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Perspectives on Canadian Families: *Redefining Inclusion*

with **Nora Spinks**, Internationally Acclaimed CEO
of the Vanier Institute of the Family

Families in Canada are diverse and each is unique. Families are the cornerstone of our society and the engine of our economy. Families are self-defined and continually adapt to social and economic forces. Understanding families gives us valuable perspective on our communities. This in turn helps to support the ongoing development of our programs and services and serves as important background information in ensuring inclusive environments that are welcoming to all families. Individuals who engage with families and children as part of their daily work are invited to join Nora Spinks to take a glimpse into the lives and homes of families in Canada. Participants will have an opportunity to engage in thought-provoking dialogue to increase their understanding of families in Canada and will learn how to apply that understanding to their work alongside children and their families in community programs.



Nora Spinks, CEO of the Vanier Institute of the Family, is a recognized expert on Families in Canada and an internationally recognized leader in work-life and well-being, organizational development and human resources management. She has extensive experience working with the private, public and voluntary sectors. For more than 25 years, Nora Spinks has applied a “family lens” to study a variety of topics related to diversity and the reality of family life in Canada, from education, housing and healthcare to cultural and structural dynamics in the workplace. In her current role as Chief Executive Officer at The Vanier Institute of the Family in Ottawa, she leads a team that seeks to understand the diversity of families and complexity of family life. Founded in 1965, the Vanier Institute monitors and reports on the complex and evolving dynamics of family life, using data produced by Statistics Canada to inform its many projects and programs.

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