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## CASW Reporter

### Pursuit of Social Justice

#### **CASW Encourages Social Workers to Support Community of Attawapiskat**

The Attawapiskat First Nation declared a [state of emergency](#) three weeks ago due to an extreme housing shortage. [Click here](#) to donate to the Canadian Red Cross in support of Attawapiskat.

#### **CASW Asks for Balance on Crime and Punishment Legislation**

CASW joined the chorus of Canadians asking for the Government of Canada to [balance crime and punishment with a rehabilitation](#) agenda. Social workers from across Canada answered CASW's call to action and sent Prime Minister Harper a message that the direction [C-10](#) is taking contradicts front line experience with poverty, crime, and victimization.

On Saturday November 26, 2011, CASW joined the Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies and the John Howard Society of Canada on Parliament Hill to speak out against C-10 at a march organized by the Coalition to End Omnibus Bill C-10.

#### **CASW Supports Call for National Children's Advocate**

In celebration of National Child Day (November 20) the CASW joined other organizations, including UNICEF Canada, in calling for a national independent advocate for children. [Click here](#) to read more.

#### **Quality End-of-Life Care Coalition of Canada (QELCCC) Applauds Recommendations**

As an active member of QELCCC, CASW endorsed the [coalitions response](#) to the recommendations on palliative end-of-life care recently put forth by the Parliamentary Committee on Palliative and Compassionate Care (PCPCC). To read the *Not to be Forgotten: Care of Vulnerable Canadians* report, [click here](#).

#### **CAMIMH sends letter to Provincial and Territorial Ministers of Health**

The Canadian Alliance on Mental Illness and Mental Health (CAMIMH), of which CASW is an active member, sent a letter to provincial and territorial ministers of health requesting that

mental health and addictions be placed at the forefront of the agenda during 2014 health accord negotiations. Read the letter here by [clicking here](#).

**Join the YWCA Canada's ROSE CAMPAIGN to End Violence Against Women & Girls**  
Visit [www.rosecampaign.ca](http://www.rosecampaign.ca) to send your MP a virtual rose today.

## Strengthening and Promoting the Profession

### **What is the Role of the Federal Government in the Delivery of Social Services?**

CASW issued a Request for Proposal (RFP), with a submission deadline of December 8, 2011, focussing on the leadership role federal government could play in the delivery of social assistance and services of Canadians; focussing specifically on the renewal of the Canadian Social Transfer in 2014. [Click here](#) to review the RFP and please forward onto appropriate contacts.

### **New CSW Editorial Board Member**

CASW is pleased to welcome Isabel Lanteigne from the New Brunswick Association of Social Workers (NBASW), as the new Francophone representative to the *Canadian Social Work* Editorial Board. Isabel replaces Janelle Comeau, who has served on this board for many years. CASW thanks Janelle for her commitment and work.

## International

### **CASW Asks Federal Government to Call for the Presence of Afghani Women at Bonn II**

CASW wrote Prime Minister Harper applauding the government's continued support for the development and emancipation of Afghani women and asking that Canada strongly encourage support the voice of Afghani women at the Bonn II Conference. [Click here](#) to read more.

## Relevant Resources

### **Senate Report Calls for National Child Sexual Exploitation Strategy**

The standing Senate committee on Human Rights was mandated to study the issue of the sexual exploitation of children in Canada, looking into the scope and prevalence of the problem across the country. [Click here](#) to read the final report entitled: The Sexual Exploitation of Children in Canada: the Need for National Action. The report supports CASW's call for a National Children's Commissioner.

### **Teenmentalhealth.org**

Teenmentalhealth.org is a project focused on enhancing knowledge and capacity by systematically collecting, evaluating, and disseminating scientifically-validated information about adolescent mental health to advance the understanding of mental illness and to improve the lives of young people with mental disorders. [Click here](#) to access this new site.

**Strategies for occupational therapists to address elder abuse/mistreatment**

The Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists (CAOT) recently launched a resource tool, relevant to social workers, that was developed in partnership with Human Resources and Skills Development Canada to support in the detecting and defining of elder abuse. [Click here](#) to learn more.

**Campaign 2000 releases the New Report Card on Child & Family Poverty in Canada**

November 2011 marked 22 years since the House of Commons adopted an all-party resolution to end child poverty in Canada. Campaign 2000 released its 20th National Report Card on Child/Family Poverty, read it by [clicking here](#).

**CASWE Conference 2012 – Call for Proposals**

The Canadian Association for Social Work Education (CASWE) is calling for proposals for their 2012 Conference which will be held in conjunction with the Congress 2012 of the Humanities and Social Sciences. [Click here](#) for details on how to submit proposals.