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Community Social Services Awareness month is a province-wide effort to raise awareness about the vital role of community social services—by taking the message out to local communities.

Community social services matter because they help ensure that people don't fall through the cracks when they have a special need or when they are facing a crisis in their lives. Community social services make British Columbia's communities healthier and safer. They also strengthen our provincial economy with millions of dollars spent in jobs, programs, and services.

Community Social Services Awareness month activities include:

- Coordinating community social services month proclamations by municipal councils across British Columbia;
- A community social services walk and rally in Victoria on March 26;
- Local promotional activities in many communities across British Columbia throughout the month of March;
- Advertisements in local newspapers and on radio.

To date, 27 municipal councils across British Columbia have proclaimed March as Community Social Services Awareness Month, or recognized community social service workers in some fashion. This includes the city councils of Victoria, Vancouver, Prince George, Trail, Whistler, Burnaby, Kelowna and Richmond. The province of British Columbia has also proclaimed March 2011 "Community Social Services Month."

There will be community events organized around the province during the month of March. Some of these activities may be planned in your community, such as information booths and displays in public locations.

To get involved:

- Visit our campaign [website](#) ^[1]. You'll find plenty of event planning ideas, speaking notes, campaign posters, and other information and resources.
- Contact your steward, staff representative or area office to see how you can work on the campaign in your community. For example, you may be able to help by making a presentation to a municipal council in your area, or by volunteering at a local event.

If you have scheduled a council presentation or other activity, or for further information,

please contact Melissa Davis at 604-291-9611, or toll free at 1-800-663-1674, or via [email](#) [2].



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Links:

[1] <http://www.communitysocialservicesmatter.ca/>

[2] <mailto:melissa.davis@bcgeu.ca?subject=CSS month>