



Comité d'action du premier ministre
sur la prévention de la violence familia

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) **Lecture: *Child and youth mental health: Lessons for education, health and community.***
October 4, 2012, UPEI Faculty Lounge 10:30-11:15am
- 2) **HOPE Parent Support Group Public Meeting October 11, 2012 7pm: Issues that families and youth are dealing and ideas of for handling these situations. St. Paul's Parish Centre, Summerside**
- 3) **PEI Verbal Abuse Prevention Week October 7-13, 2012**
- 4) **Advisory Council on the Status of Women's *Purple Ribbon Campaign Against Violence 2012-13* theme: "Violence is a choice. Choose Better"**
- 5) **New CLIA publication for separated parents, *The Parenting Plan.***

REMINDERS:

- 1) **16th Annual PEI Aboriginal Justice Forum October 19, 2012: Healing Journey – Problem Solving Approaches to Justice**
- 2) **CLIA is offering a FREE Course *The Best Interests of the Child in Custody and Access.***

ANNOUNCEMENT DETAILS

- 1) **Lecture: *Child and youth mental health: Lessons for education, health and community***
Featuring **Dr. Bruce Ferguson**, Director, Community Health Systems Research Group, The Hospital for Sick Kids, Toronto (*see attached flyer*)

Taking place: **Thursday, Oct, 4th, 10:30 - 11:15 am Faculty Lounge
Main Building, UPEI**

This is an event hosted by Dr. Kate Tilleczek, Canada Research Chair: Child/Youth Cultures and Transitions, and Chair, PEI Children's Secretariat in partnership with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, the Canadian mental Health Association - PEI Chapter, and UPEI

2) HOPE Parent Support Group Public Meeting October 11th 2012 7pm: Issues that families and youth are dealing and ideas of for handling these situations

The HOPE Parent Support Group (Summerside area parents of youth at risk and suffering from substance abuse) is hosting a public meeting at **St. Paul's Parish Centre in Summerside on Thursday, October 11 at 7:00PM.**

Dr. Bill Morrison will be the guest speaker. He will be speaking on issues that families and youth are dealing with and providing ideas of how to handle these situations.

Dr. Morrison is Associate Professor of Educational Psychology at the University of New Brunswick and Co-Executive Director of HERG (Health and Education Research Group) . Dr. Morrison has been actively involved in projects focusing on health research, program evaluation, and **the implementation of community –based rehabilitation services for high-risk children and their families.**

Over the past seven years he has received funding from CIHR, Health Canada and the National Crime Prevention Centre to complete a range of research initiatives related to tobacco control, crime prevention and knowledge translation of health research in educational and clinical contexts.

This presentation has been made possible with the help of the Catholic Women's League in Summerside.

3) 13th Annual PEI Verbal Abuse Prevention Week

Thirteen years ago, the Province of Prince Edward Island recognized the importance of the impacts of verbal abuse on school children and adults. Former Premier Pat Binns announced that there would be an annual Verbal Abuse Prevention Week.

This year Premier Robert Ghiz is declaring October 7-13, 2012 to be Verbal Abuse Prevention Week on Prince Edward Island.

Verbal Abuse is usually known as "Bullying" and is one of many forms of abuse that school children and adults encounter. It can be very emotionally devastating to the person receiving it and it can change their behaviour and how they see or trust people then and in the future.

Verbal Abuse Prevention Week provides an opportunity to increase the awareness of Verbal Abuse and its effects and encourages groups, organizations and schools to talk about it and come up with solutions to help curb the abuse and educate those who may not know how harmful this abuse is.

For more information please contact Tami Martell 838-4900.

4) Advisory Council on the Status of Women's Purple Ribbon Campaign Against Violence 2012-1 theme: "Violence is a choice. Choose Better"

Preparation for the Advisory Council on the Status of Women's *Purple Ribbon Campaign Against Violence* is underway, with the 2012-2013 theme **Violence is a choice. Choose Better**. Pins, ribbons, bookmarks and specific resources for teachers will be available early in October. Again this year, the Council is grateful to Women's Institute members from across PEI for pinning thousands of purple ribbons. If you or your group would like to organize a pinning party, receive materials for distribution, or have more information about the campaign please contact Michelle Jay, Program Coordinator: [902.368.4510](tel:902.368.4510) / michelle@peistatusofwomen.ca

5) New CLIA publication for separated parents, *The Parenting Plan*

CLIA has a new publication, *The Parenting Plan* that is a comprehensive (24 page) document that separated parents can use as a workbook when discussing arrangements that address the best interests of the child. Not all sections of the workbook will apply to all family situations, but parents are encouraged to fill out whatever they find helpful.

The Parenting Plan is available on CLIA's website at:

<http://www.cliapei.ca/sitefiles/File/publications/FAM27.pdf>

Copies are also available at CLIA's office or by calling CLIA at (902) 892-0853 (Monday - Thursday, 09:00 to 16:00).

REMINDER DETAILS

6) 6th Annual PEI Aboriginal Justice Forum: Healing Journey-Problem Solving Approaches to Justice

Hosted by the Mi'kmaq Confederacy of PEI's Aboriginal Justice Program in partnership with Justice Canada's Aboriginal Justice Strategy and the Department of Justice and Public Safety

The purpose of the forum:

- Better understand Aboriginal youth
- Work effectively with Aboriginal people
- Build sustainable community partnerships

Date: Friday, October 19, 2012

Time: 8:30am-3pm

Location: Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, Charlottetown PEI

Cost: Free

RSVP by: October 10th. Register early as seats are limited.

Four ways to register: Complete registration form (see attached flyer) and

1. Email registration form to sjackson@mcpei.ca
2. Fax to (902) 626-3386
3. Mail to MCPE Aboriginal Justice Program, 199 Grafton St, Suite 501, Charlottetown PE C1A 1L2
4. Call Sarah Jackson at (902) 626-2882 ext 106

2) CLIA is offering a FREE Course *The Best Interests of the Children in Custody and Access.*

Community Legal Information Association (CLIA) will be offering a FREE two- part course for people who are dealing with a custody and access dispute. (See attached flyer)

Clients learn:

- What you can expect if you have to go to court to resolve a custody and access dispute.
- How the ‘best interests of the children’ can be met.
- Ways to resolve your dispute outside of court.

This course is led by a volunteer family law lawyer, and a CLIA staff person. Please pass this information along to friends, family or clients who are experiencing difficulties coming to a custody and access agreement.

Fall Dates:

September 11th & 13th, 6:00pm - 8:00pm (Cathy Chaisson, Legal Aid)

October 23rd & 25th, 6:00pm - 8:00pm (Ron Profit, Cox & Palmer)

November 6th & 8th, 6:00pm - 8:00pm (Nancy Key, McInnes Cooper)

For more information or to register: 902-892-0853 or 1-800-240-9798 or clia@cliapei.ca.

THANK YOU!

**The Premier’s Action Committee on
 Family Violence Prevention Vision Statement**

A society where all individuals are safe, respected and valued; where any form of violence is unacceptable; and where children, women, and men have opportunities to reach their full potential and contribute to the overall well-being of all families and communities.

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