

WHAT ABOUT THE CANADA-ONTARIO IMMIGRATION AGREEMENT?

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<http://www.socialplanningtoronto.org/CSPC-T%20Reports/Reports.htm>

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http://www.nccp.org/media/imr06_text.pdf

CHILDREN OF IMMIGRANTS: FACTS AND FIGURES

The Urban Institute. This fact sheet describes the population of U.S. children of immigrants—especially those whose parents have less-than-full status – by drawing on facts and figures from several other reports.

http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/900955_children_of_immigrants.pdf

A WORLD TAILORED FOR CHILDREN AND THE YOUNG. Parsi, M.R., *Minerva Pediatr.* 2002 Dec;54(6):489-506. This opinion article is a comment on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. It asks if an examination of the current situation brings us to the main problem: if a virtuous circle is not established between rights, infant culture and duties of adults, then the declarations of this century will have to wait many years more before becoming a practical part of our society. What then should be done to make sure that the declarations and conventions on rights does not remain a mere expression of principles?

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THE CONDUCT OF ETHICAL RESEARCH COLLABORATION ACROSS INTERNATIONAL AND CULTURALLY DIVERSE COMMUNITIES

Holly P. Kennedy, Mary J. Renfrew, Banyana C. Madi, Dora Opoku and Joyce B. Thompson. *Midwifery*, Vol. 22, No. 2, June 2006. Objective: to present recently developed guidelines by the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) to guide the ethical conduct of research by midwives across international and culturally diverse communities. To illustrate the complexities of conducting collaborative research across diverse communities, a case study is provided highlighting unequal power balances, legal, ethical and cultural constraints.

PARENTING ISSUES OF NEW IMMIGRANTS IN THREE CANADIAN CITIES

From the Metropolis website: "This paper presents a new framework for understanding immigrant parenting, and highlights implications of this framework on public policy. The framework was developed by a multidisciplinary research team, through an intensive qualitative study on immigrant parenting in Ontario, Canada". The research team included Joanna Ochocka, Rich Janzen of the Centre for Research and Education in Human Services (CREHS).

http://www.international.metropolis.net/events/rotterdam/papers/60_Ochocka.htm#_ftnref1

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II. CURRENT INITIATIVES

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RESEARCH PROJECT: 'HEALTHY IMMIGRANT' STUDY. The Wellesley Institute is embarking on a 5-year study examining the social determinants of newcomer health in St Jamestown, Toronto. The Wellesley Institute's mission is to advance urban health. The Wellesley Institute acts as a catalyst for change through supporting community based research, informing public policy and building alliances and organizational capacity. J.Richard Blickstead, CEO: Wellesley Central Health Corp., 45 Charles St. East, Suite 101, Toronto M4Y 1S2, 416-972-1010 x 224.

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<http://www.aeceo.ca>

CALL FOR STEERING CTTE MEMBERS FOR NATIONAL YOUTH ANTI-RACISM NETWORK (NYAN). Deadline: July 15, 2006 NYAN is a youth-led network which

aims to unite a critical national anti-racism youth voice in Canada, share resources and promote youth engagement. NYAN encourages young people to mobilize to combat racism and discrimination and promote diversity, with a particular emphasis on youth affected by racism, namely Aboriginal youth and youth of ethno-cultural background. In an effort to renew its commitments and revitalize its action, NYAN is currently seeking 10 Steering Committee members (18-30 years old) to passionately and collaboratively work on the development of the network and to mobilize Canadian youth on anti-racism issues. Resume and Letter of Intent: nyaninfo@gmail.com

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III. UPCOMING EVENTS

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II. RESEARCH

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CONTRAST OF PEDIATRIC ASTHMA MANAGEMENT APPROACHES IN A MULTICULTURAL AND COLLECTIVIST POPULATION. Tse AM, Palakiko DM, Texeira R., Department of Pediatrics, John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawaii at Manoa. The Internet Journal of Asthma. From the background: “Although asthma is the most prevalent chronic illness in childhood and affects approximately 9 million children, the management approaches used by practitioners may not be efficient from the perspective of families. Clinicians often maintain their usual customs of practice, and the context of the clinical encounter is defined in terms of an individual illness management. In collectivistic and multiethnic settings, the extended kin group or extended family shares responsibility for illness management. The goal of this study is to describe health care providers' strategies to manage children with asthma in a multicultural and collectivistic cultural context”.

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TRANSNATIONAL, MULTI-LOCAL MOTHERHOOD: EXPERIENCES OF SEPARATION AND REUNIFICATION AMONG LATIN AMERICAN FAMILIES IN CANADA. Bernhard, J. K., Landolt, P., & Goldring, L. (2005). From Dr. Bernhard’s website: “The global patterns of immigration and settlement have changed drastically over the past two decades. Sometimes only one or two family members relocate while

other important family members stay behind. In many cases, those persons may lack proper documentation or legal status. Settlement may not involve either integration into the mainstream or the likelihood of family reunification. Yet the absent members may, through telecommunication and other means, be in almost daily communication with the immigrant family. Some of these relatives play a large part in immigrant children's lives. Investigators and early childhood professionals need to be aware of such possibilities.

<http://www.ryerson.ca/~bernhard/pdf/Transnational_Families_LARG_May_05.pdf>
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MATERNAL RESOURCES, PARENTAL RESOURCES, PARENTING PRACTICES AND CHILD COMPETENCE IN RURAL, SINGLE PARENT AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILIES. Gene H. Brody, Douglas L. Flor. 1998. *Child Development*, Vol. 69, No. 3. A family process model was tested that linked maternal education, maternal religiosity, and the adequacy of family financial resources to cognitive and psychosocial competence in the mothers' children. The sample included 156 6- to 9-year-old African American children living in single-mother-headed households in rural areas, 82% of whom lived in poverty. The distal variables of maternal education, maternal religiosity, and adequacy of financial resources were linked with the proximal variables of "no nonsense" parenting, mother-child relationship quality, and maternal involvement in the child's school activities. The proximal variables were, in turn, indirectly linked with children's cognitive competence, social competence, and internalizing problems through their association with the children's development of self-regulation.

COMMUNITY UNEMPLOYMENT AND IMMIGRANTS' HEALTH IN MONTREAL

Maria-Victoria Zunzunegui, Mathieu Forster, Lise Gauvin, Marie-France Raynault and J. Douglas Willms. *Social Science & Medicine*, 63(2), July 2006. This research examines the relationship between community unemployment and the physical and mental health of immigrants in comparison to non-immigrants in Montreal under the hypothesis that high unemployment in the community may generate more negative effects on the health of immigrants than on non-immigrants. Possible gender differences in these associations are also examined.

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III. PRACTICE

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CULTURAL COMPETENCE: A GUIDE FOR HUMAN SERVICE AGENCIES

Produced by the Child Welfare League of America, this resource is a field-tested management tool designed to assist child service organizations in identifying, improving and strengthening cultural competence in staff relations and client service delivery.

<<http://www.cwla.org/pubs/pubdetails.asp?PUBID=8714>>

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH NEW TO CANADA: A HEALTH CARE GUIDE

This resource, produced by the assists social service providers in understanding “the connection between culture and health”. The resource includes information on:

- Immigration and international adoption
- Health promotion information for parents
- Multicultural resources in Canada

<<http://www.cps.ca/english/publications/Bookstore/ChildrenNewToCanada.htm>>

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CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONALLY TRAINED NURSES (CARE). The CARE Centre works with internationally trained/educated nurses in navigating the health care system in Canada and establishing their health care careers here. Information about the Centre’s regular information sessions is posted on their website.

<<http://www.care4nurses.org/>> <http://www.care4nurses.org/>

UNDERSTANDING IMMIGRANTS’ RELUCTANCE TO USE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

The authors of a study published recently in the Canadian Journal of Psychiatry explored immigrants’ reasons for not using mental health services when they were experiencing mental health problems. In the analysis of themes from participant responses, the authors found that participants showed negative attitudes towards medication and described doctors as being over willing to prescribe medication. The participants also felt that previous visits with general practitioners were rushed and did not allow time for questions. Canadian Journal of Psychiatry (March 2006; 51 [4]: 205-209) available at

<<http://www.cpa-apc.org>> <http://www.cpa-apc.org>

NURSING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ELIMINATION OF HEALTH DISPARITIES

AMONG AFRICAN-AMERICANS: REVIEW AND CRITIQUE OF A DECADE OF

RESEARCH. Underwood SM, Buseh AG, Canales MK, Powe B, Dockery B, Kather T,

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IV. RESOURCES

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KAHANI

Kahani is a quarterly literary magazine dedicated to empowering, educating and entertaining children of South Asian descent living in North America. It is an alternative publication that reflects their unique life experiences not found in mainstream literature.

<http://www.kahani.com>

UNBISNET – THE UNITED NATIONS BIBLIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM. The catalogue of United Nations(UN) documents and publications indexed by the UN Dag Hammarskjöld Library and the Library of the UN Office at Geneva. Also included are commercial publications and other non-UN sources held in the collection of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library. UNBISnet also provides instant access to a growing number of full text resources in the six official languages of the UN (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish), including resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Security Council from 1946 onward.

<http://www.un.org/Depts/dhl/unbisnet/index.html>

THE MULTICULTURAL PORTAL, LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES CANADA.

The Multicultural portal is Library and Archives Canada's (LAC) gateway to multicultural and multilingual resources including ethnic newspapers, thematic guides, special collections, and directories of national and international vendors, publishers and cultural organizations.

<http://www.collectionscanada.ca/multicultural/index-e.html>

IDEAS - INTEGRATED DIVERSITY AND EQUALITY ANALYSIS SCREEN.

Developed by the Federal-Provincial-Territorial Working Group on Diversity, Equality and Justice. The IDEAS instrument begins with a question regarding the status and purpose of the initiative under review. Ideally, this review should be done at the beginning of a project, so that diversity considerations can become an integral part of the initiative.

<http://canada.justice.gc.ca/en/dept/pub/ideas/index.html>

LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES CANADA LAUNCHES WEBSITE TO FACILITATE CHINESE-CANADIANS IN SEARCHING THEIR ROOTS. Library and Archives Canada (LAC) is pleased to announce a new partnership initiative that allows Canadians of Chinese origin to explore their roots. Vancouver Public Library's new Chinese-Canadian Genealogy Web site is sponsored in part by Library and Archives Canada,

