

SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Summary

In June of 2017, Technology Standards in Social Work Practice were developed and released by four organizations who worked together to create a consistent understanding around Technology Standards in the Social Work Profession. These 4 major organizations included the National Association of Social Workers, Association of Social Work Boards, Council on Social Work Education and the Clinical Social Work Association. Within these standards it speaks to the use of social media. This workshop looks to focus specifically on social media and its use within social work. We are all aware that social media has had a tremendous impact on our culture, in business, and on the world at large. It has revolutionized the way people communicate and socialize. It has also had a profound impact on our profession and it is crucial that we conduct our use of social media in an ethical and appropriate manner. We will have discussion on realistic examples of the use of social media by Social Workers and looking to take proactive measures to ensure ethical and competent practice.

Biographies



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David is currently working at Jewish Child and Family Service (JCFS) as a Child Protection and Family Service Worker. At JCFS, David also serves as a mentor for the Safe and Together domestic violence prevention program. He is a trustee on the United Way Community Agency Benefits Plan Board. Prior to his return to Winnipeg, David practiced Social Work in British Columbia with the Ministry of Child and Family Development, and in Toronto with the Children's Aid Society. David received his Master of Social Work degree from the University of Manitoba in 2012.



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Joshua Van Mulligen is a Registered Social Worker and has served on the MCSW Board since November 2015. He also acts as Chair of the Registration Committee with the Manitoba College of Social Workers. Joshua graduated from the University of Manitoba's Bachelor of Social Work program in May of 2008 and started his career with Winnipeg Child and Family Services as a Family Services Worker. Joshua made the decision to return to school and obtain his Master of Social Work Degree in 2012 and later returned to his childhood home in Brandon, MB to work with Child and Family Services of Western Manitoba, where he is currently employed as an Adoption Social Worker.