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Mr. Doudou Diene  
Special Rapporteur on Racism, Racial Discrimination and Xenophobia  
of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights

Dear Mr. Diene,

The Centre of Excellence of Children and Youth Regina site (CECY), is pleased and honoured to present to you our report entitled *A Focus on Regina's Children and Youth: A Summary Report*. This summary report features highlights of the six major themes identified through the literature review and interviews conducted in 2002. The six themes are economic, social, physical, health, cultural (including racism), and personal. These themes are explored more in-depth in the three major reports that were the result of this first phase of research. These reports are titled:

- *A Focus on Regina's Children & Youth: A Literature Review Perspective, June 2002.*
- *A Focus on Regina's Children & Youth: A Key Informant Interview Perspective, September 2002.*
- *A Focus on Regina's Children & Youth: A Synthesis Perspective, October 2002.*

All of these reports are available at [www.communityresearch.ca](http://www.communityresearch.ca)

CECY Regina is one of six prairie research sites participating in The Centre of Excellence for Child and Youth Centred Prairie Communities, which is based in Winnipeg, Manitoba. CECY Regina is locally housed by the Council on Social Development Regina.

The Centre of Excellence was established based on research that demonstrated how family, neighbourhood, community resources and government policy all interact to determine the outcomes for children. The Centre of Excellence is striving to identify how communities can build on the assets they have and foster change for children. By identifying these actions the Centre of Excellence will be able to find what is needed to create community environments where members can collectively strive to give our children what they need. This will establish how communities can form meaningful, respectful partnerships that are reciprocal over time.

This important research and policy development project began in 2000 with the support of Health Canada. The Center of Excellence, was initiated through partnership between community, Aboriginal, university and government representatives who saw the potential benefit to public policy of understanding better how the health and well-being of children and youth are positively influenced by community actions. The purpose of the project was to conduct community-based, participatory research of programs that offer supports to children and youth. CECY Regina conducted in-depth research into four diverse agencies in an attempt to discover what kind of supports they offer that mediate the effects of poverty, marginalization, discrimination, unemployment, lack of education, and lack of opportunity, to name a few.

We hope that our summary report will be of interest and value to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Perras', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nadine Perras - for the Council on Social Development Regina Inc.