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#### **ACCS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **Record attendance at 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Provincial Training Conference**

We are proud to announce that we had a record attendance of 185 delegates attending our 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Provincial Training Conference this year. Pre-conference and conference registration was sold out two weeks before conference—an unprecedented phenomenon. Thank you so much for your enthusiastic support. More details to follow in our next issue of *Caring for Our Children*.

#### **ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NEWS**

##### **Dr. Margo Greenwood receives National Aboriginal Achievement Award**

Dr. Margo Greenwood was presented on Tuesday November 23, 2010 to the House of Commons in the Canadian Parliament as a recipient of a *National Aboriginal Achievement Award*.

Margo has been recognized for her outstanding career achievements as an educator and as a “remarkable Canadian” for her dedication and commitment to the health and well-being of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal children in Canada. We are thrilled for her and wished to share the news with you.

You can read more on this story by [clicking here](#).

As Dr. Malcolm King, Scientific Director of the Institute of Aboriginal Peoples Health noted, Margo’s career and contributions are distinguished for crossing over the fields of education and health. “These are inseparable aspects of our very existence when it comes to Aboriginal well-being. Margo sees these realities, and her many contributions attest to this. Research and education are, at base, extensions of how she lives her life.”

The significance of Margo’s work at the NCCAH is also being celebrated. “We are delighted for Margo and celebrate the national leadership role she plays at our university. Her inspirational work links policy, research and practice to address the profound inequities in health and well-being in the Aboriginal peoples in Canada,” said [Dr. George Iwama](#), president of the University of Northern B.C., which hosts the Centre. “The impact of the work she does with her team and network is truly remarkable.” (Source: NCCAH)

*We at BC Aboriginal Child Care Society are also very proud because Dr. Margo Greenwood served many years as our Vice-President on the ACCS Board of Directors. Well done Margo!*

To find out more about the 14 remarkable Canadians selected to receive the 2011 National Aboriginal Achievement Award, [please click here](#).

### **Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond receives BC ACCS Perry Shawana Award**

We are very proud to announce that this year’s recipient of our prestigious Perry Shawana Award goes to Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond, BC’s Representative for Children & Youth. The Perry Shawana Award is provided to individuals who have, through leadership, commitment, advocacy, policy-making, research, and/or volunteerism, have demonstrated support for, contributed to and advanced recognition of the need for safe, nurturing and high quality child development environments for British Columbia's First Nations children.

Previous recipients include Lake Bine Nation Chief Emma Palmantier, Debra Foxcroft of the Tseshat First Nation, Cindy Blackstock of the Gitksan Nation, First Nations Summit Grand Chief Ed John, and Dr. Margo Greenwood, NCCAH.

We wish a hearty congratulations to Mary Ellen! Well done!

### **Children’s rights advocate Dr. Cindy Blackstock a ‘remarkable Canadian’**

November 24, 2010 - Dr. Cindy Blackstock, a passionate advocate for the rights of First Nations children in Canada, has been recognized for her public service with a [National Aboriginal Achievement Award](#). She was presented to the Canadian Parliament Tuesday as one of 14 "remarkable Canadians" who are role models in their own communities and national leaders in their fields.

A member of the Gitksan Nation, Dr. Blackstock is the Executive Director of the [First Nations Child & Family Caring Society of Canada](#) (FNCFCFCS), a national non-profit organization providing services to First Nations child welfare organizations. She has worked in the field of child and family services for over 20 years.

Under Dr. Blackstock's leadership of the FNCFCFCS, the Assembly of First Nations launched a Canadian Human Rights Tribunal against the Canadian Government on charges that it is racially discriminating against First Nations children and their families by providing less child welfare funding and fewer benefits than other Canadian children receive. This case is one of the most formally watched legal actions in Canadian history with more than 6300 people and organizations monitoring the tribunal.

"With every generation comes an opportunity to create a better world," Dr. Blackstock said. "But First Nations children are debilitated by funding inequalities in education and child welfare. We can correct past mistakes by giving this generation a real opportunity to understand their place in the world differently and to succeed." To read the full story, [please click here](#).

*We wish a hearty congratulations to Dr. Cindy Blackstock. Well done!*

## **ADVOCACY NEWS**

### **First Call Releases Annual BC Campaign 2000 Child Poverty Report Card 2010**

On Wednesday, Nov 24, First Call released its annual BC Campaign 2000 Child Poverty Report Card. It can be downloaded at:

[www.firstcallbc.org/pdfs/EconomicEquality/3-reportCard2010.pdf](http://www.firstcallbc.org/pdfs/EconomicEquality/3-reportCard2010.pdf)

### **A Time for Leadership in Fighting Child Poverty**

Children need the political leaders of British Columbia to step forward and commit themselves to fighting poverty, BC Campaign 2000 said today in its latest annual report on child poverty.

"Child and family poverty simply won't disappear on its own," said Adrienne Montani, provincial coordinator of First Call: BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition. "Political leaders in other provinces understand this, but in BC we are still waiting for courageous leadership on this issue."

The child poverty rate in British Columbia dropped to 14.5 percent in 2008, according to the latest figures published by Statistics Canada. The number of poor children was 121,000 - or about one of every seven BC children. Alarming, the poverty rate for children under age six was 19.6%, or one in five young children.

Montani said 2008 could have the lowest poverty figures of the decade. The recession that started in late 2008 is almost certain to produce higher poverty figures in 2009 and 2010. Indicators such as increases in 2009 and 2010 in food bank use and families on income assistance signal this anticipated rise.

Other key findings in the report include:

- The risk of poverty for female lone-parent families is 31% , two and a half times greater than for children in 2-parent families, but the majority of poor children (67%) live in two-parent families.
- The vast majority of BC's poor children live in families with some income from paid work, with over one third having at least one adult working full-time, full-year.
- Inequity is growing. The gap between the incomes of the richest 10% and poorest 10% of families with children grew from a ratio of 11 to 1 in 2007 to 14 to 1 in 2008. Families in the three lowest income groups (deciles) saw an actual decline in their incomes between 1989 and 2008.

Seven provinces and territories have either enacted or committed themselves to enacting anti-poverty strategies, and at least one other province is said to be ready to join the majority. Both the House of Commons and the Senate have recently issued reports urging Ottawa to commit to an anti-poverty strategy of its own. In November 2009, the House of Commons passed a unanimous resolution to develop an immediate plan to eliminate poverty in Canada for all.

Despite growing pressure from a wide variety of voices within the province for BC to follow suit, BC's children are still looking for this kind of leadership. The Liberal government has regularly denied the severity of the problem, and promised for over a year that a "cross-ministry initiative" will be coming soon. Poverty has yet to become an issue in the prelude to the BC Liberal leadership race. The NDP has called for the government to introduce a poverty reduction plan with targets and timelines, but has yet to put forward the details of their own plan.

"Each of us in all of our communities have a role to play in working to reduce child poverty, but it is time that at both the Federal and Provincial level we get the kind of leadership and investment that can help to make this happen," said Lorraine Copas, Executive Director of the Social Planning and Research Council of BC. "The window of opportunity for healthy development for each child is short and those growing up in poverty cannot be asked to wait any longer."

The Report Card calls for commitment to reduce the before-tax child poverty rate in BC to seven percent or less by 2020, and outlines a range of federal and provincial public policy changes and investments to reach this target, including increases in the minimum wage, welfare rates and child tax benefits; enhanced employment insurance benefits and eligibility; universal access to high-quality, affordable child care; and improved access to post-secondary education for low-income students, among others.

BC Campaign 2000 is part of a national network that marks the anniversary every November 24 of the 1989 pledge by the House of Commons to work to end child poverty by the year 2000. The 2010 Child Poverty Report Card for BC was prepared by First Call: BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition and the Social Planning and Research Council of BC (SPARC BC).

Source: First Call BC

## **RESEARCH NEWS**

### **Investing in Aboriginal Education in Canada: An Economic Perspective**

#### **Abstract**

The objective of this paper is to summarize the research done by the Centre for the Study of Living Standards (CSLS) on the economic impacts of improving levels of Aboriginal education. Improving the social and economic well-being of the Aboriginal population is not only a moral imperative; it is a sound investment that will pay substantial dividends in the coming decades. In particular, Canada's Aboriginal population could play a key role in mitigating the looming long-term labour shortage caused by Canada's aging population and low birth rate. We estimate that complete closure of both the education and the labour market outcomes gaps by 2026 would lead to cumulative benefits of

\$400.5 billion (2006 dollars) in additional output and \$115 billion in avoided government expenditures over the 2001-2026 period. [Click here to download paper.](#)

## FUNDING NEWS

### **Aboriginal ECD Call For Applications – 2 New Calls for Applications (Culture & Language/ Service Planning)**

Note: All the following documents can be downloaded from [www.acc-society.bc.ca/files\\_new/whatnew.html](http://www.acc-society.bc.ca/files_new/whatnew.html)

The First Nations, Urban Aboriginal, and Métis Early Childhood Development Steering Committee (the Committee) is seeking applications from eligible communities and organizations which deliver early childhood development programs to First Nations, Urban Aboriginal and Métis children zero to six years and their families in BC.

In partnership with the Ministry of Children and Family Development and its Host Agency, the BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres, the Committee is mandated to facilitate and steward a collaborative process for the distribution of the Aboriginal Early Childhood Development Reinvestment Initiative for fiscal year 2010-2011.

Currently, there are 3 Calls for Applications open for early childhood development:

1. MINOR CAPITAL ENHANCEMENTS
2. LANGUAGE AND CULTURE DEVELOPMENT – **NEW**
3. SERVICE PLANNING – **NEW**

Please carefully review all the documents before completing the application template. Questions can be forwarded to [coordinator@bcaafc.com](mailto:coordinator@bcaafc.com).

MINOR CAPITAL ENHANCEMENTS – [Cover Letter from Steering Committee \(pdf\)](#)

1. [Call for Applications for Minor Capital Enhancements \(pdf\)](#)
2. [Application Template for Minor Capital Enhancements \(Word\)](#)

LANGUAGE & CULTURE DEVELOPMENT – [Cover Letter from Steering Committee 2 \(pdf\)](#)  
– **NEW**

1. [Call for Applications for Language and Culture Development \(Word\)](#)
2. [Application Template for Language and Culture Development \(Word\)](#)

SERVICE PLANNING – **NEW**

1. [Call for Applications for Service Planning \(Word\)](#)
2. [Application Template for Service Planning \(Word\)](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\) \(pdf\)](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **First Nations Language Keepers Conference: “Empowering First Nations Youth”**

**When:** Dec 2 & 3, 2010

**Where:** Saksatoon Inn & Conference Centre, Saskatoon, SK

**Registration:** SICC Language Keepers Conference (306) 244-1146  
[conference@sicc.sk.ca](mailto:conference@sicc.sk.ca)

**Website:** [www.sicc.sk.ca](http://www.sicc.sk.ca)

Download registration form:

[http://sicc.sk.ca/downloads/2010\\_FNLKC\\_participants\\_registrationform.pdf](http://sicc.sk.ca/downloads/2010_FNLKC_participants_registrationform.pdf)

### **14<sup>th</sup> Annual Children the Heart of the Matter Conference**

**When:** Feb 4-5, 2011

**Where:** The Bell Performing Arts Centre, 6250 144 Street, Surrey BC

**Registration:** Child Care Options Resource & Referral Program

Tel: (604) 572-8032 Email: [childcareoptions@options.bc.ca](mailto:childcareoptions@options.bc.ca)

Download registration at

[www.childcareoptions.ca/pdfs\\_whatsnew/pdf\\_id000130.pdf](http://www.childcareoptions.ca/pdfs_whatsnew/pdf_id000130.pdf)

*Children: The Heart of the Matter* conference brings together all those involved in the care and education of young children. Our purpose is to raise the awareness and profile of child care and early childhood development services, family resource programs and others through professional development, networking, and sharing of information and resources.

This conference will be of interest to all those who work with young children and families in child care settings, family resource programs, primary school grades and other community programs. These include early childhood educators, teachers, community health professionals, parents, grandparents, government officials, parks and recreation staff.

Certificates of attendance will be provided for the completion of each two hour workshop and keynote presentation.

### **JOB POSTINGS**

(also please visit [www.acc-society.bc.ca/files\\_new/jobpostings.html](http://www.acc-society.bc.ca/files_new/jobpostings.html))

### **PLEASE CLICK ON JOB TITLE FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Job Title: [Substitute Daycare Worker \(On Call\)- \*\*NEW\*\*](#)

Organization: Aboriginal Child & Family Support Services, Phil Bouvier Family Centre

Location: Vancouver, BC

Posted on: Nov 26, 2010 | Closing on: Until suitable candidate is found

Job Title: [Aboriginal Infant Development Consultant \(3.5 days/wk\)- \*\*NEW\*\*](#)

Organization: Splat'sin Tsm7aksaltn (Splat'sin Teaching Centre) Society

Location: Enderby, BC

Posted on: Nov 17, 2010 | Closing on: Fri, Dec 3 at 3:00 pm

Job Title: [Social Development Worker- \*\*NEW\*\*](#)

Organization: N'Quatqua Health & Social Development

Location: D'Arcy, BC

Posted on: Nov 16, 2010 | Closing on: Mon, Nov 29 4:00 pm

Job Title: [Early Childhood Educator-Kwigwis Daycare- \*\*NEW\*\*](#)

Organization: Kwakiutl Indian Band

Location: Fort Rupert, BC

Posted on: Nov 10, 2010 | Closing on: Mon, Nov 22, 2010 (Deadline extended)

Job Title: [Enhancement Worker - NEW](#)

Organization: North Cariboo Aboriginal Family Program Society

Location: Quesnel, BC

Posted on: Nov 10, 2010 | Closing on: Nov 18 or Until suitable candidate is found

Job Title: [Cultural Coordinator- NEW](#)

Organization: North Cariboo Aboriginal Family Program Society

Location: Quesnel, BC

Posted on: Nov 10, 2010 | Closing on: Until suitable candidate is found

Job Title: [Elders' Coordinator- NEW](#)

Organization: North Cariboo Aboriginal Family Program Society

Location: Quesnel, BC

Posted on: Nov 10, 2010 | Closing on: Until suitable candidate is found

Job Title: [Family Group Conference Coordinator- NEW](#)

Organization: North Cariboo Aboriginal Family Program Society

Location: Quesnel, BC

Posted on: Nov 10, 2010 | Closing on: Until suitable candidate is found

Job Title: [Early Childhood Development Assistant- NEW](#)

Organization: North Cariboo Aboriginal Family Program Society

Location: Quesnel, BC

Posted on: Nov 10, 2010 | Closing on: Until suitable candidate is found

Job Title: [Child Welfare Governance Research Coordinator- NEW](#)

Organization: Carrier Sekani Family Services (CSFS)

Location: Prince George, BC

Posted on: Nov 5, 2010 | Closing on: Mon, Nov 15, 2010

Job Title: [Speech-Language Pathologist \(Ref No. QSL-QSES-SLP-1110\)- NEW](#)

Organization: Cowichan Tribes

Location: Duncan, BC

Posted on: Nov 5, 2010 | Closing on: Fri, Nov 26, 2010 at 4 pm

Job Title: [Aboriginal Supported Child Development Consultant-Surrey- NEW](#)

Organization: Kla-how-eya Aboriginal Centre of SACS

Location: Surrey, BC

Earliest start date: Nov 15, 2010

Posted on: Oct 27, 2010 | Closing on: Until suitable candidate is found

Job Title: [AIDP Consultant -Temporary Full Time 1 Year- NEW](#)

Organization: Kla-how-eya Aboriginal Centre of SACS

Location: Surrey, BC

Earliest start date: Nov 1, 2010  
Posted on: Oct 13, 2010 | Closing on: Until suitable candidate is found

Job Title: [ECD Outreach Worker](#)- **NEW**  
Organization: Kla-how-eya Aboriginal Centre of SACS  
Location: Surrey, BC  
Earliest start date: Nov 1, 2010  
Posted on: Oct 13, 2010 | Closing on: Until suitable candidate is found

Job Title: [Aboriginal After School Club Facilitator](#)- **NEW**  
Organization: Kla-how-eya Aboriginal Centre of SACS  
Location: Surrey, BC  
Earliest start date: Nov 1, 2010  
Posted on: Oct 13, 2010 | Closing on: Until suitable candidate is found

Job Title: [Daycare Toddler Supervisor](#)- **NEW**  
Organization: Seabird Island Band  
Location: Agassiz, BC  
Re-posted on: Oct 27, 2010 | Closing on: Until suitable candidate is found

Job Title: [Daycare Early Childhood Educator](#)- **NEW**  
Organization: Seabird Island Band  
Location: Agassiz, BC  
Re-posted on: Oct 27, 2010 | Closing on: Until suitable candidate is found

Job Title: [Supported Child Development Support Worker \(2 positions\)](#)- **NEW**  
Organization: Seabird Island Band  
Location: Agassiz, BC  
Re-posted on: Oct 27, 2010 | Closing on: Until suitable candidate is found

Job Title: [Early Childhood Development Manager](#)- **NEW**  
Organization: Kla-how-eya Aboriginal Centre of SACS  
Location: Surrey, BC  
Earliest start date: November 15, 2010  
Posted on: Sept 24, 2010 | Closing on: Until suitable candidate is found.

Job Title: [Aboriginal Supported Child Development Worker](#)  
Organization: Kla-how-eya Aboriginal Centre of SACS  
Location: North/South Delta, Ladner, Tsawwassen  
Closing on: Until suitable candidate is found.

Job Title: [On Call/Casual Transition House Support Worker](#)  
Organization: Helping Spirit Lodge

City: Vancouver, BC

Closing Date: Until position is filled (as of Sept 9)| Posted on: July 1, 2010

Job Title: [Infant/Toddler Supervisor](#) **STILL OPEN**

Organization: Smuyuq'wa' Lelum (Ladybug Lodge), Tsawwassen, BC

First Nation: Tsawwassen First Nation

Closing date: Until position is filled (as of Sept 9)| Posted on: January 19, 2010

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### **Aboriginal ECE Job Posting Service**

Whether you are looking for work in the Aboriginal ECE field or looking for qualified professionals to work in your Aboriginal early childhood education program, we can help. Send your Aboriginal ECE job postings to [david@acc-society.bc.ca](mailto:david@acc-society.bc.ca) and we can spread the word through our enews and post them on our website [www.acc-society.bc.ca](http://www.acc-society.bc.ca) free of charge. Be sure to check our Job Postings page regularly!

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