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CASW Reporter

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Strengthening and Promoting the Profession

Mental Illness Awareness Week

Mental Illness Awareness Week (*September 30 – October 6*) is an annual national public education campaign to help open the eyes of all Canadians to the reality of mental illness. CASW is an active member of the Canadian Alliance for Mental Illness and Mental Health (CAMIMH) coordinates Mental Illness Awareness Week (MIAW).

Cornerstones of the MIAW campaign are the Faces of Mental Illness that lend their life stories to advance understanding and highlight the accomplishments made by everyday Canadians living with mental illnesses. To learn more about the Faces Campaign and MIAW, please visit www.miaaw.ca

Canadian Primary Health Care Research and Innovation Network (CPHCRIN).

CASW is a founding partner and sponsor of the Canadian CPHCRIN, pan-Canadian research, training and knowledge exchange network comprised of researchers and stakeholders in Community-Based Primary Health Care (CBPHC). On October 3rd 2012 CPHCRIN will commemorate its First Year Anniversary and is celebrating by connecting with all researchers and stakeholders in CBPHC across the country! If you are interested in getting involved with this emerging Network, [click here](#) to learn how to register as a member.

CASW Fall Bulletin – Available

Visit the CASW Member's site to read the Fall Bulletin highlighting the 2012 Distinguished Award Winners and reports from Aon/CASW Award Recipients.

CASW Media Monitoring --- Click....read...delete.

CASW knows you don't have time to keep up with national, provincial and international news relative to the social work profession, so let us do it for you! Sign up for the CASW Media Monitoring Service and stay up to date. Simply e-mail sandra.veilleux@casw-acts.ca to sign up.

CASW Book Draw

CASW is pleased to announce that Ralph Aman (SASW), Anouk McGraw (NBASW) and Tina Arseneault-Brideau (NBASW) as Book Draw winners. Don't forget to visit the [Members' website](#) to enter your name for the book of your choice for the next draw.

Welcomes to CASW

CASW welcomes Andrea Zimmerman as a representative to CASW Health Interest Group from the ASWNC.

Pursuit of Social Justice

Sisters In Spirit Vigils—A Movement for Social Change

CASW has endorsed the [Joint Statement](#) to be read nationwide on October 4th 2012 as part of the [Sisters In Spirit Vigils](#) that brings together many Aboriginal communities and Canadian citizens specifically to celebrate honour and support Aboriginal women and girls. Vigils take many forms: a rally, a candle-light vigil, a workshop, a moment of silence, a walk, or a gathering of people to share memories and a meal.

CASW encourages social workers to participate on October 4th; honouring the lives of missing and murdered Aboriginal women and girls and support families who have been tragically touched by the loss of a loved one to violence. [Click here](#) to locate a Vigil in your community or light a virtual candle.

[Click here](#) to download a petition to the Prime Minister, organized by the Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC), in support of holding a National Inquiry into missing and murdered Aboriginal women and girls in Canada.

Social Workers Defending Social Programs for a Stronger Canada

Given the onslaught of legislative changes and policy decisions impacting social programs from coast to coast to coast, CASW, at its annual joint meetings of the federation adopted the 2012-13 theme "Social Workers Defending Social Programs for a Stronger Canada" to guide its efforts in advocating for social justice. [Click here](#) to download a poster for your place of work to demonstrate your support of defending social programs for a stronger Canada.

Coalition Highlight – Quality End –of-Life Care Coalition of Canada (QELCCC)

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. The QWLCCC is one of such organization that brings together of 36 national organizations concerned about quality end-of-life care for all Canadians. [Click here](#) to check out QELCCC and learn more about the how your membership in CASW is contributing to a stronger Canada.

CASW's 2012 Pre-Budget Submission

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.

Relevant Resources

The CareGiverProject

The CareGiverProject is a web-based public education initiative committed to increasing awareness of aging, family and caregiver issues that impact the lives of Canadians from coast to coast. [Click here](#) to learn more about the project.

Factors Affecting a Therapist's Experience Following the Suicide of a Client

The aim of this research study is to identify the factors that may affect a therapist's experience following a client suicide. Possible factors include social and collegial support, previous trauma, gender, and psychological challenges prior to the client suicide. [Click here](#) to participate or learn more.

WHO QualityRights Tool Kit

The WHO QualityRights tool kit provides countries with practical information and tools for assessing and improving quality and human rights standards in mental health and social care facilities. The Toolkit is based on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. [Click here](#) to learn more.

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