

CCSD along with 100s of National, Provincial and local Partners Seek Alternative to the Cancellation of the Long Form Census

The Canadian Council on Social Development along with 100s of organizations across the country seek to broker an alternative to canceling the Long Form Census. Drawing from the thoughtful recommendations of the National Statistic Council we are calling for:

- Reinstatement of mandatory long form census questionnaire for 2011 --- we are too far down the road to change at this juncture and a process can be undertaken to make changes that would satisfy the government's goals in the 2016 Census. We are willing to work with the Government to find the best approach to achieve their goals and save this important tool
- Take the necessary time to study the impact of a voluntary survey
- Adjust penalties for non compliance, removing the jail penalty
- Strengthen independence of the agency ensuring a transparent appointment process for the new Chief Statistician