

**BC ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS
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SOCIAL WORK WEEK IN BRITISH COLUMBIA CELEBRATES THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF SOCIAL WORKERS

Vancouver, BC - The provincial government has declared March 13–19 Social Work Week in British Columbia. Social workers throughout BC have planned activities that will highlight their essential contributions to the health and well being of British Columbians.

This year's theme for Social Work Week in BC is *Social Work: A Profession Dedicated to an Inclusive Society*.

Social workers provide services in hospitals, child welfare programs, community service agencies, family service centres, mental health clinics, rehabilitation centres, community action programs, schools and universities, correctional institutions, long term care homes, alcohol and drug treatment programs, hospices, and employee assistance programs. They make substantial contributions to social policy and research. Many registered social workers in BC provide private practice clinical counselling services. Social workers continue to make the world a better place, one person, one family, one challenge at a time.

"We celebrate the thousands of British Columbia social workers who work hard every day in the pursuit of social justice," said BCASW President Michael Crawford. "Social workers not only focus on problems at the individual level; we are actively advocating at all levels of government for social and economic policies that produce inclusive and equitable communities."

"The BC Association of Social Workers salutes the thousands of British Columbia social workers who are making a difference in their communities," said BCASW Executive Director Dianne Heath. "Our members celebrate diversity and work to accomplish more inclusive communities."

The BC Association of Social Workers is the voice of professional social workers in British Columbia. Incorporated in 1956, BCASW is a not-for-profit, voluntary member services association whose mission is to support and strengthen the profession of social work and to advocate for social justice. To learn more about BCASW, visit www.bcasw.org.

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