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CASW Reporter

This month's Reporter is brought to you by the National Case Management Network of Canada.

A New Standard for Health Care Management

National Case Management Network of Canada releases Canadian Core Competencies Profile for Case Management Providers. Case Management is a strategy, process and role that helps people navigate through our health and social services systems. The core competencies define the various roles of Case Management providers and recommends competency guidelines for client driven care.



Pursuit of Social Justice

Health Care Transformation in Canada – What Makes Us Sick?

CASW joined the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) for their most recent public town hall facilitating a National Dialogue on Health Care Transformation focused on the social determinants of health. CASW was proud to bring the social work perspective to this two hour town hall carried live by CPAC and supported by Maclean's.

Now it's your turn to join the conversation and help shape health care transformation in Canada. Click here to create an account and join the CMA discussion; provide your perspectives on the social determinants of health and how we can build a stronger and more equitable Canada.

Defending Social Programs for a Stronger Canada

Join social workers from across the nation calling for a more equitable Canada. Visit CASW's on-line advocacy campaign to send a letter to governments demanding *Principles of Accountability* behind the Canada Social Transfer.

Visit www.defendingsocialprograms.ca to Take Action and Spread the Word.

Closure of Health Council Erodes Federal Leadership Role in Health

As an active partner in the Health Action Lobby (HEAL), CASW was proud to join the collective opposition to the federal government's withdrawal of funding for the Health Council of Canada. [Click here](#) to read more.

House Finance Committee Studying Income Inequality

[Click here](#) to review CASW's submission to House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance study on income inequality in Canada. Among a number of priorities, the overall purpose of the study is to provide recommendations on how best to improve equality of opportunity and prosperity for all Canadians.

Canada Social Transfer and the Social Determinants of Health

In case you missed out, [click here](#) to visit CASW's recent paper that investigates the implications behind a lack of transparency and accountability in delivery and receipt of the Canada Social Transfer (CST). Entitled the Canada Social Transfer and the Social Determinants of Health, the paper provides an in-depth exploration of income security funding at the national, provincial, and local level. Income support programs were chosen to highlight as they are closely linked to all the other Social Determinants of Health and are explicitly covered by the CST.

Housing First and Affordable Housing

As an active member of the Canadian Alliance for Mental Illness and Mental Health (CAMIMH), CASW was pleased to support its letter to the Minister Diane Finley commending the government for its *Housing First* and Affordable Housing commitments in Budget 2013 while calling for the federal government to commit to a national housing plan. [Click here](#) to read more.

Strengthening and Promoting the Profession

CASW Spring Bulletin – Available

Visit the [CASW Member's site](#) to read the Spring Bulletin highlighting the 2013 Distinguished Award Winners and reports from Aon/CASW Award Recipient. All members of CASW Partner organizations are invited to access the publication by logging onto CASW Members Site with your own E-mail address. If you have not already done so, create your own Login and Password to access the CASW Members by [clicking here](#).

Employment - Looking for a new opportunity?

- ❖ [Regional Social Workers](#) – Yukon Government
- ❖ [Family Decision Making Team Lead](#) – Okanagan Nation Alliance
- ❖ [Child Family Youth & Health Services Manager](#) – Okanagan Nation Alliance
- ❖ [Supervisor, Regional Services – North](#) – Yukon Government
- ❖ [Social Worker 1 – MSW Pediatric Intensive Care Unit \(PICU\)](#) – BC Children's Hospital
- ❖ [Social Worker \(EAP\)](#) – Health Canada

Webcast Recording Available - Social Work Practice in a Digital and Electronic World

[Click here](#) to access the recording of this amazing webcast presented by Frederic Reamer that explored the emerging ethical issues arising out of social workers' growing use of digital technology and social media.

CASW E-panels

Visit the CASW Members Site and check out the new e-panels that provide members a forum to discuss social work issues within a controlled community. [Click here](#) to create your own Login and Password if you have not done so already.

Relevant Resources

Launch of New Frontline Health Website

The Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA) has launched a new online initiative focusing on social determinants of health (SDH) approaches to improve health and health equity. CPHA's [Frontline Health: Beyond Health Care website](#) is designed to inform and mobilize the public health community and aligned sectors about innovative SDH-based initiatives implemented by local communities and the health and social service organizations that serve them. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Call for Trainers - Building capacity for managing situations of elder abuse among interprofessional health care providers

"*Train the Trainer*" workshops are available to build upon the elder abuse awareness initiative lead by the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists, funded by Human Resources Skills and Development Canada. [Click here](#) to learn more about this interprofessional collaboration and education opportunity that is a dissemination initiative to help health care providers learn about the indicators of elder abuse, prevention, assessment, intervention protocols, relevant legislation and resources for older adults.

HIV Screening and Testing Guide

The Public Health Agency of Canada is pleased to share the electronic release of the *HIV Screening and Testing Guide*. The guide is designed to complement existing efforts to support care providers involved in HIV testing to reduce the number of undiagnosed HIV infections in Canada. [Click here](#) to access the guide,

Art Contest: Friendly advice from Canadian kids!

The Canadian Paediatric Society (CPS) is looking for artwork by kids from across the country for its annual art contest. This year's theme—"[Friendly advice from Canadian kids](#)"—they're asking children and youth to consider what it means to be a good friend, and submit a drawing that illustrates how their friendships keep them happy and healthy. [Click here](#) to learn more.