

Embracing Diversity, Challenging Inequality

The 5th Canadian HIV/AIDS Skills Building Symposium presents a unique opportunity for interactive learning, skills training and networking to strengthen our nation's community-based response to HIV/AIDS. Skills 2005 will take place October 27-30, 2005 at the Delta Centre-Ville in Montreal, Quebec. To be attended by over 800 participants, the event will feature over 90 workshop, poster and panel sessions. The Symposium is a project of the Canadian AIDS Society (CAS) in partnership with community organizations across Canada.



Eight learning tracks have been identified as the most pressing areas of HIV/AIDS work that require community-based skills building and experiential sharing. Sessions that provide introductory, intermediate or advanced learning opportunities will be offered in the following areas: prevention; care/counselling/support; treatment; human rights, law, policy and advocacy; organizational and community development; community-based research; international action; and rehabilitation.

The symposium will begin with an Opening Ceremony and Dinner at

7:00 p.m. on Thursday October 27, 2005, with a keynote address delivered by Darlène Palmer of CACTUS (Centre d'action communautaire auprès des toxicomanes utilisateurs de seringues), followed by an evening of cabaret performances. Tickets to the Opening Ceremony can be purchased for \$30.00.

Don't miss out on the earlybird registration fee of \$200.00, which is available until September 2, 2005. Also, Skills 2005 has a partial scholarship program to help individuals attend the Symposium; scholarship applications are due by **June 30, 2005**.

Registration and scholarship forms can be completed online, obtained in the Symposium's first announcement or by contacting CAS.

If you are a youth (29 years and under), a youth worker or interested in learning more about youth and HIV/AIDS, check out the Youth Institute! This youth-driven portion of the Canadian HIV/AIDS Skills Building Symposium has three key components.

1. A **one day for youth only** event will be held on October 27th (free with Symposium registration; spend a day connecting with other youth participants, building skills, sharing
...see Skills, page 4



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The aWAKE project : uniting against the African AIDS crisis — Nashville : W. Publishing Group, c2003.

This collection of stories and essays is intended to educate and motivate Canadians and Americans to help with the AIDS crisis in Africa. Contributors include: Nelson Mandela, Desmond Tutu, Jimmy Carter, Kofi Annan, Bono, and other African and world leaders.

Cat. #M USA 21130-1

Global prescriptions : gendering health and human rights / Petchesky, Rosalind Pollack —

London : Zed Books, c2003.

This book analyzes the role of transnational women's groups in setting agendas for women's health, especially reproductive and sexual rights, in the international and various national settings. It reviews a decade of women's participation in UN conferences, transnational networks, national advocacy efforts and sexual and reproductive health service provision.

Cat. #M INT 21874-1

HIV/AIDS : fighting the global epidemic [video] /

Dyer, Julia (producer, director) — Dallas : Dallas

Telelearning, c2003.

This video features interviews with AIDS educators, AIDS advocates and people living with HIV/AIDS. It is separated into three parts: AIDS: The human cost, which focuses on the personal stories of two people who have lost a friend to AIDS; HIV/AIDS: the global challenge, which details the incidence of HIV/AIDS around the globe and discusses how researchers and scientists are working on vaccines and treatments in an attempt to stop the progression of HIV; and AIDS and the African American community, which addresses the growing transmission rate of HIV among young black women and discusses how prevention and education programs are essential.

Cat. #V USA 20957-1

Positive prevention : reducing HIV transmission among people living with HIV/AIDS / Kalichman,

Seth C. (ed.) — New York : Kluwer Academic, c2003.

This collection of articles discusses prevention of HIV transmission among people with HIV/AIDS. Its topics include: unprotected sex with HIV-positive gay and bisexual men; issues around whether disclosure leads to safer sex; how drug use impacts HIV risk behaviours; mental health and HIV with young adults; the impact of HIV diagnosis on sexual risk behaviours; interventions in community and clinical settings; and international perspectives on positive prevention.

Cat. #M USA 21858-1

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Enriching Our Network



The Canadian Health Network (CHN) web site provides comprehensive, one-stop shopping for Canadian consumer health information. CHN is able to provide quality e-health information thanks to the contributions of a network of non-profit agencies and organizations from across the country.

As the HIV/AIDS Affiliate to the CHN, we take pride in our rich network of contributors specializing in the area of HIV/AIDS, which includes the Canadian HIV/AIDS Information Centre. We are always looking to add new contributors to add to our family — and to add new HIV/AIDS-related information resources to the CHN web site.

If your organization is interested in becoming a contributor and a part of our network, or if you have suggestions for e-resources that are not currently available through our site, please contact Christine Villeneuve by telephone at 1-613-725-3769, ext. 167, or by email: cvilleneuve@cpha.ca.

Below is a list of some of the AIDS service organizations that have recently joined the CHN network. We would like to take this opportunity to introduce and welcome these organizations.

AIDS Thunder Bay offers a support network and access to a wide range of health and lifestyle services, including individual counseling, educational workshops and harm reduction materials. Serves Thunder Bay and Northwestern Ontario.

All Nations Hope AIDS Network increases awareness of HIV/AIDS and hepatitis C among Aboriginal Peoples living in Saskatchewan. Provides educational workshops on prevention throughout the province. Offers support to individuals living with HIV/AIDS and hepatitis C and to their families.

Casey House provides a comprehensive range of palliative and supportive care services for people in Toronto living with HIV/AIDS, their families, and their friends. Offers hospice, respite and home care options, as well as complementary therapies and counseling.

Prisoners' HIV/AIDS Support Action Network offers advocacy, education and support on issues related to HIV and AIDS to prisoners, ex-prisoners, young offenders and their families, primarily in Ontario. Provides a national AIDS hotline for prisoners, as well as links to AIDS services organizations across Canada.

Toronto People with AIDS Foundation promotes the health and well-being of people living with HIV/AIDS in the Greater Toronto Area by providing accessible and practical support services, including financial assistance, meal delivery, and complementary health therapies. **λ**



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A new VOICE in town

Make Your VOICE Count! (MYVC) is a new, online guide to collaborative health policy development. This new web site is a cross-section of resources and interactive tools designed to assist you in your ability to influence health policy.

Developed initially to support voluntary organizations working in health, MYVC can also assist representatives from Health Canada (HC) and the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) in their efforts to strengthen relationships with the voluntary health sector. Together, the voluntary sector and the government can use the MYVC tools and resources as they explore innovative,

opportunities for voluntary sector organizations working in health to build on existing expertise and share policy knowledge with other organizations. This project also provided an important opportunity for members of the voluntary health sector to bring their expertise and perspectives to health policy issues and engage in discussions with the PHAC and HC about health policy development.

Using the MYVC Site

The MYVC website is designed to build upon the success of the VOICE Project by continuing its goal to increase the policy capacity of the voluntary sector and



collaborative ways to approach health policy development.

With input from countless representatives from the voluntary health sector, Health Canada and the Public Health Agency of Canada, and developed through the VOICE in Health Policy Project, MYVC presents an exciting opportunity to explore new ways of working together. MYVC can serve as a bridge of opportunity between government and the voluntary sector as they continue to explore collaborative approaches to health policy development.

The VOICE Project

In June 2000, the federal government launched the Partnering for the Benefit of Canadians: Government of Canada-Voluntary Sector Initiative (VSI). The initiative's aim was to strengthen the voluntary sector's capacity to meet the challenges of the future and to enhance the relationship between the sector and the federal government and their ability to serve Canadians.

Hosted by the Canadian Public Health Association, the VOICE Project offered


government, and to explore and build upon opportunities to increase collaboration on policy issues. The site has four key areas.

Training – Download and adapt the highly successful Making Your VOICE Count! Training Workshop, and the MYVC Training Guide.

Planning Tools – From risk and opportunity assessment, to innovative collaborative methods for policy development, access tools to support your efforts during any stage within the policy development process.

Reading Rooms – MYVC is host to four Reading Rooms, each focused on one of the following themes: Capacity Building, Collaboration, Government Decision-Making, and Implementation.

Library – The MYVC Library provides a broad cross-section of tools and resources spanning a wide variety of policy-related topics. Annotations and links are provided to further expand your research sources.

Check it out today at www.projectvoice.ca 

coming events

Sexo 2005 - The 17th World Congress for Sexology

July 10-15, 2005 – Montreal, QC
www.montrealsexo.com

4th Biennial ELNIPS International Conference on Family Violence as it Affects Youth with HIV/AIDS

July 22-24, 2005 – Calgary, AB
www.elnipsint.org/events.php

World Gathering on Bereavement

August 17-21, 2005 – Vancouver, BC
www.worldgathering.org

BC Persons with AIDS Society - Annual General Meeting

August 20, 2005 – Vancouver, BC
www.bcpwa.org

AIDS Vaccine 2005

September 6-9, 2005 – Montreal, QC
E-mail: aidsvaccine2005@agoracom.qc.ca

Mapping the Future of Public Health: People, Places and Policies

Canadian Public Health Association 96th Annual Conference
September 18-21, 2005 – Ottawa, ON
www.cpha.ca/english/conf/conf.htm

Access, Diversity, Advocacy: 23rd Annual Conference of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association

September 22-24, 2005 – Montreal, QC
www.glma.org/conferences/annual/2005/index.shtml

5th Canadian HIV/AIDS Skills Building Symposium

October 27-30, 2005 – Montreal, QC
www.hivaids-skills.ca

American Public Health Association's 133rd Annual Meeting & Exposition

November 5-9, 2005 – New Orleans, LA (USA)


Ontario HIV Treatment Network - 2005 Research Conference

November 24-26, 2005 – Toronto, ON
www.ohntn.on.ca/2005_conference.html

17th International Conference on the Reduction of Drug-Related Harm

April 30-May 4, 2006 – Vancouver, BC
www.harmreduction2006.ca

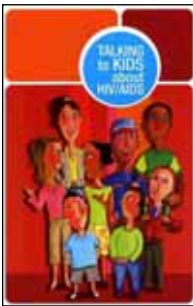
XVI International AIDS Conference

August 13-18, 2005 – Toronto, ON
www.aids2006.org 

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CHILDREN



Talking to kids about HIV/AIDS [booklet] = Comment parler aux enfants du VIH/sida [livret] / Ottawa : Canadian Public Health Association. Canadian HIV/AIDS Information Centre / Association canadienne de santé publique. Centre canadien d'information sur le VIH/sida, 2005

This bilingual illustrated booklet provides basic facts about HIV and AIDS, and includes suggestions for parents and other significant adults on how to discuss HIV/AIDS with kids.

Call #PAM CAN 22195

DISCRIMINATION



In my quiet space : a based-on-reality fiction about HIV transmission and discrimination / Ottawa : Canadian Public Health Association, 2005
This book tells the stories of three fictional characters whose lives are affected by HIV/AIDS. It includes information about HIV

transmission and discrimination, and lists links to web sites that can be consulted for further information.

Call #M CAN 21800

ECONOMIC ISSUES



HIV & Poverty / Ottawa : Canadian AIDS Society, 2004.
The HIV and Poverty series contains seven fact sheets that examine the issue of poverty for persons living with HIV/AIDS. The series consists of:

- *Link between poverty and HIV* – Call #21635
- *How is poverty identified in Canada?* – Call #21636
- *Economics of risk and vulnerability* – Call #21637
- *Living with the cost of a disability* – Call #21638
- *HIV and the downward drift into poverty* – Call #21639
- *What is the impact of poverty on the life of someone with HIV?* – Call #21640
- *Public income and health-related benefits* – Call #21641

INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE



AIDS in the world = Le sida dans le monde / Ottawa : Intergency Coalition on AIDS and Development; Coalition interagence sida et développement, 2004.

This fact sheet gives a regional overview and a profile of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the world.

Call #21726

This fact sheet gives

International migration and HIV/AIDS / Ottawa :



Intergency Coalition on AIDS and Development, 2004.

This fact sheet examines the various conditions that affect the vulnerability of migratory populations to HIV/AIDS, as well

as the challenges inherent in delivering appropriate services and programs to migratory groups.

Call #21716

SAFER SEX



Sex toy stories : a user's guide to HIV and STI prevention [pamphlet] / Ottawa : Canadian Public Health Association. Canadian HIV/AIDS Information Centre, 2005

This illustrated pamphlet describes the proper care and use of sex toys made from jelly, plastic, rubber, latex, cyberskin, silicone and glass. It talks about how to choose sex toys and how to properly sanitize them to reduce the risk of sexually transmitted infections and HIV.

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Do you have an HIV prevention success story?

Here's your chance to share your story by submitting an article to *HIV Prevention Plus!* Your submission should be approximately 500 words and can be forwarded to Cat Baron at <cbaron@cpha.ca>.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Skills, from page 1...

- knowledge and experiences on HIV/AIDS and related issues, and having fun).
2. A variety of workshops, posters and panels that focus on youth issues will be offered in the eight learning tracks throughout the Symposium.
 3. Outside of the workshops, check out the events and activities organized by the 2005 NYAC (National Youth Advisory Committee).
If your organization has something to share that falls outside of the Symposium

program, but would be of interest to Skills 2005 participants, consider hosting a satellite! Satellite sessions are half-day or full-day gatherings held on October 27, 2005. Spaces for satellite sessions are limited and are awarded on a first come, first served basis. Please contact CAS to obtain an estimate of satellite-related costs.

For more information, please visit the Skills web site at <www.hivaidsskills.ca> or contact Holly Wagg by phone at 1-877-998-9991, or 613-230-3580, ext. 125 or via e-mail at skills2005@cdnaids.ca. &