

Manitoba  
Family Services  
and Housing

Annual Report  
2005 – 2006



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His Honour the Honourable John Harvard, P.C., O.M.  
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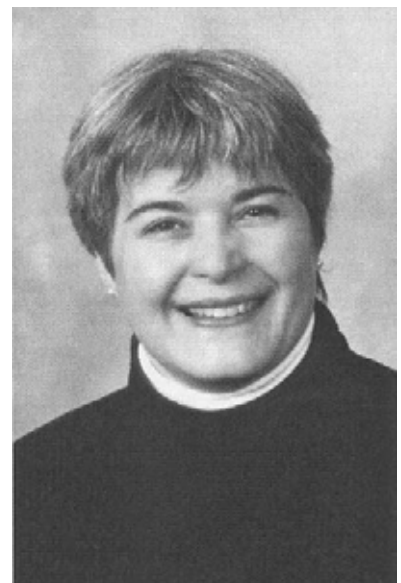
May It Please Your Honour:

I have the pleasure of presenting herewith the Annual Report of the Department of Family Services and Housing of the Province of Manitoba for the year 2005/06.

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed By:

Christine Melnick



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September 2006

The Honourable Christine Melnick  
Minister of Family Services and Housing  
357 Legislative Building

Madam:

I have the honour of presenting to you the Annual Report for the Department of Family Services and Housing for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006.

During 2005/06, the department furthered its work on behalf of children and families, low-income citizens, and persons with disabilities. We continued to work with the new Child and Family Services Authorities to implement the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry – Child Welfare Initiative and to complete case transfers to the new system. We moved forward in the area of child care by increasing wages for early childhood educators, funding more child care spaces, and providing more choice for parents.

The department continued to improve benefits for Employment and Income Assistance participants through the introduction of the Northern Energy Cost Benefit and the exemption of residential school compensation payments and asset building accounts from the consideration of income. Through the Manitoba Housing and Renewal Corporation, the department furthered its work with other levels of government to build community/neighbourhood-driven initiatives designed to increase the supply of affordable housing for low-income citizens.

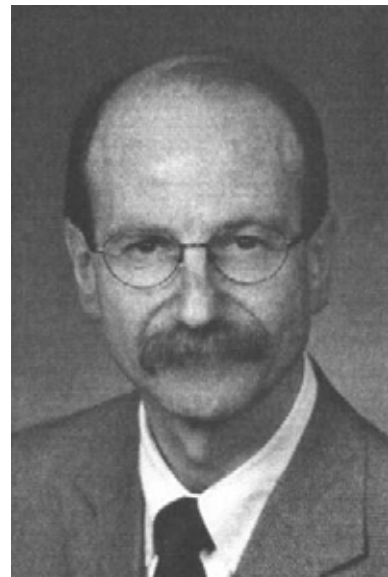
In the area of Services for Persons with Disabilities, we continued to implement *Full Citizenship: A Manitoba Provincial Strategy on Disability* and increased support for services to persons with disabilities, including programs to support more adults in community living settings and day programs. We began a review of funding models for Supported Living and Child and Family Services residential and day services to ensure that agencies have the resources to provide necessary services.

In this year's report, we are pleased to include a new section on *Performance Measurement*. The *Year at a Glance* summary of the department's progress in achieving its goals, however, has not been included in this document. The department has published separately its *2006 Progress Report* which provides more comprehensive information in this area. The department remains committed to providing social services that promote greater self-sufficiency and independence, that keep children, families and communities safe and secure, and that encourage healthy citizen development and well-being.

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed By:

Milton Sussman



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