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## CASW Reporter

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### Strengthening and Promoting the Profession

#### Social Work included in Medical Expense Tax Credit

CASW is exceptionally pleased that Canadians who access clinical services provided by social workers now have the ability to claim these services on their income tax through the Medical Expense Tax Credit (METC).

This is a huge step forward for the profession. It means that as of September 26, 2012, Registered Social Workers (RSW) will be authorized as 'medical practitioners' under the Income Tax Act for the purpose of claiming medical expenses on income tax returns.

Consequently, all Private Practitioners should be including the *Registration Number* assigned to you by your respective provincial social work regulatory bodies on all receipts given to clients.

Under the METC, the federal government gives a non-refundable credit of 15 per cent on allowable medical expenses that exceed 3 per cent of the taxpayer's net income or \$2,109 in 2012, whichever is less. The provinces also offer credits.

Visit [www.cra.gc.ca/medical](http://www.cra.gc.ca/medical) to learn more about claiming the METC and [click here](#) to access the Canada Revenue Agency Chart list of authorized medical practitioners by province or territory for the purposes of claiming medical expenses.

## Canadian Social Work Journal

The *Canadian Social Work Journal Fall 2012 Journal* is now available on the 'Members' section of the CASW website. [Click here](#) to log in. Don't know your password? Contact your provincial or territorial [CASW Partner Organization](#). Individual CASW members contact [casw@casw-acts.ca](mailto:casw@casw-acts.ca).

## Employment - Looking for a new opportunity?

- ❖ [Hospice Social Worker](#) – Colchester East Hants Hospice Society Truro, NS
- ❖ [Dean, Faculty of Social Work](#) – University of Manitoba
- ❖ [Chief Executive Officer](#) – Child Welfare League of Canada
- ❖ [Social Worker](#) – Alberta Health Services
- ❖ [Executive Director](#) – Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers
- ❖ [Assistant Professor](#), Social Work – Mount Royal University

## Farewells and Welcomes

The CASW Aboriginal Interest Group bids farewell to Jodean Jefford (NLASW) and welcomes Wendy Groves (NLASW) and Jayla Rousseau-Thomas (ASWNC).

## The power of many – home and auto insurance discounts for CASW members

CASW members can save money on home and auto insurance. CASW's group insurance program made available through Aon provides great options to suit your individual needs, along with stellar claims service and numerous discounts for those who qualify. [Click here](#) or call 1-800-448-2539 for a quote to get started.

## Pursuit of Social Justice

### CASW Joins Call for National Independent Child Advocate

For over two decades CASW has asked successive federal governments to put in place a national independent advocate or representative charged with making sure that children are put first and their rights are protected. CASW [joined a national effort](#) respectfully asking the Harper Government to help protect children by supporting the current legislation ([Bill C-420](#)) before the Parliament of Canada.

If you support the need for a national child advocate or representative, please take the time to sign the 'Say our children matter' petition organization by Unicef Canada. [Click here](#) to learn more and sign the petition.

### Social Workers Defending Social Programs for a Stronger Canada

[Click here](#) to download a poster for your place of work or school to demonstrate your support of defending social programs for a stronger Canada, the 2012-13 theme of CASW.

## International

### **Restoring Hope: The Power of Social Work - NASW 2012 Conference**

The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) in the United States held an inspirational conference this past July that for those who attended restored the belief that social work is the profession of hope.

Event highlights included a much anticipated keynote speech by the profession's most recent Nobel Peace Laureate, Leymah Gbowee. Ms. Gbowee, a social worker, was honored in 2011 for her work unifying groups of women in Liberia to end the violence of civil war in that country. Other highlights included Dr. Ken Doka, one of the United States most respected experts on disenfranchised grief as well as acclaimed spoken word poet and activist Tony Keith. [Click here](#) to access these and other inspiring conference videos that focus on bringing hope back into your practice.

## Relevant Resources

### **Language Portal of Canada on the go!**

Find the right words anytime, anywhere with the Government of Canada's first mobile linguistic application. [Click here](#) to access the download of the Government of Canada's first ever mobile linguistic application.

### **Canadian Council of Child & Youth Advocates**

The CCCYA is an alliance of ten children's advocates from across Canada who have mandates to support the rights of children and youth and to promote youth voice. [Click here](#) to access CCCYA's new website.

### **Second International Indigenous Voices in Social Work Conference**

Call for submissions for the 2nd International Indigenous voices in Social Work conference to be held July 2013 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. [Click here](#) to learn more.

### **Rose Campaign to end violence against women and girls**

Each year, from November 25 to December 6, YWCA Canada's annual *Rose Campaign to end violence against women and girls* highlights what we can all do to make their lives safer. To learn more on how you can support the campaign including sending an 'end violence' message to your MP and purchasing Rose buttons at \$1 each (minimum order of 50) to wear, [click here](#).

**A National Inquiry is needed!**

The Native Women’s Association of Canada (NWAC) recognized October 18<sup>th</sup> as a National Day of Action to end violence against Aboriginal women and girls in Canada. Together in partnership with the Assembly of First Nations and other Aboriginal organizations that work tirelessly to address this critical issue, NWAC supports measures that raise awareness of this crisis of violence. [Click here](#) to download a petition to support NWAC’s call for a National Inquiry into the crisis of missing and murdered Aboriginal women and girls in Canada.



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