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Sheila Copps delivers keynote speech on diversity and inclusion

The Honourable Sheila Copps, Minister of Canadian Heritage will be delivering the keynote speech at Family Service Association of Toronto's **Annual General Meeting on June 25 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm at the Metro Central YMCA Auditorium, 20 Grosvenor Street.**

Sheila Copps will discuss the value of diversity and the need to build inclusive communities. It is predicted that by 2006, one in six Canadians will be a member of a visible minority and Toronto will become the world's most multicultural city.

The Meeting will also present the work of FSA Toronto's Options program that works with individuals with intellectual disabilities and their families to create inclusive communities and empower these individuals to live fully integrated and fulfilling lives.

Other highlights of the program include a presentation of the work of the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Trans (LGBT) Parenting Network, which recently offered the first ever course for gay men considering parenthood.

Family Service Association of Toronto will also present its annual Community Service Award to **Charles S. Coffey, Executive Vice President, Government and Community Affairs, RBC Royal Bank.** Coffey is being recognized for his outstanding leadership in furthering the quality of life for individuals and families in Toronto. Throughout his career, Coffey has made community leadership a priority.

Family Service Association of Toronto (FSA Toronto) is a social service agency that provides a variety of counselling and community development programs for people struggling with to cope with everything from depression to family violence; sexual orientation issues to marital problems; job loss to settlement in a new country; and from intellectual disabilities to the challenges of growing older.

FSA's services are available to everyone living or working in Toronto, regardless of race, ancestry, place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, disability, level of literacy, marital or family status, income or political affiliation. Services are available in over in 10 languages, including Tamil, Serbian, Somali and Farsi.