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Newfoundland and Labrador

Career development

Ten career resource professionals hired to promote labour market information and supports career development for secondary school students. Program will strengthen partnerships among industry, labour, schools, the community and government.

Employment

\$75,000 for new career and employment program *Realizing Potential* funded under the Grants to Community Partners Program and operated by the CNIB.

Youth dialogue

11 deliberative dialogue sessions with young adults aged 18 to 30, coordinated by CPRN, have begun across the province. The discussions will help government develop a strategy to retain and attract young people.

Québec

Foreign-trained workers

\$2 million for training and tools to help prepare workers in 10 job categories.

Homelessness

For the first time, homelessness counts will be conducted in Montréal, Trois-Rivières, Gatineau and Québec in October.

Housing

Updates made to the 1997 housing allowance program. Seniors and lone-parent families are the target groups for the increased rates of support.

Municipal assistance

\$50 million over five years in revitalization funds to municipalities in economic difficulty. Other measures in place include aid for one-industry municipalities, rural agreements and high-speed internet access.

Revenue Canada

30 social enterprises providing domestic help to seniors and persons with disabilities will have to give up their charitable status or close up unless they can provide medical certificates to prove that seniors in their care need the help.

Ontario

Persons with disabilities

New law will help persons with developmental disabilities get the right mix of services and supports to participate more actively in their communities ([hyperlink](#)).

Postsecondary education

\$2.5 million to help Algoma University in Sault Ste. Marie, formerly known as Algoma College, start the academic year as an independent, degree-granting institution.

Saskatchewan

Voluntary sector

Saskatchewan Social Services held summits with community-based organizations in five cities. 800 participants submitted ideas for long-term viability with respect to funding, central database collection, sharing best practices, employee recruitment/ retention and income for persons with disabilities. www.socialservices.gov.sk.ca/cbosummit

Saskatoon

Housing for Saskatoon Seniors

Municipal/provincial/federal governments fund 51 new affordable rental housing units for seniors.

Alberta

Seniors

\$78 million from Affordable Supportive Living Initiative to build or update 800 supportive living units; \$15 million to improve seniors' lodges ([hyperlink](#)).

Red Deer

School Age Child Care – Subsidy Program

Province now funding child care subsidy programs from children age 0-12 (previously municipalities made up the shortfall for ages 7-12). Up to \$145,000 can be reallocated in 2009 to other preventive programs and services.

Where to check for further updates:

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