

activists, media specialists and representatives of indigenous women's movements, excluded groups and sectors, and rural women's information initiatives. We are dedicated to the creation and dissemination of information and new knowledge for the empowerment of women and the promotion of gender justice. Our goal is to advance gender justice and respect for every nation's cultural diversity within the information society, and to promote access to information and communication as a fundamental women's and human right".

http://www.knowhowcommunity.org/htdocs/2006/Mexico_2006_declaration.pdf

RESEARCH & REPORTS

FACTS AND FIGURES 2005 – IMMIGRATION OVERVIEW: PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY RESIDENTS

Released in August by Statistics Canada, this report presents the annual intake of permanent residents by category of immigration and of temporary residents by primary status from 1980 to 2005 and includes statistical tables and charts covering the ten-year period from 1996 to 2005. The publication is divided into two separate sections, each depicting selected characteristics for the permanent resident population or the temporary resident population during the ten-year period.

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/pub/facts2005/index.html>

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/pdf/pub/facts2005.pdf>

STATS CANADA: FERTILITY AMONG VISIBLE MINORITY WOMEN

From Statistics Canada 'The Daily': "Fertility during the late 1990s was higher for visible minority women in Canada than it was for other Canadian women, according to a new report. Still, fertility for these women declined between 1996 and 2001 and remained below what is known as the replacement level, 2.1 children per woman".

<http://www.statcan.ca/Daily/English/060630/d060630b.htm>

TRANSITION MAGAZINE, VANIER INSTITUTE OF THE FAMILY

The theme of the Summer 2006 issue is "The New Faces of Canada". Articles include "A Multicultural Profile of Canada", with statistics and trends in immigration and settlement in Canada. The VIF hosted a focus group with families on the topic of "mixed-race marriages" and wrote up the results in the article "Love Without Borders".

<http://www.vifamily.ca>

GROWING UP IN NORTH AMERICA: CHILD WELL-BEING IN CANADA, THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO & THE IMPACT OF NORTH AMERICAN INTEGRATION ON CHILDREN.

The Children in North America Project is a tri-national project that aims to highlight the condition and well-being of children and youth in Canada, the United States, and Mexico.

<http://www.childreninnorthamerica.org/index.htm>

<http://www.childreninnorthamerica.org/Tri.WorkingPaper1.pdf>

MAKING CONNECTIONS: SOCIAL AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AMONG NEW CANADIANS

Report from the Canadian Council on Social Development shows that the rate of volunteering is increasing, particularly among recent immigrants. The study found the highest rate of volunteering among immigrants in Atlantic Canada (35%), followed by those in the Prairies (34%) and British Columbia (30%). Just over one-quarter of Ontario immigrants (28%) and 24% of immigrants in Québec volunteered their time in 2003. The participation rate in Québec was approximately the same for both immigrants and non-immigrants. Info:

<http://www.ccsd.ca/pubs/2006/makingconnections>

THE STATE OF WORLD POPULATION 2006

A Passage to Hope: Women and International Migration, examines the scope and breadth of female migration, the impact of the funds they send home to support families and communities, and their disproportionate vulnerability to trafficking, exploitation and abuse. Women and girls represent half of all international migrants. The report, produced and published every year by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), reveals that although migrant women contribute billions of dollars in cash and services, policymakers continue to disregard both their contributions and their vulnerability—even though female migrants tend to send a much higher proportion of their lower earnings back home than their male counterparts.

<http://www.acpd.ca/acpd.cfm/en/section/Home>

TEEN PERSPECTIVES ON FAMILY RELATIONS IN THE TORONTO TAMIL COMMUNITY.

Tyyskä, Vappu. CERIS Working Paper Series. No. 45. March 2006.

<http://ceris.metropolis.net>

WHAT ABOUT THE CANADA-ONTARIO IMMIGRATION AGREEMENT?

Proceedings from the Community Forum. Info:

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

CHILDHOOD AND MIGRATION: FROM EXPERIENCE TO AGENCY

Jacqueline. Bielefeld & Somerset, N.J.: Transcript & Transaction Publishers. This volume puts an emphasis on the question how children themselves experience and manage migration and by means of which they construct an identity for themselves which takes into account their experiences from both their places of origin and their host societies.

<http://www.transcript-verlag.de/ts384/ts384.htm>

FIRST LANGUAGE NOT NECESSARILY LINKED TO ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

The Canadian Council on Learning. Conventional wisdom suggests that lack of oral English proficiency is the main impediment to successful literacy learning for young ESL students, but recent evidence suggests that this may not be true.

<http://www.ccl-cca.ca/CCL/Reports/LessonsInLearning/LiL12May.htm>

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

YOUNG CHILDREN IN IMMIGRANT FAMILIES: THE ROLE OF PHILANTHROPY: SHARING KNOWLEDGE, CREATING SERVICES AND BUILDING SUPPORTIVE POLICIES

Dinan, K. A. (2006). National Center for Children in Poverty.

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

CURRENT INITIATIVES

PRENATAL DEPRESSION AMONG SOUTH ASIAN IMMIGRANTS

York Region Health Services' Child and Family Health division is conducting an environmental scan to investigate screening and interventions for prenatal depression within new immigrants from the South Asian community. The project is interested in learning of any local experiences, programs, resources, services or data/reports. Please forward any relevant information or contacts c/o Rebecca Byers at rbyers@aldergroup.com.

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.

ACCESS TO THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FIELD IN ONTARIO

Bridging Program for Internationally Trained Early Childhood Educators. A joint project of the Association of Early Childhood Educators, Ontario (AECEO), Thorncliffe Neighbourhood Office and George Brown College.

<http://www.aeceo.ca>

NATIONAL YOUTH ANTI-RACISM NETWORK (NYAN)

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.
Info: nyaninfo@gmail.com

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/>

CALL FOR PAPERS: JOURNAL OF HISPANIC HIGHER EDUCATION

Submissions are being accepted for a special issue focused on matters related to the Hispanic student and second language acquisition. This issue is tentatively titled, "Hispanic Students and Second Language Acquisition: Closing the Language Gap" for release January 2008. Submissions should focus on Hispanic learners who are educated and supported through ESL, ESOL, or bilingual education programs. Info: David Campos, Ph.D., JHHE Special Issue Guest Editor, University of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio, Texas 78209. Tel: (210) 283-5029.

UPCOMING EVENTS

~ INTERNATIONAL ~

Nov 16-18/06

Australia: University of Melbourne

HONOURING THE CHILD, HONOURING EQUITY: CULTURES, CHALLENGES AND CHANGE IN TROUBLING TIMES

This conference invites you to explore the place of children's rights, human rights and equity throughout the early childhood and children's services field – in pedagogies, practices, programs, policies, theories and research. Share stories of hope, challenge and/or change. Inspire and be inspired. Challenge and be challenged to make a difference through your work in the field.

<http://www.edfac.unimelb.edu.au/eesc/ceiec/>

~ CANADA ~

March 1-4/07

Toronto: Royal York Hotel

9th NATIONAL METROPOLIS CONFERENCE: EXPLORING CANADA'S DIVERSITY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

<http://www.metropolis2007.net/> > <http://www.metropolis2007.net/>

~ ONTARIO ~

Sept 28/06

Guelph: Hutt Building

IMMIGRATION SERIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH

Sponsored by the Joint Centre of Excellence for Research on Immigration and Settlement (CERIS) the seminar will focus on the support institutions available to immigrants in smaller urban centres and the barriers immigrants face to their social and economic integration. Presenters include: Edward Akinwunmi, "Mosaic Edition", Tanya Bouchard, Canadian Access for International Professions & Skilled Trades, Djurdjica Halgasev, The Guelph and District Multicultural Centre, Tom Lusic, Department of Geography, The University of Guelph.

Info: Tom Lusic at tlusic@uoguelph.ca.

Oct 2/06

Toronto: OISE/UT

ORGANIZING FOR JUSTICE: SOUTH ASIAN WOMEN AT WORK SEMINAR

With Dr. Amrit Wilson, writer and activist on issues of gender, race and South Asian politics in Britain.

<http://www.learningwork.ca/csew>

Oct 12-13/06

Toronto: Hart House

SKILLS, JOBS AND IMMIGRANTS: WHAT'S WORKING, WHO'S WORKING CONFERENCE

Keynote by Mayor David Miller. Panel discussions on "Linking Toronto-based immigrant and labour issues with the provincial, national and global policy and socio-economic context" with Sherene Razak, OISE; Karl Flecker, Canadian Labour Congress; Uzma Shakir, OCASI; Sima Sahar Zerehi, No One Is Illegal; Chair – Naomi Alboim, Fellow, Queen's University and "The 'other side': Undocumented Workers, Refugees and Victims of Violence." Panelists: Jose La Luz, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees; Franciso Rico-Martinez, FCJ Refugee Centre; Pedro Barata, Portuguese Canadian National Congress.

Info: Contact Rhonda Sussman, 416.923.6641 ext 2392

<http://www.wallnetwork.ca/updates>

To register: <http://www.onestep.on.ca/conference>

Nov 10-12/06

Toronto: Steelworkers Hall

PHILIPPINE WOMENS CENTRE OF ONTARIO & NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF PHILIPPINE WOMEN IN CANADA (NAPWC) CONFERENCE

This conference is part of NAPWC's project in accord with Multiculturalism Canada's mandate to assist in the development of strategies that facilitates full and active participation of ethnic and cultural communities by assisting in the identification and removal of barriers to equitable access and by supporting the involvement of these communities in public decision-making processes.

Info: Cecilia Diocson, (604) 215-1103, yusonoyas@shaw.ca or Rina Joy Sioson, (416) 656-2660, pwcontario@yahoo.ca.

RESOURCES

DIALOGUE – CANADIAN LANGUAGE AND LITERACY RESEARCH NETWORK

Quarterly released newsletter with updates on the Network's activities, a report on recent news, research reports and links to other organizations.

<http://dialogue.cllrnet.ca/september2006/>

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>

CHILDREN AND YOUTH NEW TO CANADA: A HEALTH CARE GUIDE

This resource 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>

ANTI-RACIST EDUCATION: MOVING YET STANDING STILL

Guest Editor George J. Sefa Dei. Directions: Research and Policy on Eliminating Racism. A journal published by the Canadian Race Relations Foundation (CRRF). Vol. 3, No.1.

IDEAS – INTEGRATED DIVERSITY AND EQUALITY ANALYSIS SCREEN

This tool was designed to serve as an instrument that would aid in the assessment of justice-related policies and initiatives in light of the diversity of Canadian society.

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

BZZZPEEK

This fun site demonstrates how children from a range of countries/cultures interpret animal sounds.

<http://www.flat33.com/bzzzpeek/index1.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.

