshop is facilitated by Diane Sowden, founding Executive Director, who lost her 13-year-old daughter to the sex trade.

It Can Happen to Anyone includes a comprehensive overview of youth sexual exploitation in British Columbia, case studies and trends of youth exploitation, online exploitation, and overview of legal issues surrounding sexual exploitation, and family support. Workshops are customized to ensure participants receive relevant information, specific to the audience's interests and concerns. Presentations vary in length, up to six hours, and are offered throughout British Columbia.

For more information or to book a workshop, contact Amy Schactman, Workshop and Facilitator Coordinator at 1.604.939.6055 or [aschactman@childrenofthestreet.com](mailto:aschactman@childrenofthestreet.com)

--SOURCE: *Central Okanagan Foster Parent News, June 2010 Edition*

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## **2010 FAMILIES IN FOCUS CONFERENCE: CHILDHOOD & ADOLESCENT OBESITY**

This conference brings together an interdisciplinary group of professionals working in the field of childhood and adolescent obesity. The 3rd conference will focus on the family. The meeting will examine important intergenerational and family-based determinants of childhood obesity. Specifically, the conference will provide insight on prevention and treatment strategies for children with obesity and their families at the policy, school, public health and primary care levels. In addition, emerging issues relating to childhood obesity and type 2 diabetes mellitus in aboriginal communities will be highlighted.

- To examine the role of the family in the etiology of childhood and adolescent obesity and its health consequences.
- To examine how to engage families in interventions for the prevention and treatment of childhood and adolescent obesity, including practical guidance on this engagement.
- To address the role of the family in the prevention and treatment of obesity and its health consequences, in particular type 2 diabetes in aboriginal families.
- To provide a forum for networking and collaboration among health professionals, educators, researchers, policy makers, trainees and other stakeholders with an interest in childhood obesity.

This conference will be of interest to the following individuals:

Administrators/Managers • Family Development Workers • Parents • Community Health Workers • Family Physicians • Policy Makers • Counsellors • Family Resource Program Staff • Principals • Diabetes Educators • Fitness Professionals • Psychologists • Dietitians and Nutritionists • Nurses • Social Workers • Educators • Paediatricians • Teachers • Researchers • and anyone interested in learning and sharing about issues and experiences regarding childhood obesity.

Please go to the [Childhood & Adolescent Obesity](#) brochure for the complete conference brochure.

--SOURCE: *CATCH Network Newsletter, June 21, 2010*

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## NEW MASTERS PROGRAM IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LAUNCHED AT UVIC

The School of Public Administration at the University of Victoria recently welcomed the first cohort of students to the new Master of Arts in Community Development (MACD). The program prepares leaders for the challenges of today's global issues in communities around the world.

Developed in collaboration with practitioners from the non-profit, co-operative, and community economic development sectors, the degree is for community leaders and professionals working in Canadian communities. As a part-time program, the MACD is primarily delivered online with three 10-day residential periods based at the University of Victoria.

For more information, visit: [publicadmin.uvic.ca](http://publicadmin.uvic.ca).

--SOURCE: *CharityVillage, Village Vibes, June 21, 2010*

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## THE CANADIAN OUTLOOK WITH THE CHIEF ECONOMIST: SUMMER 2010

Join Glen Hodgson, Senior Vice-President and Chief Economist of The Conference Board of Canada, for 40-minute webinar about the major economic forces affecting the Canadian landscape for 2010-11.

During this webinar, Glen will provide highlights from the Conference Board's most recent Canadian forecast, the U.S. forecast, and the Global Outlook. This webinar will give you access to expert interpretation of the national forecast for the short term, including all key indicators.

Date: Wednesday, **August 18, 2010**

Time: 1 pm EDT

Cost: \$360 and includes access for you and one additional colleague

This fee also includes archived access to the webinar for your entire organization.

To register, please call 1-866-711-2262 or e-mail [publications@conferenceboard.ca](mailto:publications@conferenceboard.ca). Please note that space is limited to ensure ample time for all questions.

--SOURCE: *Get OnBoard June 2010: The Conference Board of Canada's eNewsletter*

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## VANCOUVER CONFERENCE ON AUTISM AND INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

Interprofessional Continuing Education at UBC and Community Living BC presents Health and Wellbeing in Children, Youth and Adults with Developmental Disabilities: Autism, Intellectual Disabilities and Other Neurodevelopmental Disorders, a two day conference at the Coast Plaza Hotel in Vancouver:

Children, youth and adults with Developmental Disabilities are vulnerable to high rates of general health and mental health concerns. These concerns significantly impact the affected individual's quality of life as well as their families, caregivers and the community. British Columbia has closed its institutions for individuals with DD, but the struggle to develop quality specialized services where appropriate, as well as ensuring access to generic health services continues.

This conference will provide education and informative updates on psychiatric, behavioural and complex health components specific to individuals with DD, and showcase best practices in the field. Specifically, the conference will focus on approaches to complex challenging behaviours, contributing medical issues and new developments in medication and behavioral treatment. In addition, the

conference will address important health issues including Reflux, Pain, Epilepsy, Dental Management and Sleep. Health problems in common genetic syndromes such as Down and Fragile X will also be addressed.

For additional details on the conference and registration, please see [full brochure](#).

--SOURCE: First Call's Weekly Announcements, June 4, 2010

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## 11TH FETAL ALCOHOL CANADIAN EXPERTISE RESEARCH ROUNDTABLE

This year's keynote speaker is Dr. Susan Astley of the University of Washington. A leader in FASD research, Dr. Astley has developed the FASD 4-Digit Diagnostic Code, the 4-Digit Code Online Course, FAS Facial Photographic Analysis Software for diagnosis and screening of the FAS facial features, as well as a Foster Care FAS Screening Program.

FACE (Fetal Alcohol Canadian Expertise) was established in 2000 to promote open discussion and collaboration in all areas of medical and social science research related to the effects of alcohol use during pregnancy and lactation. Today the FACE Network includes researchers, clinicians, front-line workers, government and industry representatives, policy-makers and other stakeholders from across Canada.

Open to any who wish to attend, the FACE Research Roundtable is an important forum for anyone interested in medical and social science research on alcohol use during pregnancy. The FACE Research Network includes researchers, clinicians, front-line workers, government and industry representatives and policy-makers from across Canada. Please plan to attend and register early.

Date: Tuesday, **September 14, 2010**  
Cost: \$75.00 CDN; includes HST; lunch included  
Location: Plaza 500 Hotel  
500 West 12th Avenue  
Vancouver, BC

Full program information, registration form and call for poster abstracts are posted [here](#).

**Registration deadline August 25, 2010.**

--SOURCE: First Call's Weekly Announcements, June 4, 2010

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## THE ART OF LEADERSHIP

Are you committed to making a difference in your community or business, in education, politics, social change, or the arts? Learn to empower and engage others in effective action to broaden the impact of their work. Use personal mastery (the ability to manage your own state of being), personal ecology (self-care), partnership (deep listening and compassion, skilful communication), and organization (inquiry, planning, and teamwork) in an intensive process of discovering how who you are impacts the results you create.

This training is a unique integration of profound inner transformation with immediate and practical application to your everyday work priorities. An extensive manual of materials and tools will support your ongoing leadership work. Participate in an online, 360-degree feedback assessment of your leadership from colleagues.

Presenter Robert Gass, Ed.D, is a highly regarded teacher integrating a rich background in spiritual practice, psychology, organizational change, social action and the arts. [www.sacredunion.com](http://www.sacredunion.com)

Date: Monday, **August 9** - Saturday, **August 14, 2010**  
Location:  
Cost: \$695 plus \$70 non-refundable material fee CDN  
(meals & accommodation extra) / 5 nights

--SOURCE: Tess Wixted, Hollyhock Educational and Retreat Centre

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### **ONLINE COURSES AVAILABLE IN NON-PROFIT GOVERNANCE**

Improving Non-Profit Governance is an interactive online program offered by the Dalhousie University College of Continuing Education. It joins together expertise in board development, adult education and online learning in a comprehensive and demanding program facilitated by a great instructional team. The program is divided into four modules designed to engage you and your board in a five-month process of experimenting with and adopting some new practices, and sharing what works with other organizations involved.

This programs starts on **September 27, 2010**. For more information, please [click here](#).

--SOURCE: Connector June 2010: A Volunteer BC Newsletter

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### **FAMILY CONFERENCE ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

The Family Focus Society, BC Association for Community Living and Canadian Association for Community Living present "Families, a Journey of Generations Moving Mountains," a conference for people with a disabilities, family members, caregivers, service providers, advocates, friends and professionals.

Family Focus enjoys a 23-year tradition of organizing conferences "for families by families". Come to Whistler this coming Oct 22-24 and experience the atmosphere of a national conference for sharing information, learning together, supporting one another and celebrating loved ones and each other.

For additional information and to register, please visit [www.familyfocusconference.com](http://www.familyfocusconference.com).

--SOURCE: First Call's Weekly Announcements, June 11, 2010

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### **BC ASSOCIATION OF PREGNANCY OUTREACH PROGRAMS' 2010 CONFERENCE**

The BCAPOP annual conference and general meeting will take place October 13-15 at the Hilton Vancouver Airport in Richmond. Feature presentations include "When Survivors Give Birth" by Penny Simkin, doula and author, and "Problematic Substance Use in Pregnancy" by Pregnancy-Related Issues in the Management of Addictions.

For additional information, please contact Chi Cejalvo at [ed@bcapop.ca](mailto:ed@bcapop.ca).

--SOURCE: First Call's Weekly Announcements, June 11, 2010

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## **INTRODUCTION TO NON-PROFIT MANAGEMENT COURSE**

In its second year at Okanagan College, this course is offered free to Managers, staff, Board members and Volunteers of Non-profit organizations in British Columbia. We have 10 (possibly 15) spots for folks to take the September course running on Wednesday nights (13 weeks long). Students will be eligible to receive 3 credits from the college or they can audit the course (meaning that there will be no grades assigned but course attendance and some written course work will be expected).

This course covers the main management topics facing our Non-profit sector today. We deal with Board and Governance Issues, Leadership, Marketing, Performance Evaluation, Volunteers, Human Resource Issues, Financial management issues and much more.

The course is delivered in a unique learning environment where Community Participants from the Non-profit Sector are learning alongside students with a minimum of 2 years of business school under their belts. Many students will be in their 4th year of study. Past students have been excited about the depth and richness of this blended learning environment.

Students wanting more information about the course are asked to contact Arnica Rowan at 250.762.9227 or email [arowan@okanagan.bc.ca](mailto:arowan@okanagan.bc.ca)).

--SOURCE: Kerry Rempel, MBA, BPE, Professor, Okanagan School of Business Okanagan College

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## **MENTAL ILLNESS & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES TRAINING**

The program is designed to provide participants with practical information on mental health issues and knowledge for developing and implementing a successful behaviour management plan. There are 12 training days, with 7 written projects, spread over 4 months. Participants are expected to come to all 12 days, but missing a maximum of 2 class dates due to circumstances if necessary.

This course is designed for caregivers, support staff, family members, social workers, teachers, nurses and other professionals who work directly with individuals who have behaviour challenges, a developmental disability and/or a mental illness.

Dates: Fridays: September 10 - December 10, 2010

Cost: \$200, payable to the Fraser Health Region; course materials are included; no refunds will be issued after September 3, 2010.

Location: The Galbraith  
131 Eighth Street  
New Westminster, BC

For further information, contact Anne Halas, Education Co-ordinator, by email at [anne.halas@fraserhealth.ca](mailto:anne.halas@fraserhealth.ca).

--SOURCE: Anne Halas, Education Coordinator, Developmental Disabilities Mental Health Services, Fraser Health Region

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## **CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUMMIT**

From the Representative for Children and Youth:

The 2010 Champions for Children and Youth Summit is a two-day conference to educate, challenge and inspire us all to prepare a better path for BC's children and youth. We celebrate progress and

encourage excellence in those individuals and organizations who are working intensely towards that goal.

The children and youth of BC live in an exciting yet challenging time. Champions for Children and Youth provides us with an opportunity to tap into the great potential for opening hearts and provoking the ripple effects of change.

As BC's Representative for Children and Youth, I and the Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Perry Kendall, will be publicly releasing a report titled *Growing Up in B.C.* The report will provide the results of an in-depth look at how we are doing as a province, with respect to the rights of our children to be safe, healthy, and educated, and to have positive connections and equal opportunities throughout the province and across cultures. It will also highlight where we need to work harder to make a difference in the lives of our young people.

We will hear from and have discussions with national and international experts, rooted in the findings of *Growing Up in B.C.* – what's working, what's not working and what we can be striving for. We will also hear from children and youth, ensuring that their sometimes soft voices play a meaningful role.

Champions for Children and Youth 2010 has great potential to inspire all who attend in finding and encouraging real ways to positively impact the lives of those BC children most deserving of our support and protection. Our great hope is that those who attend will take this inspiration and new knowledge forward, into their workplaces and communities, and multiply the effect of the Summit.

The summit will take place on **October 18 and 19** at the Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre. Find out more and register [here](#).

--SOURCE: First Call's Weekly Announcements, June 30, 2010

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## FASD COLLABORATION ROUNDTABLES FALL CONFERENCE

The Surrey & Vancouver FASD Collaboration Roundtables is pleased to announce the 3rd Annual FASD "Creating Change" Fall Conference on Friday, **October 22** and Saturday, **October 23** at Douglas College New Westminster Campus.

The conference brochure and registration form are available [here](#). Please fill out and mail completed registration forms to:

FASD Fall Conference  
c/o The Centre for Child Development  
9460 140th Street  
Surrey BC V3V 5Z4

Please send any inquires to [mailbox@pcrs.ca](mailto:mailbox@pcrs.ca) with the subject line FASD Fall Conference.

--SOURCE: First Call's Weekly Announcements, June 30, 2010

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## BECOME A NOBODY'S PERFECT FACILITATOR

This interactive four-day training session is packed with information, discussion, and activities. It's specifically designed to ensure that you gain the knowledge and skills you need to support and educate parents of young children.



Nobody's Perfect facilitator training gives you:

- Increased awareness of the principles of adult education and their application
- Enhanced skills in assessing and meeting the needs of parent groups
- Ability to plan and direct program sessions
- Enriched practical facilitation skills
- Knowledge of Nobody's Perfect program objectives and materials

The Nobody's Perfect parenting program is proven to produce key changes in parenting that reduce the risk of families experiencing crisis. Developed for parents with children ages zero to five, the program brings parents in need of support together to discuss and share experiences of parenting.

Dates: **September 20 - 23, 2010**  
Location: Vancouver, BC  
Cost: \$300.00  
Registration: [Register online](#) by **August 20, 2010**

If you have questions, or require more information about Nobody's Perfect facilitator training, please contact the Program Coordinator at 604 678 8884 or email [NobodysPerfect@bccf.ca](mailto:NobodysPerfect@bccf.ca) or visit our website at [www.bccf.ca](http://www.bccf.ca)

--SOURCE: BC Council for Families Newsletter, July 2, 2010

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## **MENTAL HEALTH WORKS FULL-DAY WORKSHOP IN VANCOUVER**

[CMHA BC Division](#) will be hosting "Complex Issues Clear Solutions," a Mental Health Works workshop in Vancouver this August 18th. This full-day workshop is open to managers, supervisors and union representatives, and provides participants with strategies for identifying and addressing mental health issues in the workplace.

Date: Wednesday, **August 18, 2010**  
Times: 9 am to 4:30 pm  
Cost: \$295 (group rates available); refreshments and lunch included  
Location: Volunteer Vancouver Centre  
1183 Melville Street  
Vancouver, BC

Seating is limited to 16 participants; **registration deadline is August 6th.**

For more information or to register, visit [www.cmha.bc.ca/workshops](http://www.cmha.bc.ca/workshops).

--SOURCE: CMHA BC Division, Mind Matters, July 2010

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## **CMHA CONFERENCE: THRIVING IN 2010 AND BEYOND**

In October, Ontario will play host to CMHA's Thriving in 2010 and Beyond national mental health conference. The event aims to bring together consumers, family members, service providers, researchers and policy makers to build on what is working to help people thrive in Canadian society. Keynote speakers will include Shelagh Rogers, a veteran broadcast journalist and honorary patron to [CMHA BC](#), who will discuss the experiences of overcoming and recovering from issues with mental

illness. The conference will take place from **October 22 to 24** at the London (Ontario) Convention Centre.

For more information on the event, visit [www.thrivingin2010.ca](http://www.thrivingin2010.ca) or email [info@thrivingin2010.ca](mailto:info@thrivingin2010.ca).

--SOURCE: CMHA BC Division, *Mind Matters*, Volume 86, July 2010

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## NEW FROM THE IMAGINE CANADA SECTORCAST SERIES

The Non-profit Starvation Cycle: Is our sector at risk of inadequate infrastructure investment and are we to blame?

Date: Wednesday, **September 15, 2010**  
Time: 1 pm EDT (presentation date to be confirmed).

In their research and recently published article *The Non-profit Starvation Cycle*, (Stanford Social Innovation Review- Fall 2009) Ann Goggins-Gregory and Don Howard document the forces at play that can deprive organizations of much-needed overhead funding, highlight the real costs of doing business in the private sector and organizations' responses in the current climate. Their experience and research suggest roles for grantees, their trustees and funders. We all share a vested interest in a healthy, vibrant and effective charitable and non-profit sector.

PRESENTER: Ann Goggins-Gregory, The Bridgespan Group Learn more at: <http://www.bridgespan.org>

PRICING: Members pay a maximum of \$90 for all topics or \$30 each up to 3. For a full description of each SectorCast and to Register please visit: <http://www.imaginecanada.ca/node/43>

Other upcoming SectorCasts include:

- Best Practices in Corporate and Foundation Fundraising
- Les meilleures pratiques de collecte de fonds des entreprises et des fondations (French only)
- Government Relations- How to have Influence in your Community and with Your Key Stakeholders
- What's the status of your non-profit's HR Health?
- Quel est l'état de santé RH des organismes communautaires?
- Utilizing Skilled Volunteers, Are you Ready?

--SOURCE: *Imagine Canada*, *Imagine Matters*, June 29, 2010

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### JAPAN'S VOLUNTEER PROBATION OFFICERS

The Volunteer Probation Officer Law of 1950 formalized Japan's unique and long-standing reliance on volunteers to assist professional probation officers and aid offenders of all ages with rehabilitation and to work on crime prevention. Today, just under 50,000 people from nearly every area of Japanese society serve as volunteer probation officers (VPOs), alongside less than 800 paid probation officers working with approximately 60,000 people on probation or parole. Half of all VPOs have been involved for more than 10 years and their average age is 62 - a development that is causing some concern.

In this *Voices from the Past*, we learn the history of VPO activity and why the Japanese believe that both social and community support for offenders' rehabilitation are necessary as part of effective crime prevention. Granted, they have been extremely successful; according to a Stanford University study, "Fewer than 4 percent of Japanese criminals who have been assigned to a volunteer officer will commit another crime within a year of their release on parole or probation." In addition, we explore what other countries have learned from this Japanese model of volunteer involvement, and briefly review the issues affecting the future of VPOs in Japan.

Subscribers can read the [Full Text](#) here (registration is required), and Non-subscribers can either go to [Subscribe](#) or [Purchase Article](#).

--SOURCE: *e-Volunteerism Journal*, June 21, 2010

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