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## CASW Reporter

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### Strengthening and Promoting the Profession

#### **March is National Social Work Month (NSWM) - Join the Celebrations!**

CASW is pleased to support social workers from across Canada in celebrating the National Social Work Month 2012 (NSWM) under the theme, '[Social Workers: Building Relationships, Strengthening Communities, and Partnering for Change.](#)' Check in with your [provincial/territorial social work organization](#) for the celebrations specific to your area.

#### **National Educational Webcast - Mark your Calendars!**

CASW is again pleased to offer a free one-hour National Educational Webcast for social workers who are members of CASW partner organizations and individual members of CASW.

**Presenter:** [Michael Ungar](#), Ph.D.

**When:** Thursday, March 29, 2012

**Time:** 1:00pm to 2:00pm (EST)

**Registration:** To register for the webcast, please [click here](#) or and follow the step-by-step instructions.

Michael Ungar is a Killam Professor of Social Work at Dalhousie University where he directs the Resilience Research Centre that coordinates more than five million dollars in funded research in a dozen countries. That research is focused on resilience among children, youth and families and how they together survive adversity in culturally diverse ways. He has published over 75 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters on this topic and is the author of eleven books including *The Social Worker*, his first novel. In addition to his research and writing, Michael maintains a family therapy practice in association with Phoenix Youth Programs, a prevention program for street youth and their families, and was the recipient of the Canadian Association of Social Workers Distinguished Service Award for Nova Scotia in 2010.

### **Presentation Synopsis:**

*Why Social Workers are so Good at Nurturing Resilience: (and why we should have our own television show to prove it)* --- In his presentation, Michael will show how social workers are particularly adept at nurturing resilience among individuals and families who face complex problems. He'll argue that because of our ecological perspective and clinical, case management and community development skills, we are ideally suited to creating the conditions that make resilience more likely to occur. Michael will show that social workers deserve recognition for the very unique skills we bring to helping people overcome adversity and live fulfilling lives. He'll use examples from clinical practice and studies of resilience across many different cultures and contexts to demonstrate the practical strategies we can use to help clients cope with the marginalization that results from their socio-economic status, ethnoracial background, sexual orientation, level of ability, gender, or age.

### **NSWM Posters Available On-line**

[Click here](#) to download NSWM posters. Scroll down the page to find free downloadable posters specific to your province/territory.

### **CASW Sponsorship Opportunities**

[Click here](#) to learn how to apply for up to \$1500 of CASW Sponsorship to participate in opportunities that promote the profession and/or advance issues of social justice. Through the generosity of AON, the broker for the CASW liability insurance program, sponsorship funds are available for members of [CASW Partners Organizations](#) as well as to affiliated individual members of CASW.

### **Free legal Consultations - CASW Professional Liability Insurance Program**

Did you know that if you participate in the [CASW Professional Liability Insurance Program](#), you are automatically eligible to take advantage of the free legal consultation toll free line. Contact Aon at 1-800-951-CASW and you will be provided with a 1-888-toll free line which will connect you with the law firm of Bell, Temple. Your confidential call will be limited to 30 minutes.

## **Pursuit of Social Justice**

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

CASW is a member of the QELCCC that now has 37 members and is very active in promoting access to palliative care for all Canadians. The QELCCC recently received a \$3 million grant from Health Canada for their proposal 'The Way Forward: Moving Towards Community-Integrated Hospice Palliative Care in Canada.' [Click here](#) to read an update from CASW's representative, Marlene Chatterson (SASW).

### **Canadian Coalition for the Rights of Children**

As part of ongoing efforts against the omnibus crime legislation (C-10), the CASW Children's Interest Group provided CASW's endorsement to a Canadian Coalition for the Rights of Children letter to the Prime Minister demanding a child rights impact assessment of the proposed changes to the youth justice system prior to C-10 passing. [Click here](#) to read the letter.

### **Dignity for All (DFA) - “What’s Next?” Poverty Forum on Parliament Hill**

On February 14th, the *DFA campaign for a poverty-free Canada* hosted a public forum on Parliament Hill entitled “What’s Next? How do we Address Poverty in Canada?” As active members of the DFA Campaign, CASW encourages social workers to [click here](#) and watch the video of this successful event moderated by John Ibbitson of the Globe and Mail with representatives from all national parties.

### **World Day for Social Justice (February 20),**

In observance of World Day of Social Justice (February 20), CASW called on the Government of Canada to support efforts of Canadians and the international community in poverty eradication, the promotion of full employment and decent work, gender equity and access to social well-being and justice for all. [Click here](#) to read the full call to action.

## **Relevant Resources**

### **Episodic Disabilities Employment Network (EDEN) Website.**

The EDEN website is a place where people in Canada living with episodic disabilities, including HIV, can connect with each other to find and generate answers to tough employment questions. [Click here](#) to learn more.

### **MissingKids.ca – Canada’s Missing Children Resource Centre**

Operated by the [Canadian Centre for Child Protection](#), MissingKids.ca’s offers families support in finding their missing child and provides educational materials to help prevent children from going missing. [Click here](#) to learn more.

### **Health Council of Canada Launches New Interactive Website**

The Health Council of Canada has re-designed its website to incorporate new tools that endeavour to make information on the performance of the health care system in Canada more accessible. [Click here](#) to access the revamped site.

### **International Council Assembly and Conference 2012**

The ISS International Council (members of ISS) assembles somewhere in the world every two years. In May 2012, the International Council will meet at the Banff Centre in Banff, Alberta, Canada. This will be the *first ever assembly of the ISS International Council in the Americas*. In conjunction with its regular meeting, this ISS event will include an *Open Conference*, inviting social service providers in the Americas to join their peers from around the world for a unique international experience. The Conference theme is: *The Growing Wave - Global Human Migration* "its impact on planning, design and delivery of our social programs" For more information on our ISS Conference visit [www.issbanff2012.com](http://www.issbanff2012.com).

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