

# MNCHP Network Bulletin



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The purpose of this week's bulletin is to provide an overview of some of the issues of the 2015 Canada Election that are relevant to preconception health, prenatal health and early child development. Based on a preliminary scan, we provide links to organizations that provide election information, strategies for bringing attention to important issues and tools for advocating and engaging political candidates. We also include recent news articles and links to each of the major political parties. We invite you to actively discuss and exchange other relevant information about the 2015 Canada Election such as work your organization is doing or other links of interest.

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## *I. ISSUES: NEWS AND RESOURCES*

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### **A. NON PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

#### **1. ELECTION KIT**

Imagine Canada (2015) prepared an Election Hub to help the public stay informed and up-to-date about issues that affect all charities. Non-profits and charities can also share what they are doing around specific issues. The Hub also features policy commitments that address the issues of importance to the charitable and non-profit sector.

<http://www.imaginecanada.ca/advocacy/election-2015>

Charity Impact Brief:

[http://www.imaginecanada.ca/sites/default/files/imaginecanada\\_election\\_charityimpactbrief\\_2015-10-05.pdf](http://www.imaginecanada.ca/sites/default/files/imaginecanada_election_charityimpactbrief_2015-10-05.pdf)

#### **News:**

- Elections 2015: Outcomes for Canada's charitable sector  
[https://charityvillage.com/Content.aspx?topic=Elections\\_2015\\_Outcomes\\_for\\_Canada\\_s\\_charitable\\_sector#.ViEGzyvjSQd](https://charityvillage.com/Content.aspx?topic=Elections_2015_Outcomes_for_Canada_s_charitable_sector#.ViEGzyvjSQd)
- Non-profits: This federal election is the time to step it up!  
<http://theonnc.ca/nonprofits-this-federal-election-is-the-time-to-step-it-up/>

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### **B. CHILDREN AND EARLY LEARNING**

#### **2. CANADIAN PAEDIATRIC SOCIETY (CPS) FEDERAL ELECTION ADVOCACY KIT**

(available in French)

The CPS highlights the following election priorities:

1. [Establishing a Federal Commissioner for Children and Youth](#)
2. [Reducing child and youth poverty](#)
3. [Fully implementing Jordan's Principle](#)
4. [Permanently reinstating the Interim Federal Health Program for refugees](#)

This website also provides information about what individuals can do to advocate.

EN: <http://www.cps.ca/advocacy-defense/2015-federal-election-advocacy-toolkit>

FR: <http://www.cps.ca/fr/advocacy-defense/elections-federales-2015-dossier-de-defense-dinterets>

#### **3. CANADIAN CHILD CARE FEDERATION (CCCF) AND THE FEDERAL ELECTION 2015**

(available in French)

This website (CCCF, 2015) provides recent news and information about the 2015 federal election and child care. It includes tools, links and resources to raise the national dialogue on achieving excellence in quality early learning and child care across Canada.

EN: <http://www.cccf-fcsge.ca/archives/election2015/>

FR: [http://www.cccf-fcsge.ca/fr/archives/elections\\_federales\\_de\\_2015/](http://www.cccf-fcsge.ca/fr/archives/elections_federales_de_2015/)

Tool kit: [http://www.cccf-fcsge.ca/wp-content/uploads/cccf\\_election\\_2015\\_updated\\_11-x-17.pdf](http://www.cccf-fcsge.ca/wp-content/uploads/cccf_election_2015_updated_11-x-17.pdf)

FR: [http://www.cccf-fcsge.ca/wp-content/uploads/fcsge\\_election\\_french\\_download.pdf](http://www.cccf-fcsge.ca/wp-content/uploads/fcsge_election_french_download.pdf)

#### 4. VOTE CHILD CARE 2015

This website, Vote Child Care 2015, brings together child care advocates and supporters from across Canada to promote the vision endorsed at the ChildCare2020 conference. They are “calling on the next federal government to provide funding and leadership, to work with provinces, territories and Indigenous communities to make affordable quality child care a reality for all families” (Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada, 2015).

<http://ccaac.ca/vote-child-care-2015/>

##### **News:**

- Comparing the major parties on child care promises  
<http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/canada-election-2015-comparing-the-major-parties-on-child-care-promises-1.3201117>
- Child care in the 2015 election: Where do the parties stand?  
<http://www.10aday.ca/election2015>
- CTV News election promises: Social issues  
<http://www.ctvnews.ca/politics/election/platforms/social-issues-1.2597666>

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## C. POVERTY AND HOUSING

### 5. ADDRESSING CHILD AND FAMILY POVERTY IN CANADA: WHERE DO THE PARTIES STAND?

Campaign 2000 provides information about child and family poverty in Canada and highlights that it is a reality in every riding/community across Canada. They provide a research background and maps of each riding as well as a short grid on where each federal party stands on eradicating child/family poverty.

<http://www.campaign2000.ca/>

FR: <http://www.campaign2000.ca/french/index.html>

Grid on federal parties' stances on eradicating child/family poverty:

[http://www.campaign2000.ca/whatsnew/releases/child%20poverty%20platform%20analysis\\_Ts tar.jpeg](http://www.campaign2000.ca/whatsnew/releases/child%20poverty%20platform%20analysis_Ts tar.jpeg)

### 6. VOTE TO MAKE POVERTY HISTORY

(available in French)

This website (Make Poverty History, 2015) provides information about how people can advocate for eradicating poverty. They encourage people to join their THUNDERCLAP. On October 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am the message that Canada needs a national poverty plan will go out across social media networks.

EN: <http://www.makepovertyhistory.ca/>  
FR: <http://www.abolissonslepauvrete.ca/>

## 7. DIGNITY FOR ALL

(available in French)

The “Dignity for All” website (2015) provides a wide range of information about poverty in Canada.

EN: <http://www.dignityforall.ca/>  
FR: <http://www.dignityforall.ca/fr>

### **News:**

- Canada election 2015: Poor overlooked in battle for middle class vote, says group  
<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/halifax-anti-poverty-election-1.3262914>
- Canada poverty audit: Election 2015  
<http://www.futureofpublichousing.ca/?p=389>
- Council of Canadians with Disabilities: Questions to ask federal election candidates (poverty alleviation)  
<http://www.ccdonline.ca/en/socialpolicy/elections/2015/questions-for-candidate-poverty>
- Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association: Federal election 2015  
[http://www.onpha.on.ca/ONPHA/Content/PolicyAndResearch/2015\\_Elections/2015\\_Elections.aspx](http://www.onpha.on.ca/ONPHA/Content/PolicyAndResearch/2015_Elections/2015_Elections.aspx)
- Access to housing – Health Equity Impact Assessment (HEIA) in the federal election  
<http://www.wellesleyinstitute.com/housing/access-to-housing-heia-in-the-federal-election/>
- CTV News election promises: Housing and infrastructure  
<http://www.ctvnews.ca/politics/election/platforms/housing-and-infrastructure-1.2597683>
- CTV News election promises: Pocketbook issues  
<http://www.ctvnews.ca/politics/election/platforms/housing-and-infrastructure-1.2597683>

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## D. HEALTH

### 8. CANADIAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION (CPHA)

(available in French)

The CPHA website (2015) provides a summary of the top election issues, easy access to the political parties’ platforms and tools to engage candidates. CPHA’s top election issues are:

- Basic income guarantee
- Early childhood education and care
- Violence against Aboriginal women
- Health and the environment

EN: <http://www.cpha.ca/en/election2015.aspx>  
FR: <http://www.cpha.ca/fr/election2015.aspx>

### 9. CANADIAN NURSES ASSOCIATION (CNA)

(available in French)

The CNA invited the main political parties to answer a health care questionnaire. Each party provided responses.

EN: <http://www.election.cna-aiic.ca/en/party-platforms>

FR: <http://www.election.cna-aiic.ca/fr/plateformes-electorales-des-partis>

## 10. ONTARIO HEALTH COALITION

This website lists four key issues with Canada's health care system, how parties can address the issues and a comparison chart of each political party's platform and ideals on health care. <http://www.ontariohealthcoalition.ca/index.php/federal-election-2015/>

## 11. CANADIAN ALLIANCE OF COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE ASSOCIATIONS

(available in French)

The CACHCA's website provides a call to action for federal political parties, an election commitment tracker and steps to take to make a difference.

<http://www.cachc.ca/federalelection>

FR: <http://www.cachc.ca/fr/electionsfederales/>

Call to action: <http://www.cachc.ca/wp-content/uploads/downloads/2015/05/CACHC-2015-Federal-Election-Call-to-Action.pdf>

FR: <http://www.cachc.ca/wp-content/uploads/downloads/2015/05/ACCSC-Appel-%C3%A0-l%E2%80%99action-%C3%89lections-f%C3%A9d%C3%A9rales-2015.pdf>

### **News:**

<https://www.cna-aiic.ca/en/news-room>

- Registered Nurses Association of Ontario: Your vote counts, make your voice heard <http://rnao.ca/content/make-your-voice-heard-and-your-vote-count>
- Canadian Nurses Association: News <https://www.cna-aiic.ca/en/news-room>
- Canadian Health Coalition: Put health care on the ballot <http://healthcoalition.ca/>
- CTV News election promises: Social issues <http://www.ctvnews.ca/politics/election/platforms/social-issues-1.2597666>

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## E. POPULATION SPECIFIC FOCUSSES

### 12. ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS (AFN): FEDERAL ELECTION AND VOTING INFORMATION

The AFN website provides a number of resources related to the federal election: assessment of party platforms, federal party commitments of interest to First Nations, a guide on how to vote,

a technical bulletin on voting from National Chief Bellegarde, a federal election factsheet and more.

<http://www.afn.ca/en/federal-election-and-voting-information-v2>

### **13. ABORIGINAL NURSES ASSOCIATION OF CANADA (ANAC): STATEMENT TO ALL PARTIES**

The ANAC provides a statement to all political parties about Aboriginal health and Aboriginal nursing needs.

[http://anac.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/ANAC-Election-2015-Statement-to-Federal-Parties.Oct-15\\_15.pdf](http://anac.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/ANAC-Election-2015-Statement-to-Federal-Parties.Oct-15_15.pdf)

### **14. FÉDÉRATION DES COMMUNAUTÉS FRANCOPHONES ET ACADIENNE DU CANADA (FCFA): ÉLECTIONS 2011**

The FCFA provides information about priorities, party positions, making a difference, voting and media coverage.

<http://fcfa-election.com/>

#### **News:**

- Aboriginal Elders feeling need to vote for 1st time in federal election  
<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/aboriginal-elders-feeling-need-to-vote-for-1st-time-in-federal-election-1.3260641>
- Aboriginal Peoples Television Network (APTN) town halls to feature interviews with 3 of 4 leaders  
[http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2015/10/05/aptn-town-halls-canada-election\\_n\\_8246490.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2015/10/05/aptn-town-halls-canada-election_n_8246490.html)
- What the parties are promising on Aboriginal issues  
<http://www.thestar.com/news/federal-election/2015/09/01/what-the-parties-are-promising-on-aboriginal-issues.html>
- Métis Nation and the federal election  
<http://www.metisnation.ca/index.php/news/federal-election-2015-and-the-metis-nation>
- Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami: 2015 federal election questionnaire  
<https://www.itk.ca/media/media-release/2015-federal-election-questionnaire>
- Canada Immigration Newsletter: Canada election 2015  
<http://www.cicnews.com/2015/09/canada-election-2015-parties-stand-immigration-095975.html>
- Women's issues 'invisible' this election  
<http://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2015/08/24/womens-issues-invisible-this-election-warns-group.html>
- Together we can make disability an election issue  
<http://sci-bc.ca/news/federal-election-platforms-2015-and-disability-issues/>
- Council of Canadians with Disabilities: Questions to ask federal election candidates (poverty alleviation)  
<http://www.ccdonline.ca/en/socialpolicy/elections/2015/questions-for-candidate-poverty>
- LGBTQ community hopes for more representation in next Parliament  
<http://www.ctvnews.ca/politics/lgbtq-community-hopes-for-more-representation-in-next-parliament-1.2538037>

- CTV News election promises: Aboriginal issues  
<http://www.ctvnews.ca/politics/election/platforms/aboriginal-issues-1.2597682>
- CTV News election promises: Refugees and citizenship  
<http://www.ctvnews.ca/politics/election/platforms/refugees-and-citizenship-1.2603508>
- CTV News election promises: Social issues  
<http://www.ctvnews.ca/politics/election/platforms/social-issues-1.2597666>

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## F. ENVIRONMENT

### 15. HOW DID THE ENVIRONMENT FARE IN THE FEDERAL LEADERS' DEBATE?

This website (David Suzuki Foundation, 2015) provides information about where the political parties stand on environmental issues.

<http://www.davidsuzuki.org/blogs/election/2015/09/how-did-the-environment-fare-in-the-federal-leaders-debate/>

#### **News:**

- CTV News election promises: Energy and environment  
<http://www.ctvnews.ca/politics/election/platforms/energy-and-environment-1.2603521>
- Health care, environment largely ignored in campaign so far  
<http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/canada-election-2015-issues-not-being-discussed-1.3215916>
- Most Canadians feel government should do more to combat climate change  
<http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/vote-compass-canada-election-2015-environment-issues-1.3270365>

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## II. ELECTION RESOURCES

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### 16. ELECTIONS CANADA

(available in French)

The Elections Canada website provides information for voters such as registering to vote and the identification that is required at the polls. It also includes frequently asked questions and information about the political parties and candidates.

EN: <http://www.elections.ca/home.asp>

FR: <http://www.elections.ca/accueil.asp?textonly=false>

### 17. CBC NEWS: CANADA VOTES 2015

CBC News website (2015) has information about recent news. A vote compass and a poll tracker are also available.



<http://www.cbc.ca/news/elections/canadavotes>

## 18. THE GLOBE AND MAIL: PLATFORM COMPARISON

The Globe and Mail provides a comparison of where the parties stand on the top campaign issues.

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/politics/elections/party-platform-comparison/article26758784/>

## 19. CTV

CTV's election website (2015) includes a poll tracker, party platforms, battlegrounds, strategic voting and a section on getting to know the ridings.

<http://www.ctvnews.ca/politics/election>

## 20. RADIO CANADA

Radio Canada (2015) provides recent news articles and videos about the 2015 election.

<http://ici.radio-canada.ca/elections-canada-2015>

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## III. LINKS TO POLITICAL PARTIES

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### 21. BLOC QUÉBÉCOIS

FR: <http://www.blocquebecois.org/>

### 22. CONSERVATIVE PARTY OF CANADA

EN: <http://www.conservative.ca/>

FR: <http://www.conservateur.ca/>

### 23. GREEN PARTY OF CANADA

EN: <http://greenparty.ca/>

FR: <http://www.greenparty.ca/fr>

### 24. LIBERAL PARTY OF CANADA

EN: <http://www.liberal.ca/>

FR: <http://www.liberal.ca/fr/>

### 25. NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY (NDP)

EN: <http://www.ndp.ca/>

FR: <http://www.npd.ca/>

## 26. LINKS TO ALL OTHER REGISTERED POLITICAL PARTIES



EN:

[www.elections.ca/content.asp?section=pol&document=index&dir=par&lang=e&textonly=false](http://www.elections.ca/content.asp?section=pol&document=index&dir=par&lang=e&textonly=false)

FR:

[www.elections.ca/content.asp?section=pol&document=index&dir=par&lang=f&textonly=false](http://www.elections.ca/content.asp?section=pol&document=index&dir=par&lang=f&textonly=false)

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