



MEDIA ADVISORY

Child Health Summit to be Held in Ottawa on April 25-26 *Health Experts to Develop an Action Plan to Tackle Growing Challenge*

OTTAWA – The Child Health Initiative (CHI), consisting of the Canadian Medical Association, Canadian Paediatric Society and The College of Family Physicians of Canada will co-host a Child Health Summit in Ottawa that will bring together experts, advocates, stakeholders and key influencers to discuss a wide variety of children’s health issues in Canada.

The goals of the Summit are to raise public awareness, develop broad support for a Child Health Charter and Challenge, as well as to secure commitments to future action. Participants hope that their deliberations will help lead the charge to position Canada as one of the five leading countries in all child-health indicators.

All sessions are open to the media. Registration is available on site.

Wednesday, April 25th

Child Health Summit Reception
6:00PM to 8:00PM
Drawing Room
Fairmont Chateau Laurier
1 Rideau Street
Ottawa, Ontario

Highlights include – introduction of honorary co-chairs, Silken Laumann and Michel Naubert; a keynote speech by The Honourable James K. Bartleman, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario; and, performances by Aboriginal Experiences Dance Troup, Glashan Public School Choir and the Lisgar Collegiate Senior String Quartet.

Thursday, April 26th

Child Health Summit Meeting
7:30AM to 4:30PM
Hall A-B
Ottawa Congress Centre
55 Colonel By Drive
Ottawa, Ontario

The full schedule is available at www.ourchildren.ca. Highlights include:

- 8:45AM-9:35AM “The International Perspective” from **Professor Sir Albert Aynsley-Green**, Children’s Commissioner for England
- “The Research Perspective” from **Dr. Michael Kramer**, Scientific Director, CIHR Institute of Human Development, Child and Youth Health
- “The Parliamentary Perspective” from **Rob Merrifield MP**, Chair of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health
- 9:50AM-10:20AM Walk a Mile in My Sneakers – A Children’s Perspective on Canada’s Child Health Charter with representatives from **Ipsos Reid** and the **National Association of Friendship Centres**
- 11:20AM-12:00PM Perspectives on Aboriginal Child Health with **Phil Fontaine**, National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations; **Mary Simon**, President of the Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami; and **Clément Chartier**, President of the Métis National Council
- 12:00PM-1:30PM Lunch Address by **the Honourable Tony Clement**, Minister of Health
- Media Availability
- 1:30PM-4:00PM Plenary Session on the Child Health Charter, and Child Health Challenge

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