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CASW Reporter

Information - Communication – Action

Strengthening and Promoting the Profession

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder - Out of Sight, Not Out of Mind

CASW attended an intimate gathering at the Canadian War Museum hosted by the Mood Disorders Society of Canada of 75 thought leaders from both the public and private spheres to discuss a series of issues surrounding PTSD. Attendees included a number of Cabinet Members and M.P.s as well as the Chief of Defence Staff. CASW thanks Anne Bailliu (MSW, RSW) for adding the scope of practice for clinical Social Work in providing trauma-based therapies to the discussions.

CASW Sponsorship Opportunities

Through the generosity of AON, the broker for the CASW liability insurance program, sponsorship funds have been made available and are to be awarded to members of Partners organizations as well as to affiliated individual members of CASW to participate in opportunities that promote the profession and/or advance issues of social justice. Visit the [CASW Members site](#) to learn more.

Canadian Social Work Journal

The *Canadian Social Work Journal Fall 2011* journal is now available on the 'Members' section of the CASW website. [Click here](#) to log in.

Welcome new CASW Children's Interest Group Chair

CASW is pleased to welcome Claude Savoie (NBASW) to the Children's Interest Group. A special thanks for accepting the Chair position ...welcome!

CASW Media Monitoring - Membership Benefit

CASW provides a daily media monitoring service of national news relative to the social work profession. If you would like to have your e-mail address added to the distribution list, please e-mail casw-secretary@casw-acts.ca with your interest.

Pursuit of Social Justice

Standing Committee on Finance- Pre-Budget Consultations

CASW Treasurer, Ray Pekrul (SASW) presented CASW's pre-budget brief entitled 'Giving Priority to Low and Moderate Income Women' to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance in Saskatoon on October 27, 2011. [Click here](#) to review CASW's submission.

CASW Encourages Social Works to Support for the Poverty Elimination Act

As a member of the *Dignity for All Campaign*, CASW is encouraging social workers to support Bill C-233, An Act to Eliminate Poverty in Canada by downloading [this petition](#), gathering a minimum of 25 signatures and presenting the petition to your Member of Parliament. Although Private Member's Bills have a slim chance of getting enacted, the process of debating the bill helps educate and build support for such legislation among MPs.

Stand up – Take Action – End Poverty Now!

CASW joined Canada Without Poverty and Citizens for Public Justice on the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty to encourage Canadians to join the international movement bringing attention to the worldwide crisis that we all face, poverty. To learn more on the Stand up – Take Action – End Poverty Now! campaign, [click here](#).

Relevant Resources

Seniors' mental health guidelines released

New guidelines for seniors' mental health have been released by the Mental Health Commission of Canada. It includes: key factors to consider in planning a comprehensive integrated mental health system for seniors; an integrated model for mental health services in late life; and, facilitators of a comprehensive mental health service system. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Chief Public Health Officer's Report on the State of Public Health in Canada

The Chief Public Health Officer's fourth annual report on the state of public health in Canada examines the state of health and well-being of Canadian youth and young adults. The report considers many health issues affecting this population such as physical and mental health, injury, sexual and reproductive health and substance use and abuse. [Click here](#) to read the report.

Sleep and Dementia Survey

The Sleep and Function Interdisciplinary Group at the University of Alberta, with support from Addiction & Mental Health: Alberta Health Services is seeking the input of social workers for their national survey on the use of non-pharmacological sleep interventions for persons with dementia. The study is approved by the Research Ethics Board at the University of Alberta and your participation is completely anonymous. [Click here](#) to participate in this important survey that will take only 5-7 minutes to complete.