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CASW Reporter

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Strengthening and Promoting the Profession

Coalition Highlight – Canadian Alliance on Mental Illness and Mental Health (CAMIMH)

CASW amplifies the voice of social work on the national level by collaborating with other organizations to advance issues specific to the profession and the people we serve. [CAMIMH](#) is one such coalition that is comprised of health care providers as well as organizations which represent individuals with lived experience of mental illness. One of CAMIMH's major annual initiatives is the *Faces of Mental Illness* campaign, a national education campaign that operates in conjunction with [Mental Illness Awareness Week](#) (Sept. 30- Oct. 6).

The 2012 *Faces of Mental Illness* have recently been announced; [click here](#) to learn who will be 'Putting Their Best Face Forward' this year to help reduce the stigma of mental health.

CASW's 2012 Pre-Budget Submission – Defending Social Programs

CASW is pleased to report that several social workers from across Canada took advantage of the new online format and joined CASW in providing the Standing Committee of Finance Pre-Budget Consultations that will inform Budget 2013. Although narrow in scope, the [survey questions](#) for the Pre-Budget Consultations did provide CASW with the opportunity to articulate our commitment to reducing the growing income inequality gap in Canada. The CASW submission was developed in consultation with social workers from across Canada and communicated concern that legislation and policies recently adopted by the Government of Canada are contrary to the objective of reducing the inequality gap; most notably the raising of eligibility for Old Age Security from 65 to 67 as well as the unprecedented cuts to the Interim Refugee Health Program. CASW also noted its position that the current situation of federal restraint as an overstated crisis. Specifically, tax expenditures implemented by the federal government since 2006 will result in estimated foregone revenues of \$220 billion between 2007 and 2013. CASW will post the full Pre-Budget Submission when translation is complete.

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Employment - Looking for a new opportunity?

- ❖ [Assessment & Short Term Counselling – Social Worker](#) – City of Edmonton
- ❖ [Community Social Service Worker III](#) – Beaufort-Delta Health and Social Services Authority (3 vacancies)

International

Effective and Ethical Working Environments for Social Work

The International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) approved new global guidance on the working environment for social work at its recent General Meeting held in Stockholm, Sweden. [Click here](#) to access this new policy that provides much needed guidance to social workers and managers around the world.

Social workers reaffirm commitment to confront child sexual abuse

New global guidance for social workers on the identification and protection of children from all forms of sexual abuse will be developed urgently following a decision by social workers gathered from around the world at the recent IFSW General Meeting. [Click here](#) to learn more.

CASW and NASW Renew Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

CASW and the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) of the United States used the opportunity of the North American Reception at the IFSW 2012 Joint World Conference to renew reciprocal commitments that benefit the membership of both organizations. The MOU recognizes that each organization has resources and information that is helpful to the other and to the advancement of the social work profession. This MOU is in effect until July, 2015 and will be posted soon on the CASW website.

IFSW Connect - Online networking for social workers

IFSW Connect enables social workers to create professional networks with your peers from around the world. Connect enables members to form discussion groups, engage with networks and share resources with colleagues. Connect is highly affordable, costing just USD\$20 per year. [Click here](#) to Connect.

Relevant Resources

Canada's Children Summer 2012 edition

A Child Welfare League of Canada publication, this issue of *Canada's Children* is dedicated to child and youth mental health. It features important work on key initiatives across Canada that are generating real, positive results. . [Get your electronic copy here](#).

Social Good Summit

The Social Good Summit is where big ideas meet new media to create innovative solutions. Held during UN Week, the Social Good Summit unites a dynamic community of global leader to discuss a big idea: the power of innovative thinking and technology to solve the greatest challenges. [Click here](#) to learn how you can engage in the 2012 Social Good Summit.

Research Survey: Research Social Work and the Pharmaceuticalization of Youth in Care

A research project that seeks to better understand the experiences and perceptions of social workers on psychotropic medication as it relates to working with children/youth in care. [Click here](#) to learn more or participate in this project.

Critical Social Work (University of Windsor)

Critical Social Work is distributed free electronically. Individuals, organizations, and libraries can receive electronically distributed issues of the journal. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Teen Mental Health

Evergreen is an initiative of the Mental Health Commission of Canada that has collaboratively developed with professionals, youth, parents and members of the public a framework specific to the needs of child and youth mental health. This framework for child and youth mental health is important because it helps keep everyone on the same page, working together towards a common goal – to develop a mental health system that effectively meets the needs of young people living with mental health problems and illnesses. To access Evergreen resources, [click here](#) or visit <http://teenmentalhealth.org>.

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