



# Social Workers Speaking Up: Poverty Costs

Across the province, much of the work Registered Social Workers do is with those who are vulnerable and marginalized. Poverty makes many Albertans our clients. Social workers see the costs of poverty everyday and that cost is high. People in poverty suffer mentally, emotionally, physically, and socially. If we want good health and well-being for all citizens then reducing poverty is the best place to start. During National Social Work Week, we ask you to recognize the negative impacts of

poverty and join us in the fight to reduce and eventually end poverty.

Alberta's 6000 Registered Social Workers are advocates for fairness, social justice and social policies that look after the needs of vulnerable people. Advocacy is a fundamental aspect of our professional ethics and at the heart of what we do. Watch for the release of our Closing the Disparity Gap: A Social Policy Framework for Alberta on March 19th.

**Social Workers Make a Difference! March 1 – 7 is National Social Work Week in Alberta.** You can find out more about the advocacy initiatives of ACSW at [www.acsw.ab.ca](http://www.acsw.ab.ca).



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