

SASW Distinguished Service Award



Terri Woods, Saskatoon, SK

Terri Woods has been supporting children and families in Saskatchewan through her role as a social worker since 1975 when she received her BSW at the University of Regina. She graduated with her MSW from the University of Toronto in 1979. In her various roles as a counselor, mediator, supervisor, manager, consultant, educator and mentor, Terri has provided exemplary service to the people and organizations she has worked with. She is known as a hard-working and thoughtful person who thrives in complexity and fosters collaborative solutions.

Terri began her career as a child protection worker with the Department of Social Services. With experience in child protection, foster care and the Unified Family Court, she became a family services supervisor. Terri joined the Department of Health, MacNeill Clinic, in the mid-80's, working in child and youth mental health services. During this time, she also did private counseling and mediation. Terri became a sessional lecturer with the Faculty of Social Work in 1984 and went on to teach the social work with families class for almost twenty years.

Terri is strongly committed to the vital work of the nonprofit sector. She joined Family Service Saskatoon in 1992 and spent 14 years as Clinical Director and a year as acting Executive Director. Her work there promoting parent education, the FAST program, Wraparound, the Action Circle on Youth Sexuality/Youth Launch, and her contribution to the national Family Service Employee and Family Assistance Program earned her a Leadership Award from Family Service Canada in 2004. During these years, Terri continued to be an inspiring and respected teacher, workshop leader and board member. She has been a member of the Board of Governors of St. Thomas More College at the University of Saskatchewan, the boards of the Saskatoon Sexual Assault and Information Centre and YWCA Saskatoon and a member of the Saskatoon Family Therapy Institute.

Terri was the recipient of a Muttart Foundation Fellowship in 2004 and wrote [Untapped Potential: Fostering Organizational Social Capital in the Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector](#). She is currently a program manager with Community Adult Mental Health & Addiction Services, Saskatoon Health Region. Whether working in the public, private or nonprofit sector, Terri encourages competent, creative, reliable and ethical practice.

Terri has been a member of the SASW Discipline Resource Pool since 2000 and the Mentorship Program since 2006. She was previously a member of the Education Committee and a member-at-large on the provincial council. She is currently chairperson of the Discipline Resource Pool.