

Transition in Transition



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Throughout its 45-year history, *Transition* magazine has been a signature publication of the Vanier Institute, providing a forum for researchers, educators, students, journalists, family-service workers, policy-makers and parents to enhance their understanding of the diversity and complexity of families and the reality of family life in Canada. What began as a brief, black-and-white newsletter-style publication in 1970 has since grown into a robust magazine filled with informative, insightful, inspirational and in-depth articles written by experts from across the country and around the world. *Transition* has had an impact on programs and policies, stimulating conversations and influencing perspectives across the country.

Just as families continually change form and shape while adapting to their ever-changing environments, *Transition* has been on a perpetual journey of adaptation. Starting in 2016, the next evolutionary step will be a move to a *fully digital* publication. This may be the final print edition, but it is not an ending – it is the *beginning* of an exciting journey, embracing the online world while continuing to offer quality content to readers and subscribers.

This stage of growth will be grounded in continuity. *Transition* will continue to combine stories and statistics with rich, timely and impactful articles from leading thinkers who study, serve and support families in Canada. *Transition* will continue to offer a variety of unique perspectives from contributors with diverse backgrounds, disciplines and professions. *Transition* will continue to assist readers to remain current as they conduct research or design, deliver and evaluate services and supports for families across Canada and around the world.

By fully embracing an online platform, we will build on our tradition of providing quality content while expanding accessibility and availability. *Transition* will publish throughout the year, no longer held to a quarterly

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production schedule. In addition to the written articles, reviews and fact sheets that contributed to *Transition's* reputation as an engaging and authoritative voice about families in Canada, we will integrate resources such as videos, audio podcasts and more. Articles and resources will be more searchable and easier to share with friends, family, colleagues and organizations online and through social media.

We would like to take this opportunity to pause and express our deep appreciation to everyone who has contributed to the success of *Transition* over the past half-century. This publication was made great by years of passion and hard work from diverse contributors, writers, researchers, artists, editors, translators and designers who came from all walks of life from coast to coast to coast, united by their interest in society's most important institution – the family. We are thrilled to continue working with these talented people as we move forward online.

We are excited with the expansion and diversification of *Transition* as it progresses further into the online world. We invite your comments, ideas and suggestions to make this resource more valuable to you and your colleagues, friends, family and anyone else with an interest in understanding Canada's families.

See you online! 