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CASW Reporter Information - Communication – Action

Strengthening and Promoting the Profession

CASW Launches New Website in Celebration of 85 years of Service

In celebration of its 85th Anniversary (September 1, 2011), CASW launched a new website that will help support its mission of promoting and strengthening the social work profession. [Click here](#) to learn more.

CASW Daily Media Monitoring - Membership Benefit

CASW has recently begun providing a daily media monitoring service of news relative to the social work profession. If you would like to have your e-mail address added to the *CASW Media Monitoring* distribution list, please e-mail casw-secretary@casw-acts.ca with your interest or call 1-855-729-CASW (2279).

CASW offers Individual Memberships to Alberta, Ontario and Québec

CASW has now begun to offer Individual Memberships to social workers in Canada that do not have organizational representation in the national federation. (If your provincial/territorial social work organization is a [CASW Partner Organization](#), you are automatically an affiliate member of CASW)

Help strengthen our federation by spreading the word to social workers and social work students from Alberta, Ontario, and Quebec that may be interested in supporting the work of CASW by becoming individual members. Please [click here](#) to access the backgrounder, Q &A's and Membership application to join.

CASW Board Announces New CASW Executive Director

The CASW Board is proud to announce that Fred Phelps accepted the position of Executive Director for CASW effective August 1, 2011. To learn more about CASW's new Executive Director, please [click here](#).

Book Draw

A new list of books for the CASW Book Draw is now available. Books available to win include: *The New Humanitarians: Inspiration, Innovations, and Blueprints for Visionaries* (C. Stout), *A Gift of Grace: A Mother's Journey Through Her Son's Schizophrenia* (B. Weatherly), *Practising*

Social Work Research: Case Studies for Learning (R. Csiernik, R. Birnbaum, B. Decker Pierce), Group Work Practice to Advance Social Competence: A Specialized Methodology for Social Work (N.C. Lang), and L'intervention féministe d'hier à aujourd'hui: Portrait d'une pratique sociale diversifié (C. Corbeil et I. Marchand). Don't forget to visit the [Members' website](#) to enter your name for the book of your choice.

Pursuit of Social Justice

CASW Submits Pre-Budget Brief

CASW submitted a pre-budget brief to the Standing Committee on Finance entitled '*Giving Priority to Low and Moderate Income Women*' that calls for strengthening of Old Age Security, the Guaranteed Income Supplement, Canada Pension Plan and Employment Insurance. [Click here](#) to read more.

CASW Endorses HEAL Pre-Budget Submission

CASW endorsed HEAL's submission to the HOC Standing Committee on Finance entitled People, Places and Technology- Laying the Foundation for Health System Modernization. [Click here](#) to read the submission.

International

International Social Service Assembly and Conference

[International Social Service Canada](#) (ISS Canada) has announced the *International Social Service Assembly and Conference* scheduled for May, 2012 in Banff, Alberta. To learn more, please [click here](#).

CASW Encourages Social Workers to Support the East Africa Drought Relief Fund

For every dollar individual Canadians contribute to registered Canadian charities responding to the East Africa drought, from July 6 until September 16, 2011, the Government of Canada will set aside one dollar for the Fund. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Relevant Resources

Addiction Research Monthly

Addiction Research Monthly is a monthly index of recently published peer-reviewed articles on addiction and the use or misuse of alcohol and illicit drugs compiled by the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA). Please [click here](#) to review articles and meta-analyses as well as peer-reviewed articles from CCSA staff.

Mental Illness Awareness Week - Campaign Materials -- Now Available

The 2011 Face Mental Illness campaign materials are now available to order until September 11. Help promote *Mental Illness Awareness Week* in your community with campaign posters and bookmarks. This year, campaign materials will be distributed in late September. Please visit the order page on www.miaaw.ca, where you can [download printable PDF](#) versions of campaign materials free of charge in early September.