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Friday, April 25, 2003 – For the latest news of happenings in and around CPRN, visit our Web site and download a copy of ***NetworkNews #21.***

Our lead story is about finding the right policy mix for tackling urban poverty. That's the subject of ***Urban Poverty: Fostering Sustainable and Supportive Communities***, by Anne-Marie Séguin and Gérard Divay. The authors present case studies from Montreal to illustrate the ways in which targeted interventions can reinforce the positive effects of general programs. The paper is part of a series from the Family Network on the federal role in Canada's cities. The series is edited by Leslie Seidle.

There's an article on the third volume in the Work Network's series on the non-profit sector, ***Skills and Training in the Non-profit Sector***, by Kathryn McMullen and Grant Schellenberg. Given the growing importance of the sector in providing essential goods and services, it is critical that workers receive the training and opportunities for skill development they need to cope with new responsibilities.

There are also stories on how gender affects experience with the new economy, on redesigning our "social architecture", and on a workshop to assess the state of efforts across the country to develop a regular reporting instrument on Canada's quality of life from a citizens' perspective.

We have a profile of Allan C. Shaw, Chairman and CEO of the Shaw Group Limited in Halifax and great ambassador for CPRN on the East Coast. And there are some candid photos of staff, news of a new award for CPRN and of our latest accomplishments in the media and on the Web.

Finally our ***President's Commentary***. This time, Judith Maxwell writes about social cohesion and the special challenge of Canada's growing diversity.

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