



March 2013

## CASW Reporter

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### Strengthening and Promoting the Profession

#### National Social Work Month

National Social Work Month (NSWM) was kicked off on March 1<sup>st</sup> with a CASW/CASWE joint proclamation [Social Workers Defending Social Programs for a Stronger Canada](#).

The NSWM [Distinguished Service Awards](#) were also presented throughout March to outstanding social workers across Canada. Look out for the 2013 profiles of the 2013 award winners in spring edition of the CASW Bulletin.

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

If you were not able to attend the *Social Work Practice in a Digital and Electronic World: Ethical and Risk-management Challenges* webcast presented by Frederic Reamer, not all is lost.

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

#### Employment - Looking for a new opportunity?

- ❖ [Community Social Services Worker III](#) – Beaufort Delta Health and Social Services Authority
- ❖ [Community Social Worker](#) – Government of the Northwest Territories
- ❖ [Casework Supervisor](#) – Alberta Human Services, Fort McMurray
- ❖ [Social Worker \(EAP\)](#) – Health Canada
- ❖ [Executive Director](#) – Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers
- ❖ [Dean, School of Social Work](#) – Memorial University

#### Farewells and Welcomes

CASW's representative to the Quality-End-of-Life-Care-Coalition (QELCC), Marlene Chatterson, has decided that it is time to relinquish her role after many years of dedication and we thank her very much for devotion and commitment. To continue CASW's active role in supporting the

mandate of QELCC, Karine Levesque, CASW Board representative from New Brunswick, will be now sitting at that table on behalf of CASW.

### **Canadian Social Work Journal**

CASW welcomes new co-editor Elizabeth Sheppard Hewitt from Newfoundland and Labrador who will be joining Karen Schwartz whom has been in this position since 2010. As well, a new Editorial Board from New Brunswick also joins the group and we welcome Ian Rice to his new role. Anyone interested in joining the CASW Editorial Board please contact your member organization to inform them of your interest as we still have some vacant positions to fill.

## **Pursuit of Social Justice**

### **Canada Social Transfer and the Social Determinants of Health**

CASW followed the release of the NSWM proclamation with a 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. [Click here](#) to read the report in full.

### **CASW Launches *Defending Social Programs* website**

On March 27<sup>th</sup> CASW launched an on-line advocacy campaign to engage Canadians from coast to coast in defending our social programs for a stronger Canada.

Visit [www.defendingsocialprograms.ca](http://www.defendingsocialprograms.ca) to Take Action and Spread the Word.

### **International Women's Day: A promise is a promise**

CASW released a joint statement with the Canadian Association for Social Work Education (CASWE) calling for the Government of Canada to convene a national public inquiry into violence against Indigenous women and girls. [Click here](#) to read the release in full.

### **Affordable Housing Opens Doors – Budget 2013**

The Canadian Association of Social Workers (CASW) responded immediately to Budget 2013 by supporting the *Housing First* commitment and a renewal of support for affordable housing. CASW also noted that absent from Budget 2013 was a broad and strategic commitment of the federal government to building a more socially just and environmentally sustainable society, including a stronger commitment to seniors and measures that directly addressing the overall growing inequality gap in Canada. CASW will provide a more detailed analysis of Budget 2013 in the coming weeks. [Click here](#) to read the full release.

## International

### **Moving Forward: Implementing the 'Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children'**

Moving Forward is a tool for informing and inspiring practitioners, organisations and governments across the globe who are seeking to provide the best possible rights-based care for children who are, or who may be, in need of alternative care.

[Click here](#) to find the 'Moving Forward' publication and its related resources all in one place, to enable policy-makers and practitioners to best implement the 'Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children' in their international, regional and country contexts.

### **World Social Work Day**

The International Federation of Social Workers invited social workers all over the world to celebrate World Social Work Day on March 19<sup>th</sup> under the banner of the [Global Agenda](#)'s theme "Promoting Social and Economic Equalities". [Click here](#) to learn more.

## Relevant Resources

### **The Mental Elf**

This website will help you find just what you need to keep up-to-date with all of the important and reliable mental health research and guidance. [Click here](#) to access this useful website.

### **Eyes Wide Open**

Eyes Wide Open recalls the experiences of people affected by an accidental opioid overdose and the emergency medicine naloxone. Based on true stories from 2 Canadian cities, this short documentary offers a window into the moment between life and death—and highlights the need for expanding overdose prevention. Watch the 6 min film by [clicking here](#).

### **Call for Abstracts - 2013 CHCA Home Care Summit**

At the 2013 CHCA Home Care Summit we will come together to share experiences, learn from each other and build upon our successes to make home care an integral part of an integrated approach to health and wellness. [Click here](#) to submit an abstract.