




Canada Social Report
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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

EMPLOYMENT

Targeted Initiative for Older Workers to help unemployed individuals ages 55-64 enhance their skills to enable transition to self-employment or employment in a new field. This federal-provincial (70/30) employment support program provides tailored support to communities experiencing continuously high levels of unemployment or significant industrial downsizing that affects at least 20 percent of the local labour force.

<http://www.releases.gov.nl.ca/releases/2009/hrle/0717n02.htm>

INCOME SECURITY

Effective July 1, minimum wage was increased by 50 cents to \$9.00 per hour (provincial goal is \$10 per hour by 2010).

<http://www.releases.gov.nl.ca/releases/2009/hrle/0630n02.htm>

RECREATION

\$559,900 from Community Capital Grant Program to support renovations to recreation and sports infrastructure in 41 communities (maximum \$15,000 per project). Since the program was established in 2007, \$1.6 million has been allocated.

<http://www.releases.gov.nl.ca/releases/index.html>

Québec

HEALTH

New program launched to detect deafness in newborns.

The internet link to this item is no longer operational.

YOUTH

Valorisation jeunesse – Modèle sans frontières [Valuing youth – model without limits] – new inspirational model launched for youth – involving exposure to professionals from sport, the arts, law, business, science, education and the media – in order to encourage them to aspire to excellence. Part of the province's youth action strategy (2009-14) and diversity strategy (2008-13).

<http://www.micc.gouv.qc.ca/fr/presse/archives-2009.html>

Ontario

No releases this month.

Saskatchewan

COMMUNITY

\$858,000 in 2009-10 in addictions treatment for offenders through an agreement between Corrections, Public Safety and Policing (CPSP) and Regional Health Authorities.

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EMPLOYMENT

\$510,000 to industry and post-secondary training institution partners for the Workplace Essential Skills Saskatchewan Initiative, to enable ap-



proximately 250 workers and job-seekers to build the skills for long-term employment and advancement.

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INCOME SECURITY

Changes to Minimum Wage Regulations will establish age 16 as the general minimum age of employment in Saskatchewan. An 'absolute' minimum age of 14 has also been established, provided those 14- and 15-year-old workers fulfill certain requirements.

<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/75-001-x/topics-sujets/pdf/topics-sujets/minimumwage-salaireminimum-2009-eng.pdf>

Alberta

CHILDREN

A review panel led by child intervention specialists is studying Alberta's child intervention system to better support at-risk children, youth and families. Opportunities for input from partners, stakeholders and the public will be provided during the review process. The panel's report is expected in spring 2010.

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COMMUNITY

\$450,000 over three years for the City of St. Albert's Neighbourhood Development Team through the Safe Communities Innovation Fund (SCIF) to address crime and social disorder in targeted, high-risk neighbourhoods. \$60-million SCIF is part of the government's response to reducing and preventing crime in Alberta.

The internet link to this item is no longer operational.

SENIORS

Revised drug plan provides Alberta seniors with predictable premium and co-payment costs. Lower-income seniors, nearly 60 percent, will either receive free prescription drugs or pay less than they do today.

<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hcs-sss/pubs/cha-lcs/2009-cha-lcs-ar-ra/index-eng.php#ab>