

Factoids, Caring Canada

element: A society committed to offering equal opportunities to each person, including women, young people, residents of remote areas, persons with disabilities and ethnic minorities

message: Canada Has a Plethora of Services That Enables its Inhabitants to Live Well

CBC-radio and television broadcasts in French and English

CBC transmits programming in 8 languages

CBC North offers services in 8 native languages

Canada is a world leader in second language training programs

Cooperative programs offer to improve English skills in business, research, analysis, presentations

Health care

- is universal, comprehensive, accessible
- has been in place for 30 years, with each province having its own system
- from 1999 to 2004, the provinces, and territories will receive an additional \$11.5 billion
- health care programs are available for travellers and students

Social programs

- substance and physical abuse programs are available to all members of society
- AIDS prevention programs provide needle exchange programs and safe houses
- health care centres provide a selection of resources about health issues in a multicultural society

Education

- degrees earned at Canadian colleges and universities are internationally recognized
- many scholarships are available such as
 - the Canadian Millennium Scholarship Fund
 - the African-Canadian Continuing Education Society - to help young Africans (Kenyans) attend college in Canada

Canadian Bureau For International Education (CBIE)

- runs an international student reception service from the last week in August to the first week in September at international airports in Vancouver, Toronto, and Halifax
- this service assists students in making connections for ongoing travel to other cities, and provides information for international students
- CBIE has 110 colleges, and universities as members as well as corporate partners, individuals and non-government agencies

Revenue Canada offers a variety of services including

- filing tax returns by mail or convenient and easy netfile or efile by computer, and telefile by phone
- online information for personal, general, and business taxes

Canadian Rural Information Service (CRIS)

- provides information for rural tourism, youth opportunities, education, and employment
- March 16, 2001, \$110,500 in government funding was given for 3 research projects
 - \$50,000 to the Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation for their project "Building Capacity in Agricultural Communities"
 - \$50,000 to WESTARC Group, affiliated with Brandon University, for "Rural Adaptation and Successful Support Programs"
 - \$10,500 for New Brunswick Partners in Agriculture for "Rural/Farm Child Care Research project"