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## Local

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FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER (FASD) INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS DAY

As a collaboration of many different service providers throughout Kelowna, a major event has been planned to celebrate and bring attention to International FASD Awareness Day. The day's events include a reading of the Kelowna's FASD Awareness Day proclamation by Mayor Sharon Shepherd, news on the City's FASD By-law, and general information booths.

Date: September 9, 2009
 Time: 9:30 am
 Location: Ki-Low-Na Friendship Centre

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KELOWNA COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

The Kelowna Community Food Bank is gearing up for the Holiday season and to restock to service the increased number of clients. Please support one of their events.



- Sept – Oct 5 Smile Cookie Day. Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Program is a unique way for Tim Horton's store owners to give back to community charities. Buy a cookie today and give to KFCFB.
- Sept 24 - 25 B103 / Power 104. Transit Holiday and Dodge Food Drive is a 2 day radio event with Dodge and Save on Foods. Win a trip for 2 to Mexico.
- Sept 14 - Oct 16 Drive Away Hunger Campaign, Farm Credit Canada 3rd Annual party food drive.
- Sept 21 Okanagan Organic Festival. Bring \$5 and a non-perishable food item for a day of food, fun and facts. Come enjoy the growing green initiatives here in our valley!

For additional information, please contact Kathy Edgar at KCFB at 250.763.7161.

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WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK

The Kelowna Suicide Prevention Committee is hosting the World Suicide Prevention Walk and the Suicide Prevention Forum, with keynote speaker, Stan Chung.

World Suicide Prevention Walk.

Date: Thursday, September 10, 2009
Time: 7 pm
Location: From The Sails to First United Church
721 Bernard Ave. (corner of Richter and Bernard)

Suicide Prevention Forum, a community discussion about suicide and the impact of suicide on families and society.

Date: Saturday, September 12, 2009
Time: 2 – 4 pm
Location: Kelowna Regional Library Conference Room
1380 Ellis St.

Keynote Speaker: Stan Chung
Community Panel: Interior Health Adult Mental Health, Ministry of Children and Family Development
Child & Youth Mental Health, Crisis Line Coordinator, Youth Representatives.

Silence kills. Reach out, speak out.

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NEW! DRAMA CLUB FOR KIDS

New this fall, a Drama Club for kids... and parents too! Based on the long running Eleanor Drury Children's Theatre in Thunder Bay, the new Drama Club is for kids ages 10-18, and parents who want to pitch in.



The club will provide an opportunity to explore theatre with games, classes, rehearsals and a final performance in December. If you're into theatre and want to get onstage, this club is for you. Parents will be asked to contribute some volunteer hours.

It's all starting September 12! For further details on the new Drama Club please visit www.RotaryCentrefortheArts.com. Fall classes are also now available for registration online.

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The 2009 12th Annual


Okanagan Volunteer Opportunities Fair

volunteers. from compassion to action

Get Active! Get Involved! Volunteer!

SATURDAY * September 19th * 10 am - 3 pm
Parkinson Recreation Centre, 1800 Parkinson Way

 Free Parking
Concession
Door Prizes

 Find out how you can make
a difference, learn new skills
and meet new people

*See You
at the Fair!*



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ENGAGING YOUNGER VOLUNTEERS – FOR TODAY & FOR TOMORROW

Understanding the interests, motivations, and characteristics of this new generation will help us involve them effectively in our organizations. Who are they? What are they looking for in a volunteer experience? What do they see as barriers to volunteering? What do they tell us are the benefits of volunteering? How young is “too young”? Is there a link between early life experiences and volunteering later in life?

Join us for a fun and informative workshop where you will meet new friends and be challenged to move to a new level in your volunteer program.

Date: October 19, 2009
Time: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Location: Kelowna Community Resources
120 - 1735 Dolphin Ave.
Cost: Members of AVRBC: \$30.00
Non Members: \$45.00

Presenter: Lillian Whitmore, CAVR

As the principle of Lighthouse Consultants, Lillian Whitmore's professional experience includes over 25 years in the non-profit sector in a variety of capacities. A member of AVRBC and certified by CAVR, Lillian conducts workshops in areas such as Volunteer Management, Board Governance, Effective Meetings, Screening Volunteers, and Risk Management. She also offers strategic planning facilitation as well as consulting services for boards and volunteer programs.

To Register or for more information, please contact Glenna Armstrong:

Phone: 250-762-9447 or
Email: glenna.armstrong@diabetes.ca

To join AVRBC, please visit: www.avrbc.org. Presented by AVRBC (Association of Volunteer Resources BC).

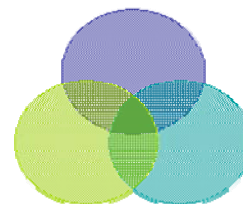
-- SOURCE: Glenna Armstrong

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COMPASSION IN THE HARD PLACES

A Series of Workshops Designed for:

- those enduring the journey to the "end of life"
- family members and caregivers who are companioning the dying
- anyone who has suffered a loss
- Professionals who work with the dying and the bereaved.



ANTICIPATORY GRIEF - Looking ahead to an impending loss

8:30 – 10:00 am

This workshop addresses the issues of impending loss, the struggle to come to terms with death over time, both for the dying person and the family

BEREAVEMENT GRIEF - When a death has occurred

10:15 – 11:45

This workshop looks at the effects of loss on the whole person. It asks the questions, "Are there stages through which every bereaved individual passes? What can I expect as 'normal' grief? Do men and women grieve differently?"

Cost: \$50 including coffee and lunch
Date: Thursday, September 17, 2009
Time: 8:30 – 11:45 am
Place: Springfield Funeral Home
2020 Springfield Road
Presenter: Claire Hudson Jantzen, Author, Counsellor, Educator, Chaplain, Funeral Director
Hosted by: Springfield Funeral Home

For more information or to register, please visit: www.springfieldfuneralhome.com or call 250.860.1998.

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PROJECT LITERACY DAY CELEBRATION

Project Literacy Kelowna Society & the Downtown Library Present the 4th Annual

INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY CELEBRATION



First Nations storyteller Judi Garner-Niehaus
Storybook character costume contest for kids

Treasure hunt **Children's story circle**
SCRABBLE® champion Jesse Matthews

Hourly prize draws
Live music
Okanagan Mission Lions Club canteen

Free books

KELOWNA FIREFIGHTERS!
The Kelowna Rockets

Saturday, 12th September 10 AM-2 PM

OKANAGAN REGIONAL LIBRARY
A haven for curious minds.
1380 Ellis Street



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UPCOMING UNITED WAY EVENTS

- Friday, Sept 18 United Way Campaign Kick-off Breakfast at the Coast Capri Hotel at 7:00am. Tickets are \$35 each and tables of 10 are available.
- Wednesday, Sept 23 United Way West Kelowna Campaign Kick-Off breakfast at Agostino's at Shannon Lake at 7:00am. Tickets are \$35 each and tables of 8 are available.
- Thursday, October 1 Maxine DeHart's Drive-Thru Breakfast for United Way will be at the Ramada Hotel from 6-9am. This is the final year for this legendary event and is not to be missed.



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ARTS & CRAFT SHOW

Come & see what people are creating this year. This is a perfect opportunity to start your Christmas shopping. There will be 20 tables of "Handmade" Products to choose from. There will be a bake table of all homemade goodies. Also a concession should you get tired from all that shopping.

Come for lunch! Do some early Christmas shopping!

Do you need a place to sell your "HOMEMADE" wares? Book your table today!

Date: Saturday, October 3, 2009
Time: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Place: Faith Lutheran Church
250 Gibbs Road

For additional info or to book a table, please call 250.765.0671 or visit: www.faithlutheran.shawbiz.ca/.

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SURVEY: CREATING A YEAR-ROUND PUBLIC MARKET

Okanagan Valley Public Market Society encourages you to participate in a short market survey. The survey is designed to determine the level of need and/or desire in creating a year-round public market within the Okanagan Region.

The Okanagan Valley Public Market Society is a non-profit Society incorporated in the province of British Columbia in February, 2008. The Society's vision is to develop a vibrant, year-round public market celebrating and showcasing the Okanagan's bounty and artisan talent. Its mission is to promote healthy eating and the consumption of local products by providing entrepreneurial opportunities for Okanagan farmers, food producers, and artisans.

To participate in the survey of residents, please visit:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=2bXDILthO3kBdSVgpLaRy_2fw_3d_3d

To participate in survey of vendors, please visit:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=VYAV0Fwnhjph29jpTA07IA_3d_3d

If you would like more information on the Okanagan Valley Public Market Society please contact:

Teresa Greenaway, Project Coordinator
Greenaway & Associates Communications Ltd.
Phone: 250.768.1240
E-mail: teresa@greenaway.ca

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FREE COMPUTER

We have received an offer from a member of the public who would like to donate a computer. He has a Dell desktop Dimension series 4600 (bought new in 2003) with an Intel Pentium 4 processor at 2.8 GHz, RAM memory of 512 MB.

It also includes:

- Microsoft XP software (includes Office XP)
- CD-RW drive
- DVD read only drive
- Dell 17 inch flat panel colour monitor, and
- Cables for installation/setup



This is a great opportunity to upgrade if your organization's computer is an older model and working with it is giving you headaches, or if you need one but haven't been able to budget for it.

If your organization needs a 'new' computer, please contact Robert at robtoechi@shaw.ca.

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ARION THERAPEUTIC FARM GRAND OPENING

Come and share the vision of Arion to create the perfect recreation and support destination for those with special needs and their families. The activities are riding demos, music, BBQ, art activities, farm animal tours, and Kids-n-Gym.

Date: Saturday, September 12, 2009
Time: 10 am – 2 pm
Location: Arion Farm
2457 Saucier Rd. (close to South Kelowna Elementary School)

For additional information, please contact Heather at:

Phone: 250.864.7756
Email: hhenderson@arionfarm.org

Visit our website for program information at: www.arionfarm.org.

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UBC OKANAGAN DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES – FALL 2009

Chandra Crawford, Canadian Olympic Gold Medalist
EMPOWERMENT THROUGH SPORT FOR YOUNG WOMEN

Date: Monday, September 14, 2009
Time: 7 PM
Location: Rotary Centre for the Arts
421 Cawston Ave.

Tickets are free, but will not be available until Friday, September 4th when they can be ordered or picked up from the RCA box office or by calling 250.717.5304.

Phil Fontaine, Former National Chief, Assembly of First Nations
AN EVENING WITH PHIL FONTAINE

Date: Monday, October 26, 2009

Time: 7 pm
Location: Kelowna Community Theater
1375 Water St.

This event is free and open to everyone. Seats at this event are available only by pre-registering on the Distinguished Speaker Series starting Friday, September 25.

Edward Greenspon, Former Editor in Chief, The Globe and Mail

THE NEW US: UNDERSTANDING THE NEW CANADIAN MINDSET

Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2009
Time: 7 pm
Location: Rotary Centre for the Arts
421 Cawston Ave.

Tickets are free but will not be available until Saturday, October 17, 2009, when they can be ordered or picked up from the Rotary Centre for the Arts box office or by calling 250.717.5304.

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**Provincial News**  
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LATEST ABORIGINAL HEALTH REPORT

[Pathways to Health and Healing: 2nd Report on the Health and Well-Being of Aboriginal People in British Columbia](#) was published by the Provincial Health Officer this June. The report reviews and makes recommendations on a variety of health determinants of interest to family services, such as mental health, teen pregnancy, and infant mortality.



Suicide rates amongst Aboriginal peoples were significantly higher than the general BC population (2002-2006). The exceptions to this trend were First Nations bands that had made progress towards self-government and land claims, had cultural facilities, and had control over local services such as health care, education, police, and fire.

Teen pregnancy rates dropped significantly amongst the Aboriginal population between 1992 and 2007, but rates for Status Indians remained nearly 4 times higher than for other residents. The infant mortality rate for Aboriginals was also significantly higher than the general population. Status Indians again bore the greatest risk with the highest infant mortality rates, especially those who smoked, drank alcohol or used drugs during pregnancy.

THREE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:

- Tackle the larger issues that affect children's health and development: Poverty, food security, and social conditions.
- Create a provincial Aboriginal mental health and wellness plan with a focus on vulnerable communities and youth suicide prevention.
- Better reproductive care programs including pre-natal care.

Approximately 5% of the total BC population is Aboriginal, yet a disproportionate number of Aboriginal children and youth are in government care. In January 2009, they made up over half of children in the care of child welfare authorities (4,647).

-- SOURCE: BC Council for Families, Healthy Families Weekly E-Newsletter, August 4, 2009

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GAMESTOWN SPIRIT

Inside every community there is a GamesTown spirit. Where does it shine the brightest?



We want to hear what your BC community is doing to get in the spirit. Tell us how individuals and organizations in your community are making a difference by supporting sport, healthy living, sustainable development and, of course, the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. Every community in BC is eligible to win great prizes!

There are some exciting prizes to be won by participating communities as part of GamesTown 2010. In January 2010, three BC communities will be named the Gold, Silver and Bronze medal winners of GamesTown 2010. They will receive cash awards of \$100,000, \$50,000 and \$25,000, respectively, to put towards sport or healthy living facility improvements in their community. During the competition, there are also many other great prizes to be won, including tickets to the 2010 Winter Games!

Every BC community has its own GamesTown 2010 community page awaiting your stories. You can upload stories, photos and YouTube video clips to your community's GamesTown 2010 page, showing everyone how your community embodies healthy living and the spirit of the Games, and why it deserves the title of GamesTown 2010.

For additional information, and to read or share your stories, please visit: www.gamestown2010.ca.

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-- SOURCE: VolWeb Newsletter, September, 2009

National News

NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATIONS ACT RECEIVES ROYAL ASSENT - BILL C-4

Federal legislation that affects the regulatory aspects of Canada's not-for-profit organizations is ready to become law. Bill C-4, the Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, passed Third Reading in the Senate and received Royal Assent. The federal government states that the act will enable organizations to incorporate faster and improve their financial accountability, clarify the roles and responsibilities of directors and officers, and enhance the protection of members' rights. The new Act will replace the Canada Corporations Act of 1917.

"Once the bill and proposed regulations come into force, every not-for-profit corporation currently governed by Part II of the Canada Corporations Act will have three years to formally make the transition to the new Act. After that time, any corporation that has not made the transition will be dissolved. Further information on how to make the transition will be made available once the bill comes into force."

To read the full Bill, please visit:

<http://www2.parl.gc.ca/Sites/LOP/LEGISINFO/index.asp?Language=E&query=5653&Session=22&List=Is>.

-- SOURCE: Volunteer Canada (Industry Canada)

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RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES AND TACTICS

Risk Management Strategies and Tactics is a new online and easy-to-navigate resource for executive directors, board members, and volunteer managers. Created by Volunteer Alberta and funded by The Co-operators and the Government of Alberta, this site provides simple, easy-to-input strategies about insurance, risk management strategies, volunteer screening, volunteer laws, and liability. Risk management is the process that an organization uses to identify, assess, control, and minimize the risks of bodily injury or financial loss arising from its activities and operations.



For more information, please visit: www.volunteeraberta.ab.ca.

-- SOURCE: CharityVillage, August 10, 2009

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SHARE YOUR BC RESIDENTIAL CARE STORY

ACR has been approached to help reach individuals willing to share their story of declining health care services for seniors in BC (home care and residential care) in a video format, for a project conducted by the CCPA. They are seeking those who have personal experience with and knowledge of the reality of health care services for seniors in BC.

Check out the background below and if you're interested, or think you might be, phone Goh Iromoto, at 778-991-0058 or by email at gohiromoto@gmail.com.

Background:

The CCPA (Canada Centre for Policy Alternatives) is working on a 15-20 minute short film to focus on the declining health care services for seniors in BC (home care and residential care). The film will include history, current situation and potential solutions and will be a follow up to the CCPA report "An Uncertain Future for Seniors: BC's Restructuring of Home and Community Care, 2001-2008". This report was cited in the ACR Bulletin 2009-05-05 vol 2-4 (www.acrbc.ca) and is available at the CCPA website www.policyalternatives.ca; to access the report directly the link is: http://www.policyalternatives.ca/reports/2009/04/uncertain_future/.

For the segment on the current situation they are looking for stories about care experiences from the front lines of home and residential care in BC - including recipients of health care services, family members and friends of those receiving health care services, health care providers, and advocates. Anyone concerned with protecting their identity can discuss possible solutions with Goh Iromoto.

The proposed theme of the film is that appropriate support of health care services for seniors is an economically practical direction for the government and the public (it saves money and lowers long term costs) and is at the human level, the respectful, dignified and moral approach to treatment of BC's elderly ill citizens.

-- SOURCE: Tim Readman

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NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK

We're getting ready to **Jump into Family Fun** and we want you to join us!

In celebration of this year's [National Family Week, October 5-9](#), the BC Council for Families is challenging BC's family service community to hold the best Family Fun events ever.

This October, host a family event in your community that celebrates the National Family Week theme: "Jump Into Family Fun". We've made it easy! Use our BC Council for Families [DIY Event Kit](#), available in both English and French. Full of ideas and tips on holding a National Family Week event, the DIY Event Kit is your one-stop source for planning a successful community event.



Need inspiration to kick off your planning? Check out this [short video](#) of Council staff reflecting on what family fun means to them.



We're proud to partner with the [Canadian Association of Family Resource Programs](#) to promote National Family Week 2009 and celebrate families in our province and throughout Canada! Look for more announcements and details about National Family Week in the weeks ahead.

-- SOURCE: BC Council for Families Healthy Families Weekly E-Newsletter, August 24, 2009

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TORONTO HOUSING PLAN SUPPORTS HOMELESS YOUTH

A long strike by city employees this summer didn't stop Toronto City Council from strongly endorsing the *Housing Opportunities Toronto (HOT) Action Plan 2010-2020* following more than a year of consultations. As part of those consultations, the city provided some financial assistance to 23 organizations and groups to consult directly with vulnerable client groups, such as victims of domestic abuse, youth, homeless people, incarcerated men and women, seniors, people with disabilities and newcomers. As a result the plan identifies specific recommendations to support homeless youth.

Containing 67 actions to be undertaken by the City of Toronto, along with the federal and provincial governments, [HOT](#) proposes new investment of \$484 million annually for the next 10 years to help 257,700 households struggling with high housing costs or inadequate accommodation.

A key component is The [Toronto Housing Charter – Opportunity for All](#), which will guide council and staff in their efforts to assist those who often face challenges finding affordable housing, from newcomers and youth, to single parents and those with disabilities. It states that "all residents have the right to equal treatment in housing without discrimination" as provided by the *Ontario Human Rights Code*.

The ten-year plan focuses on upgrading existing private and social housing, building 1,000 new affordable rental homes annually and making home ownership more affordable. A critical component of the plan is its housing-first approach, said Mayor David Miller, which is based on the principle that the best way to end homelessness is to assist people to find permanent housing and provide appropriate supports so they can remain in their homes.

A few highlights include:

- Partnering with community organizations, labour groups, colleges and universities during the housing construction period to provide residents, particularly youth, with skill development, apprenticeship and employment opportunities.
- Actively encouraging the provincial government to commit to implementing a fully-funded, long-term affordable housing plan, and to upload all costs of social housing.
- Actively encouraging the federal government to commit to creating a National Housing Strategy with predictable, long-term funding for affordable housing and homelessness services.

Identifying at risk groups: In addition to those who are homeless, many other vulnerable groups require assistance to find suitable housing—people with mental health issues or physical disabilities, people with environmental sensitivities, Aboriginal people, immigrants and refugees, victims of violence, low-income families with children, youth leaving child welfare care, and seniors all have distinct needs for housing and supports, the plan states.

-- SOURCE: *Housing Again Bulletin No. 124, September 2009*

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OFFERING A RAY OF HOPE FOR YOUTH IN WINNIPEG

Three winners were announced in April for [Eva's Initiatives Award for Innovation](#) for their outstanding work with homeless youth. In its fourth year, the Eva's Initiatives Award for Innovation is generously sponsored by CIBC. Each winning organization, previously profiled in issues of *Housing Again*, received a prize of \$5,000.

One of this year's short-listed entries was [Resource Assistance for Youth](#) (RaY) in Winnipeg.

RaY's mission is "to provide youth with what they need, on their terms, to better their lives," said program director Jason Neufeld in its application. "It's simple, really. Quick and nimble, the purpose of the organization is to provide access to valuable services to homeless and street-entrenched youth," he said.



With the intention of offering "wrap-around" services, RaY's services include:

- Emergency Youth Services (food, clothes, toiletries etc.)
- Addictions, Housing Support, Odd Jobs and Employment Support
- Advocacy, Street Outreach, Mental Health Outreach and Prevention Services
- A Nurse Practitioner and Street Lawyer are also on the way.

"The hope is to move individuals from a state of dependence to independence and from independence to interdependence," Neufeld wrote.

In addition to youth-oriented goals, the Odd Jobs program has larger community goals. The program looks to engage community organizations, individuals and businesses in addressing the issues of youth homelessness and poverty. The program is a "no-nonsense common sense approach to addressing the poor economic prospects of street-entrenched youth," Neufeld said.

What makes the program so innovative, he says, is that it involves the business community in addressing these issues. The numbers of partnerships continue to grow as more and more businesses want to get involved either for altruistic reasons or because they want to take advantage of the low-risk labour pool. All honorariums are paid by RaY.

The program, which is guided by youth, has a great success rate because its coordinator works one-on-one with participants and makes every effort to place youth in positions that interest them and cater to their unique abilities.

-- SOURCE: *Housing Again Bulletin No. 124, September 2009*

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MOZILLA SERVICE WEEK CONNECTS TECHIE VOLUNTEERS WITH NONPROFITS

Idealist is partnering with Mozilla on their first annual Mozilla Service Week which will match thousands of "techie" volunteers around the world with nonprofits in need of help with IT, web design, programming, blogging, and more. Mozilla Service Week



will take place September 14-21, 2009, and organizations and volunteers are encouraged to sign up online.

For more information, visit: mozillaservice.org.

-- SOURCE: CharityVillage, August 31, 2009

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## Facts & Trends

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CANADIAN WORKERS CONCERNED ABOUT LITERACY LEVELS

Three-quarters (72%) of working Canadians believe that the current level of adult literacy - that is reading, writing, and mathematics skills among adults for whom English or French is their first language - is a "problem." Further, an additional 26% believe it is a "minor problem," while just 2% believe there is no problem at all. Over three-quarters, 79%, of respondents "strongly agree" that they "possess the necessary literacy skills to secure a new job" if they were to lose their current employment. Demonstrating less confidence, 16% "somewhat agree" that they have these skills, while 5% "disagree."

-- SOURCE: CharityVillage, August 4, 2009 (Ipsos Reid)

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NEW REPORT ANALYZES NON-PROFIT BRANDS IN U.S.

The YMCA of the USA's brand is worth almost \$6.4 billion, making it the nation's most valuable nonprofit brand, according to The Cone Nonprofit Power Brand 100 report. This report explores the unique relationship between nonprofit brand image and financial performance and revealed that some organizations may be leaving millions of dollars in potential unearned revenue on the table. The research also shows that nonprofits must make branding and trademarks a high priority. The top 10 US nonprofit brands were:

1. YMCA of the USA
2. The Salvation Army
3. United Way of America
4. American Red Cross
5. Goodwill Industries International
6. Catholic Charities USA
7. Habitat for Humanity International
8. American Cancer Society
9. The Arc of the United States

10. Boys & Girls Clubs of America

For more information, please visit: www.coneinc.com.

-- SOURCE: CharityVillage, August 10, 2009

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CHILD-FREE IS THE TREND?

The cover story of the August 3rd Maclean's issue examines the growing support for remaining childless by choice. In "[The Case Against Having Kids: They Can Hurt Your Career, Your Marriage, Your Social Life, Your Bank Book. Why bother?](#)", proponents of intentional childlessness argue that remaining child-free leads to greater life satisfaction and helps the environment.



According to Statistics Canada data, a small but growing minority of Canadians is choosing to remain child-free. In 2006, 17.1% of women 30-34 indicated they did not plan to have children, as did 18.3% of men. The trend appears to be linked to women's education levels. The article points to the UK where 40% of university graduates aged 35 are childless. It has been estimated that at least 30 per cent will stay that way.

-- SOURCE: BC Council for Families Healthy Families Weekly E-Newsletter, August 17, 2009

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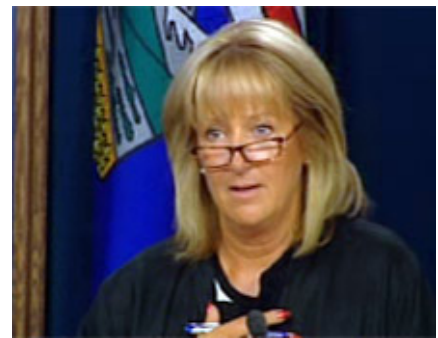
VOLUNTARY SECTOR EMPLOYEES AMONG THE MOST SATISFIED

According to a new UK survey, third sector employees are more satisfied with their jobs than those in the private and public sectors. The research indicates that 70% of voluntary sector workers are satisfied or very satisfied with their job, as opposed to 64% in the private sector and 63% in the public sector. Another 85% felt they have good control over their methods of working. The research also found that managers in the third sector were far more likely to assist their staff in working effectively than those in the private or public sectors.

-- SOURCE: CharityVillage, August 17, 2009 (YouGo)

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ARTICLE - ALBERTA CREATES PANEL TO EXAMINE YOUTH HOMELESSNESS



A panel will review the child welfare system after recent homeless counts (see article below) in Alberta showed a growing number of young people among those who are homeless.

HOMELESS YOUTH NUMBERS IN ALBERTA SPARK REVIEW - [CBC News](#)

A panel will review the child welfare system after recent homeless counts showed a growing number of young people among those with no roof over their head, Children's Services Minister Janis Tarchuk said on Wednesday.

Homeless counts last fall in communities across Alberta uncovered the trend, said Tarchuk, who stressed that the bottom line is not to give up on any children.

Alberta's minister of children's services, Janis Tarchuk, speaks with reporters at the legislature on Wednesday. (CBC) "They are living on the streets, or couch surfing with friends, or accessing our youth shelters ... that trend is very, very concerning," Tarchuk said.

The committee will determine how many spots are available for children who are wards of the province, and how many more are needed, she said.

The minister of housing will also be involved in helping collaborate a response to this issue, Tarchuk said.

There is a gap between the number of wards of the province needing shelter and the number of spaces available for them, youth court worker Mark Cherrington said.

"I'm dealing with young people that are living in big drain culverts because there are no placements, and children's services are not willing, or not able to provide those resources," Cherrington said.

CBC News obtained numbers from the Edmonton region of children's services which show that two years ago there was a shortfall of more than 700 beds, and now that shortfall is over 800.

However, this apparent shortfall does not take into account the additional children and youth placed with extended families in an arrangement known as "kinship care."

According to the Edmonton Area Child and Family Services, the number of spaces for kinship care and other arrangements were 781 in 2007-08, 811 in 2008-09 and 791 from April to June 2009.

TEEN TOLD 'YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN'

CBC News spoke with a 16-year-old girl, who will be referred to as "Amanda" because she cannot be named under the Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act.

In talking with her caseworker, she was told she was on her own in terms of finding a place to live, Amanda said.

"She just kind of leaves stuff up to me now like it's my responsibility to find my own place ... to boot, my mom abandoned me, right, so I have nobody, so I'm just out there doing whatever," Amanda said.

It's not acceptable for a case worker to tell a teenager in care who's out on the street that there are no beds, Tarchuk said.

"The bottom line is that we never do give up on them," she said.

'I'D SURE WISH THEY'D CONTACT ME' — *Janis Tarchuk, Children's Services Minister*

"Our challenge is that we have to keep working with them...that we do engage them in trying to accept our services and supports," Tarchuk said.

The minister said she's even willing to look into some these cases firsthand.

"My first advice would be I'd sure wish they'd contact me, because our options will never be that one of the places for you is on the street; it won't be that," Tarchuk said.

The panel appointed by Tarchuk is expected to provide a report next spring, with a mandate to help build a stronger child welfare system.

-- SOURCE: *Housing Again Bulletin No. 124, September 2009*

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## Funding & Resources

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FUNDING SOURCES FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA COMMUNITIES

Updated in June 2009, this online listing can be browsed by category, sector or organization. These pages provide information on sources of funding and support for community development in BC. Most of the programs listed are funding-oriented, however, programs that provide other forms of support and assistance are also included.

Please see: http://www.communityfutures.com/cms/Funding_Sources.2.0.html.

The primary focus is support for social, economic, and environmental community development initiatives in rural areas, however, the programs are not necessarily exclusive to rural. Contact information for each program is provided to facilitate direct access to current and updated program information.

This listing is the result of a partnership between the BC Rural Team, BC Rural Network, BC Healthy Communities , Canadian Cancer Society's Community Capacity Building Strategy, Fraser Basin Council/Smart Planning for Communities, and Community Futures of Greater Trail.

-- SOURCE: *Volunteer BC Newsletter The Connector, August, 2009*

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STRENGTHENING SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Enterprising Non-Profits (enp) is a funding program that provides matching grants to non-profit organizations in BC planning to launch or expand a social enterprise

The Kelowna workshop is designed specifically for senior staff and board members from social enterprises that already exist and have been operating for at least 3 years. Attending the workshop is a requirement to apply for the grants.

In this orientation session there will be discussion of social enterprise principles and best practices. The session will involve peer professional learning on governance, financing, marketing, and human resources. There will be a review of the enp grant requirements and priorities, and the session will qualify the organization to apply for enp funding.

Enp is a partnership of funding organizations including Coast Capital Savings, Columbia Basin Trust, Northern Development Initiative Trust, United Way of the Lower Mainland, Vancity Community Foundation, Vancity Credit Union, Vancouver Foundation, and Western Economic Diversification Canada.

Date: October 26, 2009
Time: 9:00 am – 3:30 pm
Place: Kelowna & District Mental Health,
504 Sutherland Avenue
Cost: \$100 first person
\$50 second person from same organization
Light breakfast, lunch and snacks, a copy of The Canadian Social Enterprise Guide, and workshop materials are included.
Contact: Peter Roundhill
Phone: 1.604.871.5421
Email: peter@enterprisingnonprofits.ca
Web: www.enterprisingnonprofits.ca

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VICTORIA FOUNDATION

The Victoria Foundation is now accepting Expressions of Interest to the BC Adoption & Permanency Trust for fall 2009 grants. Please find attached the Call for EOIs as well as the 2008 Annual Review for the fund. **The deadline for EOI submissions is October 4, 2009.**

To apply, please visit the [Victoria Foundation website](#).

Further information about the fund, including past years' granting, can be found on the [BC Adoption & Permanency Trust website](#).

For additional information, please contact Sara Lawson, Grants Administrator, Victoria Foundation at:
#109 - 645 Fort Street
Victoria, BC V8W 1G2



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Web: www.victoriafoundation.bc.ca

-- SOURCE: Cheryl Miller

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RETHINKING MENTAL HEALTH

Ashoka's Changemakers and the Vulnerable Populations Portfolio of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation launched a global competition to explore innovations that allow individuals, families, communities, and society to move past narrow perceptions of mental health and expand understanding and collective involvement in finding solutions. *The Rethinking Mental Health: Improving Community Wellbeing* collaborative competition will award three winners, each with \$5,000 (USD) and media exposure, and will prominently feature them on Changemakers.com. **The deadline for nominations is October 14, 2009.**

For more information, including full eligibility requirements, please visit: www.changemakers.com.

-- SOURCE: CharityVillage, August 4, 2009

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CENTRAL OKANAGAN FOUNDATION 2009 FALL GRANT CYCLE

The Central Okanagan Foundation (COF) is pleased to announce it will be accepting applications for its Fall 2009 granting cycle from now until October 1, 2009. COF has been supporting the local charitable sector with funding for worthwhile causes since its inception in 1977.



COF encourages applications for funding in the following eight areas:

- Arts & Culture
- Children, Youth & Family
- Education
- Health & Community Services
- Heritage & Historical
- Environment and
- Global Initiatives.

Funding to support these grants typically comes from investment income but given the challenging economic situation this year, all granting funds are courtesy of generous donors who have stepped up to help the COF support local charities.

For more information or a copy of the application package please contact Cheryl at 250.861.6160 or visit www.centralokanaganfoundation.org.

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WHAT FAMILY FOUNDATIONS WANT TO SEE IN PROPOSALS

According to a new US survey of family foundations, 92% said they want an organization applying for their funding to have clear goals, plans, and measures of success, and 76% want a demonstrated organizational expertise in the proposed area of funding. A further 72% think it is important that the organization have a strong reputation, and 64% felt that an innovative idea was also key to convincing them to fund the proposal. Small details in the proposal are important as well, as 74% responded negatively to proposals with grammatical errors and typos.

-- SOURCE: *CharityVillage, August 10, 2009 (Foundation Source)*

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FREE PUBLICATION - ONLINE FUNDRAISING SURVIVAL GUIDE

Published by Network for Good, this free handbook offers 12 strategies for online fundraising in a poor economy. In addition to winning strategies, the guide also outlines common mistakes and pitfalls.

To read or download this publication in PDF format, please visit: www.fundraising123.org.

-- SOURCE: *CharityVillage, August 24, 2009*

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ARTICLE - CRA FUNDRAISING CHANGES: WHY YOU SHOULD CARE

By Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
August 24, 2009

In June, the [Canada Revenue Agency \(CRA\)](#), after consultations with numerous sector organizations, including [Imagine Canada](#), [Health Charities Coalition of Canada](#), and the [Association of Fundraising Professionals](#), announced the release of new fundraising guidelines for the nonprofit community.

A detailed overview of the nuts and bolts of the [document](#) was written up last month on these e-pages by CharityVillage's [Fundraising Q&A](#) contributor, Cynthia J. Armour, CFRE. It's a comprehensive article that should be mandatory reading for all sector directors. As Armour writes:

"I would highly recommend that the ED/CEO, board chair, treasurer, and chief development officer (any or all of the above, regardless of the size of your charity) review the document thoroughly to identify what changes might need to be considered regarding your fundraising activities and subsequent expenses. I found the [Additional information on Guidance CPS-028, Fundraising by Registered Charities](#) particularly helpful with all their examples."

But to briefly restate the CRA's intentions for the guidelines, here is their preamble:

"This document replaces Policy Statement CPS-001, Applicants that are Established to Hold Periodic Fundraisers, and provides information for registered charities on the current treatment of fundraising under the *Income Tax Act* and under common law. This guidance offers direction on issues such as the following:

- distinguishing between fundraising and other expenditures;
- allocating expenditures for the purposes of reporting them on Form T3010, Registered Charity Information Return;
- dealing with activities that have more than one purpose; and
- understanding how the CRA assesses what is acceptable fundraising activity, what may preclude registration, or what may result in a sanction, penalty, or revocation.

The document outlines policies and practices that the CRA uses when it reviews annual information returns filed by registered charities and explains the CRA's views on issues relevant to fundraising expenditures. This information should help to ensure that registered charities are aware of the CRA's perspective on fundraising in general and the appropriate treatment of fundraising expenditures. The CRA's auditors use this guidance as a tool when they review Form T3010, or visit a registered charity for an audit. It also confirms to the public that fundraising expenditures are appropriate and in fact necessary for the sustainability of the sector."

So why should sector organizations care? CharityVillage posed the question to some prominent experts, and below are their professional, considered opinions.

GUIDED BY VOICES

Noted Canadian charity and not-for-profit lawyer and a leading legal voice, Terrance S. Carter, managing partner of [Carter's Professional Corporation](#) - he's also a member of the Technical Issues Group of CRA's Charities Directorate representing the [Canadian Bar Association](#) - responded:

"The ability of a charity to retain its charitable status in the future may very well depend on whether it can show that it has made reasonable efforts in meeting the requirements of the Guidance."

"It is important that registered charities understand the new CRA Guidance on fundraising, as it is expected that charities will need to comply. In this regard, the Guidance outlines four types of prohibited conduct that are grounds for revoking a charity's charitable status, imposing compliance actions, or denying charitable registration. In addition, the Guidance indicates that charities that spend 35% and above - as a yearly ratio of costs to revenue - on fundraising may come under increased scrutiny from CRA," he counsels. "The Guidance also outlines two tests that charities can use to determine whether or not an expenditure is to be reported as a fundraising expenditure. As well, the Guidance not only applies to audits in future years but also to audits of past years. As such, it is important that all registered charities that depend on fundraising, together with their staff and board members, become familiar with the content of the Guidance. The ability of a charity to retain its charitable status in the future may very well depend on whether it can show that it has made reasonable efforts in meeting the requirements of the Guidance."

Though Carter wisely advocates prudence and caution, others responded in a lighter tone.

CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES

Karen Willson, president of the board of directors for [AFP Greater Toronto Chapter](#), the association's largest chapter worldwide, had the following answer:

"I think the Guideline is very fair. Throughout the [consultation] process, the CRA listened to the AFP and to Imagine Canada, and sought our advice on how to make the guidelines very effective. I believe, for charities, this is another way for us to be accountable to our donors and our agencies."

Willson also points out that the CRA has given charities a bit of flexibility. "In its original proposal [for the guidelines], charities were going to be put in a grid system, where what they spent on fundraising would qualify as either 'acceptable' or 'not acceptable'. Now they've allowed charities to explain why, in a certain year, [they are] spending more on fundraising than in another year. We've moved away from the [idea] that you're not a good charity if you spend more than \$0.20 on every dollar for fundraising. They've given a range and now understand that from year to year charities might spend differently on fundraising. That's a huge accomplishment for the sector. There's more flexibility, but at the same time there's also accountability. CRA has now really done their homework on how the charitable sector works and what needs to be in place to ensure that charities are using their funds well."

Willson is already noticing that in the brief time since the guidance was released, sector organizations have had their "nervousness" reduced because of the new, more elastic guidelines. "All they have to do now is report what their expenses are, and why. And CRA is willing to listen," she says, adding that this fall AFP and Imagine plan to hold public forums on this issue to "provide charities an opportunity to really understand what the changes are and how they will impact them."

Lastly, for its part, on June 12 Imagine Canada issued a succinct statement on its website in relation to the new guidelines. It reads as follows:

"We share a strong desire to make the sector more accountable and applaud the CRA for their responsiveness to feedback from small and large stakeholders impacted by the policy. The revised policy reflects some of this input and we are pleased that the policy is an improvement on earlier drafts."

HIT THE CRA BOOKS

The bottom line: Canadian charities seem to have received a gift from the CRA. And it's one they should familiarize themselves with in detail, in order to better serve their clients.

-- SOURCE: CharityVillage, August 24, 2009

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AWARDS HONOURING EXCELLENCE IN MENTAL HEALTH

The Kaiser Foundation is pleased to announce the call for nominations for the 2010 National Awards for Excellence Program in mental health and addictions initiatives. The program honours the outstanding work being done by the thousands of Canadian organizations, communities, individuals, and media who are engaged in the fields of mental health and addictions. Each award recipient receives a \$10,000 grant to be directed to a recognized charity of their choice. Nominations for the seven different award categories are due November 20, 2009.

For more information, please visit: www.kaiserfoundation.ca.

-- SOURCE: CharityVillage, August 24, 2009

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FOUNDATIONS WANT UNIQUE PROPOSAL & CLEAR EXIT PLAN

In a US survey of foundations, 54% responded negatively to generic proposals that could easily have been sent to other funders, while 42% were neutral on the issue, and 4% were supportive of this tactic. A further 66% indicated they would prefer that applicants focus the proposal on one specific project, rather than several projects at once. This same survey found that 49% of responding foundations felt it was important that the organization commits its own funds in the project, 42% said it was important that the organization have other partners already secured, and 47% wanted a clear plan for gradually getting off the foundation funding.

-- SOURCE: *CharityVillage, August 24, 2009 (Foundation Source)*

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YOUNG BREAST CANCER SURVIVORS ENCOURAGED TO APPLY FOR NEW GRANTS

Rethink Breast Cancer (Rethink) is calling young breast cancer survivors to submit their "BIG" ideas to assist others diagnosed with the disease. This new initiative, called the Booby Innovation Grant (BIG), seeks to encourage and provide new support services for young women with breast cancer. The grant will fund new products, programs, or initiatives to help relieve suffering and improve the quality of life of other young women diagnosed with the disease.



For more information, please visit: www.rethinkbreastcancer.com.

-- SOURCE: *CharityVillage, August 17, 2009*

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OTTAWA RENEWS SUPPORT OF THE CANADA MUSIC FUND

The Honourable James Moore, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages, announced the renewal of the Canada Music Fund with an annual investment of \$27.6 million over five years. Minister Moore also announced that the government is changing the structure of the fund in order to reduce the administrative burden and increase the visibility of Canadian music on digital platforms and in international markets. The Canada Music Fund is administered by the Department of Canadian Heritage in partnership with MUSICACTION, FACTOR, the SOCAN Foundation, and Library and Archives Canada.

For more information, please visit: www.jamesmoore.ca.

-- SOURCE: *CharityVillage, August 31, 2009*

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Education and Training

FALL SESSION – OVERVIEW OF VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT

The new Overview of Volunteer Management workshop is hot off the presses, so get your name in for the upcoming Fall session (dawn@kcr.ca). This four day workshop has been rescheduled to better accommodate the busy schedules of Volunteer Managers who would otherwise find it difficult to attend.



Kelowna
Community
Resources

Extensive research and inclusion of additional resources have gone into this workshop and we are looking forward to you joining us for this informative and valuable professional development opportunity.

Dates: Day 1: Monday, October 26
Day 2: Tuesday, October 27
Day 3: Monday, November 2
Day 4: Tuesday, November 3
Times: 9 am – 4 pm daily
Location: Kelowna Community Resources
120-1735 Dolphin Ave.
Cost: \$199.00 per person (includes coffee, tea, light refreshments and materials)

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DVD ABOUT PLAY – DESIGNED FOR PARENTS

A new DVD for parents developed by Westcoast Family Resources Society focuses on a vital topic -- play. For parents who may not have had experience in their own childhoods of playing with their parents, engaging with their children can be challenging.

The Importance of Play presents hands-on play strategies for parents and children of all ages, using every-day, inexpensive toys and materials. Available for order to family service providers in BC, the DVD comes in Cantonese, English, Farsi, Mandarin, Punjabi, Spanish and Vietnamese versions.



Westcoast Family
Resources Society

The DVD can be used as a gentle, strength-based teaching resource with families, encouraging parents to take even a few minutes out of every day to have uninterrupted fun with their child. According to Development Director Carol Anderson, "an emphasis on the importance of play is a valuable intervention for parents who have limited experience in this area. For many new immigrants,... play is often seen as a luxury rather than a necessity, and focus is put on children's school and parents' work. Training in this area can be a new awakening for the family. The DVD format is an excellent teaching tool, especially for people with English as an Additional Language or low literacy levels."

[Westcoast Family Resources Society](#) is currently providing the DVD free of charge to interested agencies. They hope to secure additional funding to continue to do this but may need to charge a fee to cover costs in the future.

For additional info or to order, please contact 1.604.254.5457.

-- SOURCE: BC Council for Families Healthy Families Weekly E-Newsletter, August 10, 2009

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A GUIDE FOR SUPPORTING CAREGIVING FAMILIES

A Guide for Supporting Caregiving Families outlines the development of a model of support for caregivers on Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada by the Cowichan Family Caregivers Support Society. It is: An account of groundbreaking work – the Society's experience with smaller communities and aboriginal (First Nations) groups is unique. It is the first adaptation of the Planned Lifetime Advocacy Network's (PLAN) social network model for families who are caring for elders.

Practical and adaptable – communities can apply all or just parts of the model in their own support of their caregivers.

Evidence of the success of commitment to a philosophy – the commitment to the Society's philosophy of 'nourishing strengths and opening hearts' has been instrumental to the success of the model.

Written by Cowichan Family Caregivers Support Society Coordinator, Ranjana Basu, working with a Resource Committee with members representing health, community, non-profit, volunteer, business and academic sectors across Canada.

Production of this Guide has been made possible through a financial contribution from the Public Health Agency of Canada. Financial support was also provided by Vancouver Island Health Authority, Aboriginal Health and the Vancouver Foundation.

To order your copy, please visit: www.familycaregiverssupport.org

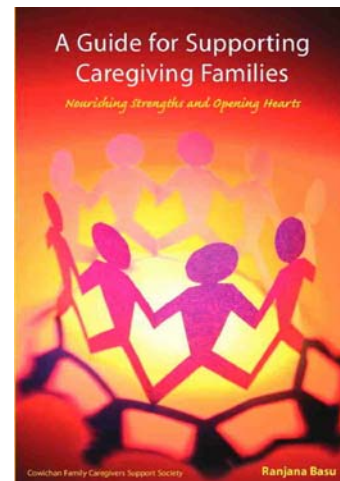
Please note: This publication is available in English, French and Cree.

-- SOURCE: Tim Readman

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LINDA GRAFF'S BOOKS ABOUT VOLUNTEERS

Linda Graff is the author of [numerous books on volunteer management](#) which the Energize online bookstore carries in electronic (PDF) format. They currently have a limited number of Linda's books in



paperback, so now's your chance to pick up your copy. Be sure to select the "Print Version" add-to-cart button when shopping online.



[BEST OF ALL: THE QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE TO EFFECTIVE VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT](#)

A concise compendium of best practices in volunteer program management.



[BETTER SAFE. . .](#)

Demystifies risk management and sets out in plain language what every volunteer program needs to know about this sometimes scary, always critical subject.



[BEYOND POLICE CHECKS](#)

Definitive guide for screening volunteers and employees, explaining why and how to assure everyone's protection.



[BY DEFINITION](#)

A walk-through of the importance of developing policies for and about volunteers, with clear examples and templates.

-- SOURCE: Energize Book Buzz, Risk Management Resources, August, 2009

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EFFECTIVE MEETINGS

If you are hoping to make your meetings more effective and productive, would like to improve team involvement, or you are in need of new techniques for creative problem solving www.amcreativityassoc.org is a great website to check out. Click on 'Creativity Tools' and the specific topic of interest on the left-hand column for many tips and short articles.



STEPLADDER OR STARBURST TECHNIQUES

Have you used either the stepladder or starburst techniques when engaging a group in brainstorming or decision making? Check out www.mindtools.com for further explanation. If leadership or communication skills, project management or problem solving, time or stress management are areas of interest, you will definitely find other tools and approaches you can use.

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-- SOURCE: Barb Gemmell, CAVR, Gemmell Training & Consulting, bgemmell@mts.net.

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THE ECONOMIC BURDEN OF INJURY IN CANADA

Today, August 18th, marks the official release of Smartrisk's The Economic Burden of Injury in Canada report, which reveals that injury costs Canadians close to \$20 billion each year. The numbers and costs are calculated both for unintentional and intentional injuries and the figures are broken down by province.

You can find PDFs of the executive summaries and the full reports at: www.smartrisk.ca

The Smartrisk newsletter, *Heads Up!* is now available electronically as a PDF file. If you would like to receive our three-times-a-year publication in your email, please sign up by sending an email with the subject "[Subscribe](mailto:heads@smartrisk.ca)" to heads@smartrisk.ca.

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STEPFAMILY FINANCES: A GROWING CONCERN

In our current gloomy financial climate, it's no surprise to hear that money concerns are the number one source of conflict between couples. A recent article published in [The Family Journal](#) examines the unique challenges that stepfamilies can face when it comes to navigating disagreements about money and household finances. The article, [Negotiating the Financial Concerns of Stepfamilies: Directions for Family Counselors](#), highlights the need for specialized training for family counselors to assist families in dealing with "money issues" and offers some specific suggestions for working with stepfamilies to help resolve conflicts over finances.



Because of their often complex structures, stepfamilies may struggle with money issues, in particular when there are financial obligations to former spouses and to children from previous relationships. And as the numbers of stepfamilies continue to rise, the issue is becoming increasingly significant.

According to article author Joshua M. Gold, of the University of South Carolina, one third of all American adults were in a stepfamily relationship as of 2005. Says Gold, "Given their growing numbers, their relative lack of models of stepfamily functioning, plus the greater propensity of second marriages to dissolve, a better understanding of stepfamily dynamics supporting appropriate clinical interventions is immediately warranted."

Gold encourages family counselors to help stepfamilies identify challenges in family functioning around money issues and to help couples find methods to work collaboratively towards solutions.

-- SOURCE: BC Council for Families Healthy Families Weekly E-Newsletter, August 24, 2009

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RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NONPROFITS AND BOOMERS

The Conference Board of Canada released a new report exploring the growing trend of nonprofits recruiting boomers and what is needed on both sides to make this relationship work. *A Perfect Match? How Nonprofits Are Tapping into the Boomer Talent Pool* argues that nonprofits need the experience, expertise, and energy that baby boomers can bring, while boomers searching for second careers or post-retirement jobs want the flexibility and sense of mission that nonprofits provide.

For more information, please visit: sso.conferenceboard.ca. (Free registration is required).

-- SOURCE: *CharityVillage*, August 24, 2009

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NEW - U.S. RESOURCES ON YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

A number of new resources have been released in the United States on youth homelessness.

- The [National Alliance to End Homelessness](#) released a new research report that found that youth homelessness is often the result of family breakdown related to abuse, neglect, and conflict in the home. This [research brief](#) reviews early intervention and prevention services that will help reduce youth homelessness. The Alliance also issued a [paper](#) on youth housing models, funding, and federal policy.
- A new book has been released by author Doris Keeler, [Youth Homelessness in America: The Changing Face of the Homeless](#) says that as many as 1.6 million children are homeless sometime during the year.
- Almost 200,000 youth between the ages of 16 and 24 in New York are unemployed, not enrolled in school and lack caring adults to help them, the [Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy](#) said in a new report. Disconnected youth are more likely to face future unemployment, low-wages, substance abuse, homelessness and incarceration, according to the [center](#).

-- SOURCE: *Housing Again Bulletin No. 124*, September, 2009

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IMAGINE CANADA RELEASES H1N1 FLU READINESS PACKAGE

Because charities and nonprofit organizations provide support to Canadians in every community across the country and many provide essential services, Imagine Canada has created an emergency preparedness package directly relating to the H1N1 (Human Swine Flu) pandemic. Although there are conflicting opinions about how serious the pandemic is likely to be, it makes sense for organizations to



be prepared. Topics covered in the package include teleworking preparedness, job task templates to ensure that critical tasks get done, a sample emergency plan, and a variety of articles on pandemic preparedness.

For more information, please visit: www.imaginecanada.ca.

-- SOURCE: *CharityVillage*, August 31, 2009

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WONDERING ABOUT THE ETHICS OF YOUR EVALUATION?

An online ethics decision-support tool has been developed by the Alberta Research Ethics Community Consensus Initiative (ARECCI) Network.

The ARECCI Ethics Screening Tool is a great resource for evaluators and their organizations that identifies what ethical considerations should be incorporated into an evaluation project in order to ensure that participants and their information is protected.



These decision-support guides are a resource to assist integration of appropriate ethics considerations in projects to protect participants, whether the project is evaluation, quality improvement (QI), quality assurance (QA), or research.

Adding the *ARECCI Ethics Guidelines for Quality Improvement and Evaluation* and the *ARECCI Screening Tool* to your project management toolkit will provide a quick and easy system of prompts to help you with:

- Identification of ethical considerations to be incorporated in a project, and
- Assessment of a project to determine appropriate review requirements.

Together, these two decision-support guides can assist you in evaluating your projects to ensure that ethics considerations are included and that you have done due diligence to protect people and their health information.

To identify and integrate appropriate ethics considerations into your project, please refer to the [ARECCI Ethics Guidelines for Quality Improvement and Evaluation Projects](#).

Then determine the level of risk for project participants and appropriate ethics review requirements by proceeding to the [ARECCI Ethics Screening Tool](#).

For more information, please visit: <http://www.ahfmr.ab.ca/arecci/areccitools.php>.

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CONFERENCE - ADMINISTRATORS OF VOLUNTEER RESOURCES BC

"Powerful Beyond Measure" is the theme for the 2009 Professional Conference hosted by the Administrators of Volunteer Resources BC (AVRBC).



An exciting program offers workshops, keynote addresses and networking opportunities that are sure to appeal to anyone involved in the administration of volunteer resources or working in the not-for-profit or public sectors.

Workshop options include such topics as: fusion of youth energy & baby boomer experience; building resilience; voice, expression & power; overseas experience; social networking; engaging volunteers leaders; high impact volunteering; training in tough times and teens in action-to name a few.

Dates: October 29 - 30, 2009
Location: Delta Burnaby Hotel & Conference Centre
Cost: \$275 members
\$385 non-members

To Register or for additional information, please visit: <http://www.avrbc.com/conferences.html>.

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PRECEDENT-SETTING SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING

Three Canadian non-profits are partnering to offer the first-ever Aboriginal online suicide prevention certificate program, [River of Life](#), starting in spring 2010. This project aims to increase the capabilities of caregivers and professionals working with Aboriginal youth to prevent suicide. It will allow communities to develop their infrastructure to support youth in a 'culturally continuous' way that involves Elders and gives youth a stronger sense of belonging and identity.

THE LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE INCLUDE:

- Equipping those working with youth to recognize those at risk of suicide and to strengthen youths' protective factors and desires for life.
- Applying suicide intervention strategies taught in the Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) in a culturally appropriate context.
- Developing a space for graduates to document processes, best practices, and resources that can be shared with Aboriginal communities across the nation.

ADVANTAGES OF ONLINE TRAINING ARE:

- An unlimited number of participants can be allowed into a single training.

- Rural groups across Canada can have greater access to information and training.
- Graduates can share experiences in online chat groups.

The course is based on two years of research and consultation with Elders and Aboriginal community members. Partners include the [Centre for Suicide Prevention](#), [Assembly of First Nations](#), [Canadian Mental Health Association](#) and [Millbrook Technologies](#).

-- SOURCE: BC Council for Families Healthy Families Weekly E-Newsletter, August 17, 2009

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AN INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

For staff, board and volunteers of organizations that are considering launching or are new to social enterprise.

In this orientation session there will be a discussion of the definition of social enterprise and reasons for starting a social enterprise as well as Demonstrating Value and the social enterprise development path. There will be a review of the enp grant requirements and priorities, and the session will qualify the organization to apply for enp funding.

Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2009
Time: 9 am - 3:30 pm
Location: Penticton Regional District Society for Community Living
439 Winnipeg Street
Penticton, BC
Cost: \$100 first person
\$50 second person (from the same organization)

The registration fee includes:

- Light breakfast, lunch, and coffee/snack service
- A copy of The Canadian Social Enterprise Guide
- Workshop materials

For additional information, please contact Peter Roundhill, Program Coordinator at:

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Web: www.enterprisingnonprofits.ca

To register online, please visit: www.enterprisingnonprofits.ca.

Enterprising Non-Profits (enp) is a funding program that provides matching grants to non-profit organizations in BC planning to launch or expand a social enterprise. Enp is made possible through a collaboration of 9 funding partners.

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YOUTH: GRIPPED BY GANGS

If you work with youth at risk and their families, you will find this workshop will enhance your skills and knowledge in dealing with at-risk youth. This interactive workshop will provide insight into gangs from the perspective of those that have lived the life and escaped.



The workshop will examine the following critical issues:

- How gang involvement begins.
- What involvement means for those inside gangs.
- How to effectively implement specific skills which will empower at-risk youth.

Instructor: Amir Javid, Real World Truth

Amir Javid, founder, Real World Truth (RWT), was born in Iran and immigrated to Richmond, B.C. with his family at the age of 6. In his teens, Amir entered the gang lifestyle – one that included violence, drugs and crime. Amir has since found a new calling, and through RWT works with youth at risk. In addition, Amir attends school, volunteers in his community, while supporting his wife and son.

Date: Friday, September 25, 2009
Time: 9:30 am – 12:30 pm
Location: Family Services of Greater Vancouver
201-1638 E. Broadway, Vancouver
Cost: \$55

To register, please call 1.604.638.3390 ext.3166

For additional information, please visit:

<http://www.charityvillage.com/cvnet/viewlisting.aspx?id=200465&eng=True&fs=True>.

-- SOURCE: CharityVillage

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REGIONAL EDI PRESENTATION REGISTRATION OPEN NOW

The third round of the Human Early learning Partnership (HELP) research tool has been completed and HELP is coming to the Interior for a presentation in November. Dr. Clyde Hertzman will report on the most recent Early Development Instrument results from throughout the region. This event is open to everyone, but registration is required.

You can register for this even now by visiting the HELP website at:

http://www.earlylearning.ubc.ca/event_registration/.

Seating is limited to 125, so register now to ensure your seat.

Date: Thursday, November 5, 2009
Time: 10 am – 3 pm
Location: Room 1 – Hollywood Road Education Services
1040 Hollywood Road, Kelowna
Cost: FREE

Registration deadline is October 13, 2009.

-- SOURCE: CATCH

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