

**National Child and Youth Health Coalition Indicators Workshop- "*Part Deux*"
(Grand Salon)
Wednesday, November 10, 2004, 3:00pm – 8:00pm**

The National Child and Youth Health Coalition has started the process of developing infant, child and youth health indicators and standards to be used across Canada. The current lack of indicators and standards makes it difficult, if not impossible, to determine the status of health and health care of Canadian infants, children and youth, conduct comparative analyses to assess performance, and establish benchmarks for the optimal level of health service delivery.

The Coalition believes that national infant, child and youth health indicators and standards will:

- Support greater consistency in the provision of health services for infants, children, youth and families.
- Monitor and improve quality of care within individual health care organizations and regional authorities.
- Inform and assist policy and decision-makers in addressing future infant, child and youth health resource planning and allocation requirements.

In May 2004, the Coalition sponsored a multi-disciplinary national workshop in Ottawa that resulted in consensus around the goal, objectives and identification of a preliminary list of performance indicators.

Since the May workshop, six expert panels have been developed and populated with multidisciplinary content and methodological experts from across the country for each of the six priority areas: 1) mental health; 2) primary care/first point of contact; 3) chronic conditions/diseases; 4) injury prevention/trauma; 5) system-wide efficiency; and, 6) system-wide safety. As part of the initial phase (August - November 2004), the expert panels have been meeting via teleconference on a regular basis, to address the following: Analysis of current literature; Identification of gaps between what is known and what needs to be explored further; Identification of potential resources; Recommendations for specific indicators; and, Recommendations for next steps.

This workshop will assist in developing next steps for the second phase of this initiative, with the following activities planned:

- Presentation of specific findings and recommendations from each expert panel for establishing national child and youth health indicators.
- Identification of common linkages and connectivity across the six priority areas.
- Development of implementation strategies based on expert panel findings (small working groups)
- Development of recommendations for a national research agenda and establish appropriate milestones

Detailed Final Program to be Posted