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Overview

Child Health Summit

**25–26 April 2007
Ottawa, Ontario**



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Overview Child Health Summit

Driven by a strong desire and commitment to create a new health legacy for the children of Canada, the Child Health Initiative Partnership (CHIP), comprised of the Canadian Medical Association, the Canadian Paediatric Society and the College of Family Physicians of Canada hosted the **Child Health Workshop**. This Workshop, which took place in Ottawa on Nov. 20–21, 2006, brought together 40 experts, stakeholders and key influencers in the area of child health.

Research, leading practices, thoughts and ideas, personal experiences and professional expertise was shared, resulting in:

- A framework for a Child Health Charter; and
- A framework of an action plan for improving the health of all children of Canada.

CHIP is now inviting participants and partners who share the same values and commitment to children, to a **Child Health Summit**. Together we will move forward to put words into action. Together, we will become a nation that is truly committed to improving the health of children.

The Child Health Summit will unite Canadian and international child health experts, advocates, stakeholders and key influencers in the area of children's health issues. It will also integrate the voice of young Canadians from across the country, demonstrating their commitment to improving the health of their peers in their own communities.

The goals of the Summit are to:

- Heighten the profile and public awareness on the issue of child health;
- Achieve broad support on a **Child Health Charter** and the **Child Health Challenge** (or "action strategy" component);
- Secure further support for commitment to future action.

The summit has three components:

1. Charter and Challenge Consultations – February/March 2007
2. Child Health Reception – April 25, 2007
3. Child Health Summit Meeting - April 26, 2007

Charter and Challenge Consultations

Consultations were held with children and parents of young children. Through facilitated discussion, participants identified child health issues, tested the content of the Child Health Charter, and identified a series of challenges for the participants of the Child Health Summit meeting for their consideration and action.

The consultations provided an opportunity to film children and youth and other stakeholders from across the country. Their concerns and ideas were captured and will be presented in video format at the Summit.

Child Health Summit Reception

Date: April 25, 2007

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Location: Drawing Room, Chateau Laurier

The Child Health Summit reception is designed to bring together prominent Canadians, global experts, opinion leaders, advocates and leaders of child health issues in a celebration and recognition of the importance of child health. Presentations of music, song and dance will be part of the evening, celebrating the contributions young Canadians make to their communities and their country.



The **Honourable James K. Bartleman**, 27th Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, will be the guest of honor for the evening. Mr. Bartleman has used his position to spearhead three initiatives that he personally identifies with and considers important: reducing the stigma of mental illness; fighting racism and discrimination; and encouraging aboriginal young people (as an homage to his Native Canadian heritage).

To these ends, he initiated the Lieutenant-Governor's Book Program in 2004, and has collected over 1.2 million used books, donated from all corners of the province from both institutions and individuals, to stock school libraries in First Nations communities.

Child Health Summit Meeting

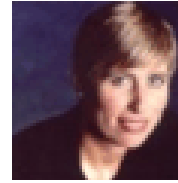
Date: April 26, 2007

Time: 8 AM – 4 PM

Location: Ottawa Congress Centre

The Summit meeting will bring together approximately 100 national and international child health leaders to discuss and deliver concrete actions to address child health issues. Participants will sign a **Declaration** that supports the **Charter of Child Health**, further demonstrating their commitment to improving child health. Furthermore, the Charter will drive the **Child Health Challenge** to position Canada as one of the five leading countries in all child health indicators.

Opening Plenary Session: The Summit meeting will be opened by two co-chairs: youth representative **Michel Naubert**, and **Silken Laumann**, one of Canada's most inspiring sports heroes and child health and physical activity advocates. Ms Lauman will share her many experiences in Canada and throughout the world with impoverished children.



CHIP will open the plenary, which will present an overall view from child health experts as to the challenges facing child health in Canada and on an international scale. Greetings and messages of the urgency to act now will come from global expert Professor Sir Al Aynsley-Green, Children's Commissioner for England.

Following the Plenary, a roundtable will be held with Summit Champions, whose dialogue and commentary will be an influential contribution to the Charter and Challenge.

Keynote Luncheon Speaker: Federal Minister of Health, Tony Clement, who indicated his support for the Summit at CMA's 2006 General Council and at the recent Child Health Workshop, will address Summit participants at the luncheon.

Working Group Session: Following lunch, the *Child Health Challenge*, an implementation strategy document that supports the goals of the Charter, will be presented sparking discussion and debate among Canada's pre-eminent child health practitioners, researchers and policy experts. The working groups will further refine the Challenge in terms of priority actions on specific children's health issues and obstacles that need to be overcome.

Media Event: At the day's close, a media event will be held, drawing national media attention to child health issues. The event will focus on the presentation of the Declaration in support of Canada's first Child Health Charter. A communiqué, approved by all Summit Champions, will also be issued that states Summit outcomes and next steps that will deliver the results outlined in the Charter. It will also challenge other stakeholders to join in the cause.

Post-Summit

After the Summit, CHIP will continue advocating to leaders and the public for the development of national child health targets and goals to move forward to achieve the Charter outcomes.

Further consultations will be conducted with stakeholders, children and parents and Aboriginal peoples. Additional partnerships will be developed to ensure actions are taken at a community level to improve the health of Canada's children. A national advocacy and public awareness strategy will continue to support the message that there is an immediate need for results.