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CASW Reporter

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Pursuit of Social Justice

Accountability Matters - A Call to Action

CASW is appreciative of the efforts of social workers from across Canada in making accountability in the Canada Social Transfer a priority by sending a letter to their Premier and Minister responsible for Social Services to let them know Accountability Matters.

As part of CASW's ongoing efforts to have the Canada Social Transfer become a priority for the Premiers and Government of Canada, CASW has sent letters to the Council of the Federation and Minister Finley. CASW respectfully requested that the Council of the Federation establish a *Social Transfer Accountability Working Group* that would provide the vital guidance and national leadership required to establish common principles of accountability for the receipt and delivery of social services from the Canada Social Transfer.

Click here to help make the Canada Social Transfer a priority for your Premier!

CASW Seeks Restoration of NWAC and NCFNG Funding

In Budget 2012 the Harper Government has chosen to immediately cut all funds to the Health Department of the Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) as well funding for the National Centre for First Nations Governance (NCFNG). Click here to read more of CASW's opposition to these unwarranted cuts.

National Council of Welfare

As a consequence to Budget 2012, the National Council of Welfare has been eliminated. CASW is adamantly opposed to this recent decision by the Harper Government. Click here to read the letter sent to Minister Finley regarding this short sighted decision.

Become am a ‘Witness’ - First Nations Child Welfare

In April a landmark federal court ruling opened the door to provide First Nations children living on reserve the same amount of funding other kids receive in the rest of Canada, aboriginal leaders say. The First Nations Child and Caring Society of Canada needs only 117 more Caring Canadians to sign on to witness the First Nations child welfare case so they can reach 10,000 SUPPORTERS. [Click here](#) to learn more and sign up to become a ‘witness’ and let Canada know you are watching. Spread the word!

Strengthening and Promoting the Profession

CASW Webcast Recording Available – Michael Ungar

If you missed out on the inspiring CASW webcast on resiliency by Michael Ungar, [click here](#) to access a recording of the webcast.

Farewells and Welcomes to CASW

CASW bids farewell to Pam Robb representative from the MIRSWS to the Health Interest Group and welcomes Vicki Verge as the new representative to CASW Health Interest Group from the MIRSWS.

Looking for a new opportunity? Click the below links for New CASW Employment Listing:

- BC Mental Health & Addiction Services Forensic Liaison & Community Case Manager Social Worker (must have previous experience in Forensics)
- BC Women’s Hospital & Health Centre (BCWH) Casual opportunities for Social Workers (MSW)

International

IFSW Social Work and Social Development Agenda supported by the United Nations

The [Global Agenda for Social Work and Social Development: Commitments to Action](#), was formally launched on March 29th at the Annual Social Work Day at the United Nations. In New York, Head of the United Nations Development Programme, Helen Clark said: For more than a century, the social work profession has been at the forefront of promoting human rights and supporting people to realize their full potential. Various arms of the United Nations have worked with your organisations in global fora, and alongside social workers in-country to advance progress on the Millennium Development Goals, engage citizens in development, and strengthen social protection systems. [Click here](#) to read her full remarks.

Relevant Resources

“Defeat Depression Campaign” is taking on Depression and Stigma in a big way!

On May 27, 2012 the Mood Disorders Society of Canada is holding a national Defeat Depression day across Canada. In communities across this country, volunteers are organizing local walks and rides to tackle depression and to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness. Visit www.defeatdepression.ca to learn more on how you can support raising awareness on defeating depression.

Save the dates! Free Webinar Series

CWLC and UNICEF Canada are launching an exciting webinar series in May and June 2012 to inform and discuss the value of the United Nations Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children in child welfare policy and practice. This four-part webinar series is brought to you by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR). To register for this free webinar series, please [click here](#). If you are unable to access the link or have any questions, please contact Sharon George at sharon@cwlc.ca

Free Webinar: Best Practices: How Youth Related NGOs Can Influence Social Policy

The Child and Youth in Challenging Contexts Network is offering a free webinar on Thursday, May 24, 3:00-4:00pm Atlantic (AST) to support child and youth-related NGOs in having their voices heard when it comes to social policy issues in Canada. During this interactive webinar, Timothy Crooks will share his experiences with social policy in Canada and the award-winning best practices of the Phoenix Youth Programs. [Click here](#) to sign up for this free webinar.

2011 Federal Disability Report

The Government of Canada published its ninth disability report. The focus this year is on seniors with disabilities in Canada. [Click here](#) to read the report in full.

Seniors Needing the Most Help Are Not Getting the Care They Need

The Health Council of Canada recently issued a report that provides the first cross Canada snapshot on the needs of home care clients and their caregivers. [Click here](#) to read the full report.

Shaw Fill the Food Banks 2012

Help Fill the Food Banks just by [clicking here](#) and watching a YouTube video. For every unique view the Canadian Food Banks Association will receive \$1 and 1 pound of food. Please share with your family, friends and co-workers.

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