



Newsletter on Children's rights – Americas

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Canada - Ottawa argues youth-led climate change lawsuit too broad to be tried in court

September 30th - Youth from across the country claim federal officials are violating their rights to life, liberty, equality. Federal lawyers argue that a lawsuit alleging the Canadian government has violated the charter rights of 15 youth is far too broad to be heard in court and should be thrown out.

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Canada - Ottawa pressé de venir en aide aux enfants prisonniers dans des camps en Syrie

14 septembre - Le gouvernement de Justin Trudeau est à nouveau appelé à intervenir dans le dossier des enfants de ressortissants canadiens qui ont décidé d'aller grossir les rangs du groupe armé État islamique (EI) en Syrie, et qui se retrouvent aujourd'hui coincés dans des camps de réfugiés, sans aide consulaire du Canada. La violence, l'insalubrité et la famine règnent dans ces camps, où se trouvent 26 enfants canadiens, selon l'ONG Human Rights Watch (HRW).

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Canada - Protection des enfants : les Premières Nations augmentent la pression sur Québec

5 septembre - Être enlevé à sa famille et placé dans un milieu inconnu, parfois effrayant : les horreurs des pensionnats autochtones fédéraux sont essentiellement chose du passé, mais ce scénario de « dernier recours » demeure encore aujourd'hui celui que vivent des milliers d'enfants des Premières Nations, notamment au Québec.

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Canada -Deux rapports soutiennent que l'enfance est en crise au Canada

3 septembre - Un rapport publié mercredi par l'UNICEF affirme qu'avant même l'éclatement de la pandémie du nouveau coronavirus, l'enfance était en crise au Canada et que la situation sanitaire provoque une détérioration de ses droits à l'échelle mondiale. Le bilan dévoilé par le Fonds des Nations unies pour l'enfance qui évalue la situation des enfants et des jeunes âgés de moins de 18 ans dans les pays riches a classé le Canada à la 30e place sur 38 pays.

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Honduras - Pandemia vulnera los derechos de niños hondureños y aumenta trabajo infantil

15 septiembere - La pandemia de la COVID-19 ha agudizado la compleja situación de la niñez en Honduras al vulnerar derechos como a una vida libre de violencia y la educación, y aumentar la pobreza, lo que podría duplicar el trabajo infantil, que ya afecta a más de 400.000, alertaron este martes Plan Internacional y Casa Alianza.

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Latin America - COVID-19 will impact Latin America's educational system for decades

September 18th - But while Latin America's economy will start recovering next year, the damage caused by the COVID-19 pandemic to the region's education systems may last decades. Millions of Latin American children have lost six months of school because of the pandemic, often because they lack laptops or good internet connections to study remotely. In Bolivia, the government canceled classes for the entire 2020 school year. Educators wonder how many children will return to class once schools re-open.

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Latin America - Over 12 million children, caregivers and teachers reached by UNICEF and Millicom (TIGO) to strengthen child rights across Latin America during COVID 19

September 17th - Some 12.6 million people, including more than 2.6 million children, have benefited from an extended cooperation between UNICEF and Millicom (operating under the TIGO brand), designed to ensure learning continuity for children affected by the lockdowns in nine Latin American countries - Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama and Paraguay.

UNICEF - [Full article](#)

Latin America - The pandemic further weakens Latin America's underperforming schools

September 12th - Before covid-19 more children than in past decades were going to school. Too few were learning.

THE ECONOMIST - [Full article](#)

Mexico - Senate approves new law prohibiting corporal punishment against children

September 24th - UNICEF says corporal and humiliating punishment as a form of violence against children is prevalent in Mexico. Lawmakers have unanimously passed a modification to the General Law on the Rights of Children and Adolescents to prohibit corporal punishment and humiliation of children.

MEXICO NEWS DAILY - [Full article](#)



United States of America - California: New Law Protects Children in Police Custody

September 30th - A new California law will protect children in police custody, Human Rights Watch said today. The measure, signed by Governor Gavin Newsom on September 30, 2020, will make sure youth talk with an attorney while deciding whether to waive their rights and submit to police interrogation.

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United States of America - Children Seeking Asylum Deserve Protection

September 28th - Since mid-March, citing public health concerns, the United States has expelled more than 8,700 unaccompanied, vulnerable migrant children who were seeking protection in the U.S. — often sending them back to the violent situations from which they had to flee. UNICEF USA believes that the United States can and must protect migrant children, even while responding to the pandemic.

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