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Motherhood Initiative for Research and Community Involvement (MIRCI) Presents:

YOUNG MOTHERS AND EMPOWERMENT FORUM

May 11-12, 2011, Toronto, Canada

Featuring: 30 presenters and 7 panels over 2 days Also featuring a closing forum roundtable discussion "YOUNG MOTHERS AND EMPOWERMENT: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?"

Speakers:

Jo Altilia, Literature for Life Peggy Arcadi, Teen Pregnancy/Parenting Program, Tompkins County, New York Heather Bergen and Gabrielle Collett, June Callwood Centre for Women and Families Rachel Berman, School of Early Childhood Education, Rverson University Dr. Deborah Byrd, Department of English and Women's Studies, Lafayette College Karen T. Craddock, Education Development Center, Inc., Brandeis University, U.S.A. Tanya Darisi, Applied Social Psychology, University of Guelph Regina M. Edmonds, Psychology Department, Assumption College, U.S.A. May Friedman, School of Women's Studies, York University Fiona Joy Green, Department of Women's and Gender Studies, University of Winnipeg and Sharon Young, Acting Team Leader, Mothers Program Women's Health Clinic, Winnipeg, Manitoba Diana L. Gustafson, Faculty of Medicine, Memorial University of Newfoundland Heather Joy Jackson, Counseling, University of North Dakota; Zine-Maker/Writer, U.S.A. Lana Lovell, Documentary Filmmaker, Painted Media Production Judith MacDonnell, Faculty of Health, York University Fiona S. Martin, Department of Sociology, Dalhousie University Sandy M. May, Department of Women's Studies, Memorial University of Newfoundland LaMesha Melton, School of Public Heath, University of Minnesota; Zine-maker/Writer, U.S.A. Louise Moody and Tenants at 1900 Sheppard Ave W, Supportive, Transitional Housing Project for Young Mothers Phyllis Montgomery, School of Nursing, Laurentian University and Shannon Dowdall-Smith, Pediatric Clinical Nurse Specialist, Sudbury Regional Hospital and Karen McCauley, Laurentian University Andrea O'Reilly, York University Wendy Peterson and Jessica Reszel, University of Ottawa Lorri Slepian, National Association of Mothers' Centers (NAMC), U.S.A. Gina Wong, Athabasca University

Wednesday, May 11th DAY ONE: KING THEATRE II Hyatt Regency Hotel on King: 370 King Street West, Toronto ON http://www.torontoregency.hyatt.com (416) 343-1234

Thursday, May 12th DAY TWO: ROOM 706; ROOM 710; ROOM 712; ROOM 713A, Metro Convention Centre SOUTH Building: 222 Bremner Blvd., Toronto, ON <u>http://www.mtccc.com/home.cfm</u> (416) 585-8000

Forum program, registration and information is available on our website: http://www.motherhoodinitiative.org/youngmothers.html

Deadline: May 10, 2011! Please register early – space is limited!

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