

NBASW Featured Social Worker Series

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Where are you from?

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I have lived in the Northwest Territories, Quebec and for the last 18 years I have lived in New Brunswick

How long have you been a social worker?

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13 years.

Where do you work?

What do you do there?

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I work at the Stan Cassidy Centre for Rehabilitation. It is New Brunswick's provincial tertiary neurological rehabilitation centre. I work on the Paediatric team with children and teenagers who were born with a disability or who have experienced an injury (such as brain injury, spinal cord injury or stroke). I am a member of an interdisciplinary team and I provide support to families, help them connect with programs and services and consult with other Social Workers around the province.

Why did you choose to become a social worker?

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On a basic level, I really love working with people. I love talking to them, learning about them and interacting with them. I also have a keen interest in ethics, human rights and social justice. I enjoy challenges that require critical thinking and problem solving skills and all of these things together brought me to the profession.

Thank you Emily for agreeing to be featured by the NBASW and helping us celebrate the diversity of roles held by NB social workers!

What do you wish others knew about social work?



Social Work is a profession where change can happen. Social Workers can influence policy, develop programs, impact individual lives and challenge narrow viewpoints. It is a profession that will equip you with skills and experiences which will extend well beyond the job you hold. There are vast opportunities in so many different areas of work and it is so much more than what is depicted in movies and media (often the view of social work is limited to child protection services).

If you could give one piece of advice to the next generation of social workers what would it be?



Don't be afraid to step outside of the box and don't be afraid of what you don't know . . . everyone is always learning.

Why are you proud to be a social worker?

