

CCICY BULLETIN

APRIL 2008

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Call for submissions for the CCICY Newsletter 'Soap-Box'

The CCICY Newsletter now has a regular 'soap-box' feature where members are invited to post on a topic related to immigrant children and youth. Folks are invited to submit pieces (300 or fewer words) on the following topics:

- Policy issues
- Programming
- Issues and Trends.
- Legislation
- Services.
- News about your organization or from your region.

Soap-box submissions may be edited for length and content and are subject to approval by the Newsletter editor and Barbara Burnaby. Deadlines are the first Friday of each month.

APRIL SOAPBOX

Dear friends, colleagues and supporters

Putting immigrants to work; but what about their children?

Many recent initiatives, often supported by CIC (Citizenship and Immigration Canada) seek to encourage businesses to hire immigrants.

For instance, TRIEC (Toronto Region Immigrant Employment Council) works to “remove the barriers immigrants face when entering the labor market, while at the same time helping organizations benefit from the talents and skills immigrants bring with them to Canada.” TRIEC’s hireimmigrants.ca initiative provides employers with information on how and why to hire immigrants. **Yet this initiative ignores the issue of childcare.**

The Best Employers for New Canadians is another initiative from TRIEC (a Maytree Foundation initiative) and MediaCorp (who bring us Canada's Top 100 Employers). Evaluations of employers assess their programs and activities to support new employees who are recent immigrants to Canada:

- (1) whether they offer programs designed to assist such employees;
- (2) whether they are working to reduce employment barriers by, for instance, recognizing foreign educational credentials and experience;
- (3) whether they assist those with foreign professional or educational credentials to have these qualifications formally recognized in Canada;
- (4) whether they help them understand the Canadian workplace through programs such as internal coaching or mentoring;
- (5) whether they train managers and employees in cross-cultural issues or inclusiveness to help create a welcoming and productive environment.

There is no mention of the availability and accessibility of high quality childcare.

Organizations that seek to help immigrants get and keep jobs must address the issue of childcare. In addition to supporting employment, high quality childcare promotes healthy growth and development and supports families in child-rearing. Parent who are content with their child's early learning and care arrangement can focus better at work.

We urge organizations and programs seeking to support or assist immigrants to join us in advocating for more and better early learning and child care programs and supports for immigrant

families.

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Early Childhood Working Group
<http://immigrantchildren.ca>

EVENTS, PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, INSTITUTES

Items marked with an * indicate this item was in an earlier Bulletin

DOES RESEARCH ON REFUGEES HELP REFUGEES?

The Centre for Refugee Studies presents the First Annual Howard Adelman Lecture
In celebration of CRRS's 20th Anniversary
(See 'Events' on <http://www.yorku.ca/crs/>)
Founders Assembly Hall, York University, York, ON
April 10, Reception 5pm, Lecture 6pm

IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S OPPORTUNITIES AND BARRIERS TO LEARNING ENGLISH

CERIS – The Ontario Metropolis Centre

Friday, April 25, 2008, 12:00 – 2:00pm
246 Bloor St. West, Room 548, 5th Floor (St. George subway station, Bedford St. exit)
[RSVP](#) or call (416) 946-3110
Seminar presentations posted on <http://ceris.metropolis.net> after the event

WORKING TOGETHER FOR OUR CHILDREN'S SUCCESS

Toronto District School Board

Saturday, April 26, 2008, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Scarborough Civic Centre and TDSB building, 140 Borough Drive (at McCowan and Ellesmere)
TTC accessible. Free parking in lot on west side of building; Limited on-site child care for children aged 5 to 10. Please book early.
[Register on-line](#) and search 'Scarborough Parent Conference'

2ND ANNUAL PARENT ADVOCATES CONFERENCE

Ontario Association of Education Advocates

April 26, 2008
Mississauga, ON

ARAB AND MUSLIM IDENTITIES ON TRIAL: YOUTH STEP UP AND SPEAK OUT

May 3, 2008
North York Memorial Hall, 5110 Yonge Street, Toronto
Free admission/Lunch & snacks provided
Contact: [Ameera Basmadji](#)

***THE NEED TO BELONG: CITIZENSHIP, IDENTITY AND WELL-BEING IN URBAN CANADA**

2008 Maytree Leadership Conference

May 6, 2008

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA 37TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE: ENTRE DEUX MERS/ BETWEEN TWO SEAS--BRIDGING CHILDREN AND COMMUNITIES

ECEBC, Canadian Child Care Federation and University of Victoria School of Child and Youth Care

May 29-31, 2008
Best Western Richmond Hotel and Convention Centre, Richmond, BC

OUR PAST, OUR FUTURE: OUR CHILDREN: CONSULTATIONS & WORKING GROUPS

Canadian Council for Refugees

May 22-24, 2008, Winnipeg – Spring Consultation (Register before May 2 for reduced fees)
September 5-6, 2008, Montreal – Summer Working Group Meetings
November 27-29, 2008, Toronto – Fall Consultation

***SUMMER COURSE ON REFUGEE ISSUES**
Centre for Refugee Studies, York University
June 7-15, 2008

***SUMMER INSTITUTE: ESL AND LITERACY**
The Centre for Literacy
June 26-28, 2008

COMINGS AND GOINGS: MIGRATION, POLICY, AND SOCIETY
Statistics Canada Research Data Centre Program
Abstract submission deadline: May 9, 2008
Conference dates: October 17-18, 2008

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

SWIS (SETTLEMENT WORKERS IN SCHOOLS) PROVINCIAL COORDINATOR – ONTARIO
Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC), Settlement and Intergovernmental Affairs
Directorate, Ontario Region

The application process requires proposals to coordinate SWIS Program in Ontario
Date: May 15, 2008, 4 pm
Deadline for questions: May 9, 2008

RESEARCH COORDINATOR (PART-TIME)
School of Social Work, McMaster University, Hamilton, ON
Deadline: Open until position filled
Contact: [Dr. Y. Rachel Zhou](#)

Collaborative research project funded by Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) on the vulnerability to HIV of Chinese and Indian immigrant communities in Canada. Research Coordinator to implement a study on various factors (e.g., immigration, HIV knowledge, relationships, and sexual behavior) that may contribute to HIV risk faced by those belonging to the mainland Chinese immigrant community in Toronto and Hamilton.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

***OCASI PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE – SPRING 2008**
COLLOQUE DE PERFECTIONNEMENT PROFESSIONNEL D'OCASI – PRINTEMPS 2008
OCASI
May 7-9, 2008

THE FUTURE OF THE ECE FIELD IN ONTARIO: A FOCUS ON THE CHANGING
LANDSCAPE
Association of Early Childhood Educators Ontario.
May 9, 2008

CALLS FOR PAPERS/DEADLINES

***YOUNG AUTHORS AND ARTISTS – CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS**

Deadline: May 25, 2008

AWARD NOMINATION

ONTARIO HONOURS AND AWARDS SECRETARIAT

Honor youth and adults for working to support newcomers, strengthen communities, eliminate racial prejudice or discrimination etc.

Deadline: various

SCHOLARSHIP

2008 GLOBAL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Walter & Duncan Gordon Foundation

Deadline: April 10, 2008, 5 pm

GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD (at Master's and Doctoral levels of study)
for research related to immigration and settlement

CERIS – The Ontario Metropolis Centre

Deadline: May 20, 2008, 4pm

VAN DEN THILLART FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP IN MANAGEMENT FOR UTSC STUDENTS BORN OUTSIDE CANADA

UTSC

Deadline: May 30, 2008

RFP/FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

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ONTARIO HIV TREATMENT NETWORK SPRING 2008 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: COMPETITION FOR STUDENTSHIP, POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP, AND JUNIOR INVESTIGATOR DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

Ontario HIV Treatment Network

Deadline: Friday, April 11, 2008

Funds for successful applications release: September 2008

RBC AFTER-SCHOOL GRANTS PROGRAM

RBC Financial group

April 28, 2008

KIDFIT COMMUNITY ADVOCACY FUND EXPANDS TO INCLUDE NUTRITION

Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario

May 1, 2008

*CFP: LOCAL IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIPS

Citizenship & Immigration Canada & Ontario Ministry of Citizenship & Immigration

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FUNDING AWARDED

CERIS 2008 RFP RECIPIENTS

Seven universities across the province will conduct research related to all CERIS' domain areas

CANADIAN COUNCIL ON LEARNING 2007 FUNDED RESEARCH

RESEARCH, REPORTS, ARTICLES & WEBCASTS

For a more exhaustive list of research, reports, and articles (organized by issue) listed on the CCICY website, please click here. [Anne to do this]

EVERY CHILD'S LEGAL RIGHT TO EDUCATION

CLEO (Community Legal Education Ontario/Éducation juridique communautaire Ontario)

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND EARLY CARE: WHERE DOES CANADA STAND AND WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD

Education Commons OISE/UT

March 19, 2008

DIASPORA COMMUNITIES – IDENTITY, BELONGING AND CITIZENSHIP

Directions: Research and Policy on Eliminating Racism

Canadian Race Relations Foundation

Guest Editor: Ayman Al-Yassini Ph.D. Executive Director, Canadian Race Relations
publications@crrf-fcrr.ca

2008 ONTARIO'S URBAN AND SUBURBAN SCHOOLS

People for Education

April 2008

CHILD CARE SPACE STATISTICS 2007

Childcare Resource and Research Unit

March 2007

CHILD CARE REPORT CARD

Today's Parent.com

COMPOSITE LEARNING INDEX

Canadian Council on Learning

RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS SOUGHT

FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE THE CAREER SATISFACTION OF IMMIGRANT WOMEN IN CANADA

[Maria Rasouli](#), Dr. Lorraine Dyke, Dr. Janet Mantler
mariarasouli@gmail.com or (613) 233-707 to request a paper copy
Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario
[Click here for information posted on web-site](#)

RESOURCES

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[EARLY LITERACY FACILITATION VIDEOS](#) in English, Mandarin, Vietnamese, Spanish

Washington Learning Systems

Evidence-based programs promoting early literacy, language, cognitive and social development

[INTEGRATION-NET](#)

<<http://integration-net.ca>>

Research Resource Division for Refugees (RRDR), Carleton University

A national bilingual Web site developed as a research, communications, and professional development tool for the Canadian settlement community.

NEWS

[REFUGEE IN A CLASSROOM](#)

National Post

April 19, 2008

[NEWCOMER ORIENTATION AND SETTLEMENT SERVICES](#)

Access Alliance Multicultural Health and Community Services

April 8, 2008

Toronto, ON

[2008 FEDERAL BUDGET](#)

The federal budget appreciates the long waits prospective immigrants experience and notes the resulting cost to the Canadian economy. With a view to reducing waiting times and processing time for landed immigrant applicants as well as to making Canada's immigration system 'more competitive', an initial \$22 million investment over two years will increase to \$37 million per year.

[OTTAWA CRITICIZED FOR CHARGING REFUGEES FOR FLIGHTS](#)

CBCNews.ca

December 27, 2007

[MINIMUM WAGE RAISED TO \\$8.75 ON MARCH 31, 2008](#)

Ministry of Labour

December 2007

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