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The [Caledon Institute of Social Policy](#) regularly scans provincial and territorial government websites in order to follow policy and program developments related to our core work and interests. A partial list includes: disability, education, health, housing, income security, poverty reduction, recreation, seniors and youth. This tracking is intended to inform our analysis of policy trends. Monitors can be searched on the Canada Social Report website by date, jurisdiction and category.

Newfoundland and Labrador

COMMUNITY

Community Accounts Newfoundland and Labrador's system of Community Accounts endorsed by the Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology in its final report of the Senate Subcommittee on Population Health – *A Healthy, Productive Canada: A Determinant of Health Approach*. Committee recommended a Community Accounts system for all provinces.

<http://www.releases.gov.nl.ca/releases/2009/fin/0629n02.htm>

DISABILITIES

Disability Policy Office opened with the goal of strengthening province's relationship with persons with disabilities. Provincial Advisory Council for the Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities is being established.

<http://www.releases.gov.nl.ca/releases/2009/hrle/0603n01.htm>

Québec

DISABILITIES

Working group established in Saguenay-Lac-St-Jean region to link with integration and employment strategies for persons with disabilities (2008 program has a 10-year goal of reducing the unemployment gap by 50 percent between persons with and without disabilities).

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The Bas-Saint-Laurent collaborative table on disabilities is producing a manual for parents with children 0 to 21 to help coordinate services and interventions to deal with disabilities (child care, care in school, accompaniment and supervision).

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\$200,000 for development of tools and evaluation mechanisms for assessing competencies of persons with disabilities in adapted workplaces in building management and maintenance sector.

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Transportation strategy for persons with disabilities is augmented by 15 percent (\$64.2 million) for 2009-2012. \$34 million will support the employment and integration of persons with disabilities.

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HEALTH

New regulations limit the professionals who may provide mental health services: psychologists, doctors and other professionally-accredited mental health care professionals.

<https://www.canlii.org/en/qc/laws/stat/cqlr-c-s-4.2/latest/cqlr-c-s-4.2.html>

RECREATION

3-year, \$30 million renewal of 30-year-old agreement on cultural development. Four main areas are: developing and consolidating the arts,



culture and technology; ensuring citizen access to arts and culture in their neighbourhoods; valuing the cultural role and roots of Quebec City; placing value on the partnership between Quebec City and the Ministry of Culture, Communications and Women's Issues.

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Ontario

DISABILITIES

Charles Beer to conduct mandatory independent review of the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act*. Ontario will make the province accessible for people with disabilities by 2025 by breaking down barriers in key areas of everyday life.

<http://news.ontario.ca/mcss/en/2009/06/ontario-launches-review-of-accessibility-legislation.html>

Saskatchewan

CHILDREN

17 agencies will receive \$1.67 million in capital funding for 496 new child care spaces in 11 communities throughout the province (current budget set aside \$4.22 million for 1,000 new child care spaces by 2009-10, bringing the total of licensed child care spaces to 11,400).

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HOUSING

\$3.8 million to develop new 40-unit affordable, supportive housing project for low-income persons in Regina. 32 units will serve people with serious mental illness, with remaining eight units for people with intellectual disabilities. Project is part of a \$76.9 million 2008 commitment to address wait list for specialized, residential and day-program services for people with intellectual disabilities.

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Alberta

CHILDREN

\$1 million from 2009-10 child care budget for more than 300 new child care spaces for families accessing emergency and second-stage shelter services.

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COMMUNITY

\$6 million of the Community Initiatives Program grant funding set aside for small, community-based, human service organizations and international development programs. Citizen advisory group will be established to provide guidance.

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EDUCATION

\$4 million for tuition and cost-of-living subsidy to support up to 40 First Nations, Métis and Inuit adults in northern communities as they study to become teachers in the Community-Based Teacher Education Program. 800,000 bursary program for post-secondary students interested in teaching in northern Alberta.

<https://education.alberta.ca/department/newsroom/news/2009/june/20090622.aspx>

HOUSING

\$386 million over next two years through amended Canada-Alberta Affordable Housing Program Agreement. It includes \$95 million in federal funding over two years under Canada's Economic Action Plan as part of one-time investment of more than \$2 billion to build new and renovate existing social housing in Canada. Alberta will contribute \$95 million over next two years.

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\$8.9 million to Calgary Homeless Foundation for new housing initiative for up to 80 family housing units for families in Calgary that are homeless or at risk of being homeless, including those leaving domestic violence situations.

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\$278 million in capital funding in 2009-10 for 2,200 more affordable housing units across the province. This is an increase of \$24 million from 2008-09.

http://www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca/documents/2009_10_HUA_annualreport.pdf

YOUTH

Three-year, \$1.2-million grant from Safe Communities Innovation Fund (SCIF) to operate From Risk to Resiliency: Implementing SNAP for High Risk Boys in two Aboriginal communities.

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