

## Health Care Heroes 2011 Gold Apple Winner - Vancouver Coastal

Amanda Brown - Director, Re:Act Adult Abuse & Neglect Response Resource

**Organization:** Vancouver Coastal Health

**Location:** Vancouver



Amanda Brown has been a tireless advocate for the prevention and intervention of adult abuse and neglect. Amanda's dedication was the foundation for the Re:Act program at Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) helping staff to recognize, report and to act on abuse and neglect. She provides education, consultation and system support for VCH employees who have a mandate to respond to situations of adult abuse, neglect and self-neglect. Amanda is the regional lead on issues related to the Adult Guardianship Act and she has partnered with other agencies also working to support vulnerable adults experiencing abuse and neglect. Amanda has taken the Re:Act brand and developed it into a province-wide resource. It is also embedded at a national level with the First Nations Re:Act manual and interactive tools, endorsed by First Nations groups and funded by Health Canada. As one colleague says of Amanda, "She sees the needs of these vulnerable people and brings all of her compassion, skill and time, well beyond the work day, to implement the responses they require."