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## **FEDERAL UPDATES**

**[A Safe and Dignified Retirement for Canadian Seniors](#)** - Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, today highlighted Budget 2021 measures that will raise benefits for seniors and put more money in their pockets, make sure those in long-term care live in safe and dignified conditions, and help them lead more healthy and independent lives.

To give more than three (3) million seniors greater financial security and put more money in their pockets as they advance in their retirement, Budget 2021 proposes to increase the Old Age Security (OAS) pension by 10 percent for seniors 75 and over as of July 2022. It also proposes a one-time payment of \$500 in August 2021 to OAS pensioners who will be 75 or over as of June 30th, 2022.

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**[Mental Health Week](#)** - Prime Minister Trudeau has issued a statement on Mental Health Week.

## **PROVINCIAL UPDATES**

**[Ontario Taking Steps to Better Prepare and Support Youth Leaving Care](#)** - **Province engaging youth with lived experience for input on new framework** - The Ontario government is engaging youth with lived experience to help develop a new framework that would see youth transition out of the care of children's aid societies when they feel ready and better prepared. Their feedback will help establish readiness indicators, such as stable housing or education, to ensure young people are set up for success once they leave care, a key pillar of the province's plan to modernize the child welfare system.

## **OTHER UPDATES**

**Emergency Preparedness Week 2021 - May 2nd to 8th, 2021** - Everyone has a role to play in an emergency. Emergency Preparedness Week is an opportunity for you to take action to ensure you are prepared to protect yourself, your family and your community during an emergency. This year, the theme is *Emergency Preparedness: Be Ready for Anything*. The intent of this theme is to encourage Canadians to take action to become better prepared for the range of emergencies they could face in their region.

For more information, including resources on how to make an emergency plan and build an emergency kit, visit the [Get Prepared](#) website.