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BC BENEFITS LEGISLATION SUPPORTS PARENTS AND CHILDREN

Legislation was introduced on July 22, 1996, that represents the final steps in overhauling BC's outdated welfare system.

Clark said "We're doing our part to make work a better deal than welfare and to help people gain independence. For the first time our new BC Family Bonus helps low-income working families with the cost of raising their kids. Youth Works ends welfare for young people and replaces it with opportunities to learn new skills and find a job. And today -- with more day care funding and the Healthy Kids dental and optical program -- we're making childcare a key element in our BC Benefits plan."

- Also included in the five specific initiatives was a new Access to Independence initiative, in which people with disabilities will be streamed out of the welfare system, and a new Welfare to Work program for employable adults 25 and over to provide access to job search, job preparation, work experience or training, subject to availability.



A NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PAY AND EMPLOYMENT EQUITY

"Towards Workplace Equity:
Models and Strategies for Change"
November 28-30, 1996
Saskatoon, Bessborough Hotel

Organized by the Pay Equity
Coalition of Saskatchewan and the
Saskatchewan Federation of
Labour in concert with the
Women's and Human Rights'
Department of the Canadian
Labour Congress.

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**WITT NATIONAL NETWORK
(WITT NN)**

**Annual General Meeting (AGM)
October 6, 1996
Ottawa, Ontario**

The AGM is open only to current regular and associate members of WITT NN. You must be a regular member for at least 60 days (August 7, 1996) prior to the AGM to vote on resolutions and elect the National Coordinator. Please bring you membership card to the AGM. For further information, please call (519) 434-0302.

**WRITING YOUR WORKING
HISTORY**

British Columbia was built by individual men and women whose stories, in many cases, have never been told. Nor has the story of many of the organizations they formed to carry out their work, such as trade unions, cultural and ethnic groups, and "friendly" societies. This class will introduce students to the basic skills necessary to begin to record the history of work and those who have done it. We will discuss interview and research skills and appropriate writing techniques and apply these by carrying out a short project between classes.

**4 Thursday Evenings
September 19 - October 10
6:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Simon Fraser University at Harbour
Centre (Room 2245)**

**4 Saturday Afternoons
November 16 - December 7
1:30 - 4:00 p.m.
Simon Fraser University
Burnaby Campus (West Mall
Complex 2503)**

Instructor: Kate Braid, award-winning author and poet and activist for women in trades and a member of the Carpenters union.

For more information or to register, please contact: Natalie Makortoff, Writing and Publishing Program, Continuing Studies, Simon Fraser University at Harbour Centre at 291-5077.

JUSTICE INSTITUTE OF BC

A one day workshop of the Supreme Court "O'Connor decision" will be held:

**September 30, 1996
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Theatre at the Justice Institute of
B.C.
715 McBride Blvd.
New Westminster, BC
Fee: \$25**

For more information and to register, please call 528-5590.



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SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR LABOUR EDUCATORS

The Summer Institute for Labour Educators will continue on the theme of International Labour Solidarity. The CLC has developed a "Tool Box for Global Solidarity".

Labour Educators will learn how they can use this material for their courses in a useful and meaningful way.

This has been scheduled for September 10-12, 1996 for the Institute. For more details, please contact the CLC Pacific Region office at 524-0391. Deadline for registration is September 3, 1996.

FAMILY SERVICES OF GREATER VANCOUVER announces its 8th Annual **RAG TRADE-IN** Lunch & Fashion Show

Wednesday, October 9, 1996
The Law Courts Inn
800 Smithe St.,
Vancouver, BC
11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Tickets: \$50.00

Bring your very good quality men's, women's and children's clothing and accessories to the Fashion Show. We sell the clothing on your behalf through our partnership with *Turnabout*, *Second Suit*, *Puddleduck Lane* and *The Secret Closet* consignment stores. **Family Services** receives 50% of the selling price of your items, you receive a tax-deductible receipt for the same amount.
Circle October 9 on your calendar!

YWCA of Canada

YWCAs and sister organizations around the world are now gearing up for **YWCA Week Without Violence '96**. The week will start with thousands of people coming together for hundreds of memorial services in A Day of Remembrance. Then each of the subsequent days will be tied to a different theme -- Protecting Our Youth, Making Our Schools Safer, Confronting Violence Against Women, Facing Violence Among Men and Eliminating Racism and Hate Crime. The final day will be focused on Replacing Violence With Sports, Recreation and Culture as the central message to the entire week.

For groups and organizations, **Organizers Kits** are available by calling the National Office at **(416) 593-9886**.