



The Struggle for Family Leave exhibit draws on a rich history relating to the evolution of family leave benefits. It celebrates the fight of different advocates to secure family leave, without sacrificing family economics or job security. The exhibit illustrates how family leave developed to include maternity, paternity, parental, adoption, family medical, care and nurturing, and bereavement leave. It urges us to remember how far we have come, and highlights steps we still need to take.

The Struggle for AMILY LEAVE



About the exhibit

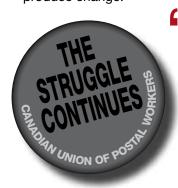
This travelling exhibit tells the story of the struggle to win family leave in Canada. It explores how feminists, political activists and unionists fought for rights that many Canadians, union and non-union, now enjoy. The exhibit highlights the importance of collective agreement provisions won through negotiations and strikes. The rich history and culture of the progress to gain family leave exemplifies how activists can push society to be the best it can be, and how hard work and dedication to do what's right can pay off and provide benefits for us all.

About the documentary

The video documentary A Struggle to Remember: Fighting for Our Families puts faces and narratives to the story of the struggle for family leave in our nation. The 20-minute film shows how it became accepted that women be able to return to their jobs after maternity leave and how men and women gained real and enforceable work-life balance provisions.

Educational Resources

Educational resources are available to help teach students, union members and activists about this relatively understudied subject. These materials highlight important aspects of the struggle and teach more about the many steps taken to produce change.



We need to protect the rights we have and continue to try and move forward the rights for women and families, there's lots left to do.

- Janice McClelland, CEP



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