

**Ties that Bind: Nurturing the Young, Caring for the Old**

**Friday, August 4, 2006** - The overriding objective of public policy choices, says Judith Maxwell, should be “maximizing the well-being of young and old Canadians.” Maxwell, the past-President of CPRN, says balancing the needs of both groups in the future will be a challenge. She notes that by 2020, baby-boomers will be approaching their 75th birthdays, nearing the demographic called “older elderly,” when they will require more care and make more financial demands on the system. To look after them, “we also have to meet the needs of the younger generations who will be expected to generate the necessary surge in productivity while providing support and care for their elders.” Maxwell proposes three social policy priorities: “a system of social care for elders; comprehensive support for families with young children; and alternative pathways from school to work for young adults.”

To access or download a copy of Maxwell’s commentary from the April-May edition of *Policy Options*, [click here](#).

**Catch 22: Low Paid Workers**

Judith Maxwell discussed an emerging – and disturbing – phenomenon at the Annual Meeting of the Ontario Association of Food Banks. It’s the fact that more and more working people are using food banks. A combination of low pay and unpredictable or erratic work means these people are quite simply running out of money at the end of the month. It’s a shock to food banks.

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