



Canada Social Report  
Provincial/Territorial  
Policy Monitor

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CANADA SOCIAL REPORT



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/Labrador, Nova Scotia,  
New Brunswick

*No updates this month.*

Prince Edward Island

#### DISABILITY

Islanders with a disability or illness who are unable to get to their local library branch can have library materials delivered directly to their own homes through a new Home Library Service. The pilot project is a partnership between the Public Library Service and the provincial Seniors' Secretariat, which provided a one-time grant. Books, CDs, DVDs and talking books will be delivered by community volunteers.

<http://www.gov.pe.ca/newsroom/index.php?number=news&newsnumber=8477&dept=&lang=E>

Québec, Ontario, Manitoba

*No updates this month.*

Saskatchewan

#### DISABILITIES

\$372,000 for a new province-wide Crisis Prevention and Support Program for people with intellectual disabilities to be operated by the Saskatchewan Abilities Council. It aims to prevent people with intellectual disabilities who exhibit on-going severe and challenging behaviours from losing placement in residential or day programs. It will provide workshops and information sessions to service providers in the community. The program will also offer education and behavioural supports to the team of individuals who are supporting a person in crisis or potential crisis.

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#### HOUSING

New rules announced governing social housing. New social housing tenants will be selected based upon a balanced approach that considers more than their financial circumstances, including the safety, condition and crowding of their existing home. Consideration will also be given to those who are homeless or victims of domestic violence. Program changes will be introduced this fall in the largest urban centres and throughout the rest of the province over the coming year. Discussions will take place with local housing authorities in smaller and northern communities to develop solutions to address the specific housing needs of seniors.

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## Alberta

### SENIORS

Alberta Health Services will discontinue the practice of preparing meals offsite and bring back on-site food preparation services in the 73 long-term care facilities it operates. The changes will be in effect by December 2012.

<http://alberta.ca/release.cfm?x-ID=32733C435948F-FFFB-F1FC-617BAAE06C89D768>

## British Columbia

### HEALTH

As part of the province's Healthy Families BC strategy, lower-income seniors and families in communities throughout BC will have increased access to locally grown produce and food products through a \$2-million, one-time grant to the BC Association of Farmers' Markets. Families will receive \$15 in coupons each week, while seniors will receive \$12. Coupons are treated like cash and can be used to purchase a variety of BC food products including fruit, vegetables, meat, fish, nuts, dairy and fresh cut herbs.

<http://www.newsroom.gov.bc.ca/2012/07/2-million-investment-increases-access-to-farm-fresh-produce.html>

## Yukon Territory, Northwest Territories, Nunavut

*No updates this month.*