

January 17, 2011

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January 27-28 2011
Fantasyland Hotel, Edmonton

[CONFERENCE BROCHURE & REGISTRATION](#)**[TRADE SHOW REGISTRATION - Don't Delay, spaces fill up fast!!](#)**

The AASCF Trade Show highlights businesses, agencies and organizations serving children & families in Alberta as well as the organizations, businesses and services that support them in that effort. Trade Show participants may include Promotional Suppliers, Corporate Gift companies, Leadership Development, Fund Raising, Accreditation Services, Research Institutes, Foundations, Post Secondary Programs, Human Service Agencies promoting their programs and services and so much more!

[Pre- Session Strengthening our Network - Boards Meeting Boards](#)

Wednesday January 26, 2011 (6-9 PM)
Fantasyland Hotel Conference Centre, West Edmonton Mall

[Central Chapter Meeting](#)

January 20, 2011

[AASCF Survey - Assessment And Outcomes Measurement Tools Determining Service Delivery Reporting](#)

In order to ensure that the Alberta Association of Services for Children and Families (AASCF) is able to report and represent the needs of our members accurately and effectively to the Ministry, we are required to gather information regarding the use of measurement tools related to client and program based outcomes. The attached survey will assist the AASCF in identifying common tools in use throughout particular programs and potentially assist members in determining valid methods to report outcomes in response to the Ministry's movement towards Outcomes Based Service Delivery and Funding Models. The information gathered in this survey is for data purposes only and any identifying information related to the agency / organization will not be released. Information will be compiled to determine the types of assessment / reporting tools used by specific programs throughout the province. This information will be available to all members upon request once the data is compiled. Please take 10 minutes to fill out the following pages and return prior to January 31, 2011. Completed surveys may be submitted via email to tsalter@aascf.com or fax at 780.428.3844.

[New! Register Now - AASCF Presents Prof. Ethics Workshop - Feb 17, 2011](#)**[Accepting submission to AASCF Journal – deadline Feb 28, 2011](#)**

The 4th edition of the Journal will be out in the spring. We are looking forward to new articles and the next edition. The deadline for submission is February 28, 2011. We encourage anyone who is working on interesting projects or research to submit an article to share your great work with others

Sector News**[Vulnerable Sector Searches](#)**

New policing screening criteria for VSS are creating some delays for foster parents who require updated criminal record and vss for the renewal of their license. The following website provides information on the recent changes to vulnerable sector searches: <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cr-cj/vulner/index-eng.htm>.

[Effective January 1, 2011, Volunteer Alberta will assume ownership of the RCVO collection and services.](#)

With its provincial membership network, the RCVO collection will be now more readily available to groups across the province. For more information on the transition, read [Sector Connector](#). To contact: email rcvo@volunteeraberta.ab.ca, or call 780.482.3300 ext. 226.

[NPVS Information Portal – Coming in January](#)

Culture and Community Spirit is developing a Nonprofit/Voluntary Sector (NPVS) Information Portal on the Culture and Community Spirit website with an NPVS organization-centric view. The first stage of the portal will involve providing a website whereby granting programs that apply to the NPVS are linked through one location. For more information contact: Carol Moerth, Executive Director ANVSI Secretariat at carol.moerth@gov.ab.ca or (780) 415-4874 or, Mark Holmgren, Executive Director of the NPV Sector at mark@markholmgren.com or (780) 244-8686

[Lead Your Way, the National Aboriginal Role Model Program](#)

Do you know an Aboriginal youth who is a leader, a volunteer, someone who preserves their culture or excels in school or in sports? Are they between the ages of 13 and 30? If so, nominate them as a candidate for The National Aboriginal Role Model Program which celebrates the accomplishments of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis youth. Lead Your Way! Each year, 12 Aboriginal role models are selected for their achievements, leadership, and innovation, who are nominated by their peers. The deadline for nomination is March 4, 2011. Visit the [Lead Your Way](#) website or contact leadyourway@naho.ca for more information.

Promote Your Organization Here!**[Nonprofit Summer Student Job Fair](#)** (Hosted by ECVO and Alberta Employment and Immigration)

Edmonton Room, Stanley Milner Library Feb. 17, 2011 10 am - 3 pm
Meet youth interested in working in the sector for the summer, gather resumes or conduct interviews on the spot and profile your organization as an employer of choice.

[2011 Cochrane Trade Show May 7 & 8, 2011](#)

Within the Trade Show, Cochrane's Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) runs a "Volunteer Fair" which showcases over 30 local non-profit groups that residents can be involved with.

[Jumo - Facebook for Nonprofits](#)

Chris Hughes, co-founder of Facebook, has launched Jumo—a new network that promises to connect individuals and nonprofit organizations. By leveraging connection technologies, Jumo enables people to find, follow, and support those organizations and people working on the ground in their community and in regions across the globe. To sign up for Jumo, users must have a Facebook account.

[Centennial celebrations!](#)

As part of their Centennial celebrations, Mount Royal University Career Services is offering complimentary online Company Profiles. Their goal is to showcase [100 organizations](#) on the Career Services website. The Career Services website is viewed by hundreds of students and graduates per year so take this opportunity to promote your volunteer opportunities with the Mount Royal University Career Services.

[J. Percy Page High School](#) is now offering organizations the opportunity to submit their volunteer opportunities for students to view online.

Are you looking for a practicum student or wanting to advertise practicum student availability **[AASCF has a directory of practicum student availability](#)** for a number of post secondary programs across Alberta that provides you with a summary of the practicum opportunities as well as contact information. Find practicum students from Human Service Programs, Accounting, Law, IT and more. If you have practicum opportunities that you would like to advertise on the AASCF Website send information to sduarrant@aascf.com

Reports, Data & Research

Access current reports and research resources on the AASCF website!

[2009/2010 Sector Reports \(147 Files \)](#)
[Research Centres & Organizations \(142 Files \)](#)
[Statistics & Data \(133 Files \)](#)
[View All](#)

[Lowe, G. Creating Sustainable Organizations: How Flexible Work Improves Wellbeing and Performance \(November 29, 2010\) American Express Company and FlexPaths LLC](#)

This new report, published by American Express Company and FlexPaths LLC, presents an innovative approach for integrating workplace health promotion, flexible work arrangements and employee engagement. Written by Graham Lowe, the report focuses on the link between overall wellbeing of employees, including mental and physical health, work and personal life integration. Flexible work design is a substantial component in the report and underscores the importance of giving employees more choice and control over their jobs and work lives, trusting them to deliver and creating responsibility for results. This is a common theme in employee health promotion, work and personal life integration and employee engagement.

[Hoepfner, C. \(MP Chair\) Federal Poverty Reduction Plan: Working in Partnership Towards Reducing Poverty in Canada, \(November 2010\) Government of Canada 40th Parliament, 3rd session](#)

An extensive three-year study on the federal role in addressing poverty by the Parliamentary Committee on Human Resources, Skills and Social Development (HUMA). They support the key goals of the Dignity for All campaign by recommending that the federal government immediately commit to a federal action plan to reduce poverty in Canada. [Dignity for All](#) have put out the call to action. You can show your support by [signing on](#) to their campaign for a poverty free Canada on their website

[np January 5, 2011 Social Enterprises: Significant Employment Creators and Economic Generators](#)

New research shows that social enterprises, businesses operated by non-profit organizations for the dual purpose of generating income and creating a social value, are significant contributors to both employment creation and economic generators. The report [Strength, Size, Scope: A Survey of Social Enterprises in Alberta and British Columbia](#) profiles data from 140 of 295 social enterprises gathered in the spring and summer of 2010. These social enterprises are engaged in a wide variety of social, cultural, environmental and revenue raising market activities.

New Posting Scheduled Workshops, Seminars & Conferences

The AASCF website is pleased to provide you Alberta's most comprehensive listing of schedule sector related workshops & conferences if you have a schedule event that you'd like to include on our website please send link to sduarrant@aascf.com

Over 50 New Posting this week so the following are just some of the recent postings - view all [scheduled seminars, workshops & conferences](#).

[CMHA – 2011 Alberta Suicide Workshop Schedules & Registrations available](#)**[\(CTRI\) Crisis & Trauma Resource Institute Inc. 2011 Training workshops now open for registration](#)****[One-hour Information Session on the Good News about A.D.D. \(Empowerment Plus International, Inc.\)](#)**

1st Tuesday of every month in NW Calgary, 7-8 pm. The fee is \$20 fee per person. For professionals and parents.

[Getting and Giving References: Safely and Effectively](#) (Nonprofit Sector Link – Wood Buffalo Region)

Fort McMurray January 20, 2011 at 12:00:00 Noon to 2 pm (MST)

[Life Cycle Approach to Sustainability - Responsibility from Cradle to Grave](#)

Webinar January 20, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (EST) / 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PST)

[CYC Certification Preparation Class](#)

Edmonton Thursdays January 20th - April 14th, 2011
The class will be held at the YESS Armory program site, Gateway Boulevard and 84th Avenue. Parking is available. The time is from 9:30 – noon, the cost is \$100.00, and you will need to register for Certification with the CYCAA, pay their fees, and bring the Certification Manual to class to use as the text. The final class time on April 14th will be used to take the Intermediate Certification written exam.

[Recruitment Strategies Presentation \(Alberta Mentoring Partnership's\)](#)

Webinar - January 31, 2011 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

[Volunteer Alberta 'De-Complicating the Complicated Business of Privacy'](#)

Learn how Privacy Information Protection Act (PIPA) and privacy protection impacts your organization.
Edmonton February 1, 2011 2- 4 pm
Across Alberta -iCCAN videoconferencing, February 8, 2011 5-7pm
Calgary February 15, 2011 2- 4 pm

[Introduction to Public-Use Micro Data Files \(PUMFs\).](#)

UofA Edmonton February 10, 2011
This one-day workshop will be given at the University campus in B-11 Cameron Library, University of Alberta. This workshop will be of particular interest to those who conduct research. The objective of the workshop is to provide participants with: An understanding of the basic content and format of micro data files and gives participants the basic tools to extract information from Statistics Canada's PUMFs

New Postings Ongoing Training

The AASCF is proud to provide you with Alberta's most comprehensive list of sector related ongoing training options. The following are just a few of the new postings so visit our [Training & P.D.](#) page where you will find direct links to hundreds of ongoing courses and workshops, customized training, certification options, online training and more. For additional P.D. inquiries you can also visit our [Scheduled Workshop Page](#) or [Post Secondary Directory](#).

[The Nonprofit Sector Link Website – Wood Buffalo Region](#)

WORKSHOPS - Typically a half day, or occasionally a full day, these topics are wide-ranging, meant to target specific topics that are relevant and practical to non-profit organizations

LUNCH BAG SERIES- Offers short but relevant and interesting personal and professional development to staff and volunteers in the non-profit sector.

[The Graham Lowe Group - How to Create a Healthier Organization. A Workshop on Actions for Sustainable Success. \(Available in Alberta\)](#)

Creates and deliver interactive workshops for organizations of all types to help them achieve their workforce and workplace change goals.

New Postings - Post Secondary

Find additional [Post Secondary](#) links on the AASCF website with direct links to a comprehensive directory of local and online Human Service related certificate, diploma and degree programs.

[\(Distance Education\) British Columbia Institute of Technology Associate Certificate in Nonprofit Management](#)

An Associate Certificate in Nonprofit Management is offered as a part-time or distance education course by the British Columbia Institute of Technology. Online classes cover fundraising, leadership, management, law and governance, and marketing.

[\(Online\) University of Victoria Diploma in Public Sector Management](#)

The Diploma in Public Sector Management is an online program developed by the University of Victoria for government employees and the non-profit sector.

Awards & Grants

AASCF offer an extensive list of awards, bursaries and grants which can be found under our sector resource section of the website. There are many funding opportunities that are open for application on an ongoing basis so please visit the listing to [view all Awards, Bursaries & Grants](#).

[Government of Canada's Initiative on Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women](#)

The Government of Canada announced that it was taking seven concrete steps to address the disturbingly high number of missing and murdered Aboriginal women and to make our communities safer. Ten million dollars over two years will be invested to improve community safety and to ensure that the justice system and law enforcement agencies can better respond to cases of missing and murdered Aboriginal women. Four of the seven steps involve funding through the Department of Justice Canada, available to Aboriginal organizations and community groups, and to provinces and territories. Additional [Justice Partnership and Innovation Program Funding Information](#)

[Canadian Heritage Aboriginal Affairs Cultural Connections for Aboriginal Youth Programming Element \(annual calls for funding in February\)](#)**[Alberta Childcare Association Professional Development Funding](#)**

A reminder to all staff holding a Child Development Supervisors Certificate. The cut-off date for applications to the Alberta Child Care Association for PD funding for the 2010-11 fiscal year, is February 15, 2011.

[Alberta Association for Community Living Awards \(AACL\)](#)

Nominations for all the awards must be received in the AACL office by February 28, 2011
[National Incl ed award nomination.doc \(621.056 KB\)](#)
[AACL Awards Nominations 2011.doc \(58.880 KB\)](#)

[Prime Minister's Volunteer Awards](#)

Prime Minister Stephen Harper has announced a new awards program to recognize Canadian volunteers. Nominations will open in April 2011

Management & Capacity Building

[Click Here To View Additional Management Resources](#) on the AASCF website

Special Offers!

The Conference Board has just released the second edition of a new tri-annual journal devoted to the discussion of risk management and corporate governance Risk Watch: Thought Leadership in Risk and Governance – December 2010 In this issue, six highly experienced business and government executives provide their views on some of the risk challenges and issues facing boards of directors and management today including: Special offer: Order your copy of this report for \$175 and get a complimentary copy of *Tuning your Risk Filters* (value of \$350). In this 30-minute e-presentation, Randy Park shows you how common thinking traps can distort your assessment and perception of enterprise risks, and explain how to tune your risk filters to provide realistic assessments of risk internally and externally. To order, please call 1-866-711-2262 or email publications@conferenceboard.ca. Please quote WATCH2 when ordering.

For a limited time the CCPA is opening its entire cache of research free of charge — giving full public access to their publications via a database run by the Canadian Electronic Library. Browse their books, peruse chapters from their education journal *Our Schools/Our Selves*, and utilize the keyword search function that even scans inside their PDF reports and eBooks. [Click here](#) to take a look.

New Handbooks!

In collaboration with the Taproot Foundation, with support from Chevron, BoardSource has just published two handbooks for marketing and HR professionals and nonprofit leaders who are seeking these professional literacy's on their boards. "We constantly warn board members: Do not step on the toes of the staff who are there to handle the daily affairs and to get things done. Equally, we say: Do not duplicate staff functions on the board. They are available for [free download](#) from the BoardSource Web site

[NARMP has developed a Role Model Workbook](#) to be used by teachers, counsellors, principals, recruitment coordinators, and anyone else who works with young people to help address the topic of role models

Books & Articles!

[Contactpoint.ca - Building Resilience by Louisa Jewell and Shannon M. Polly January 2011.](#)

[Author Graham Lowe - Creating Healthy Organizations](#)

Creating Healthy Organizations will help you strengthen the links between people and performance in humanly sustainable ways. Author Graham Lowe provides a new perspective on the drivers of employee wellbeing and organizational performance. The book's action-oriented model of a healthy organization blends the author's consulting experience with insights from workplace health promotion, human resources, organizational change and leadership, employee engagement, and corporate social responsibility.

New Websites!

[SWAYE](#) online community dedicated to issues of violence against newcomer, immigrant and refugee women