

# **National Strategy to Raise Awareness on Unknown and Unstated Paternity (NSRAUUP) and the Indian Act**

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On September 7, 2010 I officially launched the National Strategy to Raise Awareness on Unknown and Unstated Paternity (NSRAUUP) and the Indian Act. I am taking a three-pronged approach:

**First** – For the past 15 years I have partnered with Aboriginal Legal Services of Toronto (ALST) as my legal representative in my Constitutional challenge to the Indian Act on the matter of unknown paternity.

**Second** – I have opened a new group Facebook account where all can join and gain access to information and materials: Unknown and Unstated Paternity and the Indian Act.

**Third** – I have compiled a “NSRAUUP and the Indian Act Information Kit” consisting of electronic files that can be sent to any email address:

1. Awareness Poster: “Did You Know?”
2. Information Sheet 1: Canada’s Legislative History on Unknown/Unstated Paternity
3. Information Sheet 2: How Many Children are Born of Unknown/Unstated Paternity?
4. Information Sheet 3: The Legal Environment
5. Article: Clatworthy, Stewart. *Factors Contributing to Unstated Paternity*. 20 Jan. 2003. 7 Sept. 2010 <[http://epub.sub.uni-hamburg.de/epub/volltexte/2009/1021/pdf/uncp\\_e.pdf](http://epub.sub.uni-hamburg.de/epub/volltexte/2009/1021/pdf/uncp_e.pdf)>.
6. Article: Mann, Michelle. *Indian Registration: Unrecognized and Unstated Paternity*. June 2005. 7 Sept. 2010 <<http://dsp-psd.pwgsc.gc.ca/Collection/SW21-120-2005E.pdf>>.

It is my hope that Women’s Shelters, Friendship Centres, the Marche Amun Women, NWAC, ONWA, AFNWC, LEAF and others will support this endeavour through disseminating this information sheet and posting materials. There is no charge.

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Note: there are no bricks and mortar, no funding, and no team of researchers in this endeavour. Rather it is a team of one and one half (Nik).

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