



# News & Views

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# Message from the Executive Director

## SOCIAL WORK TECHNICIANS

The first year of regulation for the social work technician paraprofession has continued to go very well! We have welcomed over 70 new social work technician members since registration opened in June 2024.

We are excited to have social work technicians included as NBASW members and to welcome more of them to the Association going forward!



*Miguel LeBlanc*  
*NBASW Executive Director*

## FEBRUARY SPECIAL MEETING RESULTS

The NBASW would like to report the results of the Special Meeting which was held on February 27, 2025. The meeting occurred for NBASW members to ratify the [by-laws](#) that have been in place on an interim basis since June 2024.

The Association is delighted to announce that the members voted to ratify the by-laws, with 92% of the attendees voting “Yes”. The following are the details of the vote:

A total of **71** members voting. Yes: **65** members. No: **1** member. Abstain: **5** members.

## SOCIAL WORK MONTH 2025 RESULTS

We officially finished celebrating yet another Social Work Month with our incredible members! Congratulations to this year’s Wellness Contest winners: Monique Doiron-Vautour, Haley Billings, Chantal Thanh de Alba, and Melanie Frenette. We hope everyone continues to find time to incorporate lots of wellness into their routines every day!

The new mental health and addiction public campaign, running from the beginning to the end of March, was also a great success. MH&A social workers are key to helping people around New Brunswick, and the Association was pleased to honour them and celebrate their impact with the campaign.

# Annual General Meeting/Events Recap

## SAINT JOHN AGM 2025

This year's NBASW Annual General Meeting, Conference, and Banquet were a great success! The Saint John Chapter hosted the annual events at the Delta Hotel Saint John from May 30 - 31, 2025.

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Annual Conference focused on Indigenous culture this year. The three speakers, Dave Smith, Michaela Finnamore, and Elder Tulley Eagle Star Man, provided enlightening perspectives and informative stories about their personal experiences as well as the history of Indigenous peoples as a whole.



## SILENT AUCTION

Every year, the proceeds collected from the silent auction are allocated to a bursary fund for the NBASW. This year, the silent auction went very well, raising a total of \$1082!

## RAOUL LÉGER BANQUET

The Raoul Léger Memorial Award is presented yearly during the Raoul Léger Banquet to a social worker in New Brunswick who has made a significant contribution to the advancement of the practice of social work and social justice in New Brunswick.

This award is presented in memory of Raoul Léger, a social worker who devoted his career and gave his life for the advancement of social justice in Guatemala.

This year's recipient is Marilyn Dupré!

Congratulations, Marilyn!



*Marilyn Dupré with NBASW President Carole Gallant (left) and Executive Director Miguel LeBlanc (right)*

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Association once again welcomed members virtually and in person during this year's AGM to present its yearly development and to vote on matters that inform the Association's strategic direction. This year, multiple Board executives were re-appointed. Congratulations to Carole Gallant (President), Ian Rice (Vice-President), Karine Levesque (Secretary) on returning for another 2-year mandate!

Congratulations are also due for Théo Saulnier (Acadian Peninsula), Brooke Casey (Miramichi), Michelle Nowlan (Moncton), and Mélodie Vienneau (Restigouche) for their appointments/re-appointments as Chapter Directors.

The NBASW would like to thank Valerie DeLong (Fredericton), Karla Parks-Lissok (Miramichi), and Samantha Jesso (Saint John) for their hard work as Board members! The Fredericton and Saint John Chapters are now looking for new Directors.

We also encourage members to read the totality of the Association's development during the past year, which can be found in the 2024-2025 Annual Report.

[CLICK TO READ THE ANNUAL REPORT](#)

## **YOUR 2025-2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **Executives**

President: Carole Gallant, RSW  
Vice President : Ian Rice, RSW  
Secretary : Karine Levesque, RSW  
Treasurer : Bill Innes, RSW

### **Other Representatives**

CASW Representative: Géraldine Poirier Baiani, RSW  
Mi'gmaq First Nations Representative: Alexandria Knockwood, RSW  
Wolastoquiyik First Nations Representative: Vacant  
Public Member: Norma Dubé

### **Chapter Directors**

Acadian Peninsula: Théo Saulnier, RSW  
Chaleur: Anouk McGraw, RSW  
Charlotte County: Vacant  
Edmundston/Grand Falls: Kim Akerley-Lagacé, RSW  
Fredericton: Vacant  
Miramichi: Brooke Casey, RSW  
Moncton: Michelle Nowlan, RSW  
Restigouche: Mélodie Vienneau, RSW  
Saint John: Vacant  
Sussex: Pam Cole, RSW  
Woodstock/Perth-Andover: Vacant

## **AGM SURVEY**

The Association is looking for feedback from members about the Annual General Meeting. You can access the AGM survey and provide your opinion on the event [HERE](#).

# Recruitment and Retention Update

## SOCIAL WORK RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION STRATEGY

The Association has recently sent a 60-second member update on the ongoing [2023-2028 Social Work Recruitment and Retention Strategy](#).

The 5-year Strategy (2023-2028), led by the NBASW, brings together individuals from various government departments, health authorities, schools of social work, colleges, unions, and more in implementing the various goals and actions identified to ensure there are enough social workers in the province to meet the needs of citizens, both now and for years to come.

The Strategy is nearing the end of its second year, and we are very excited by all the important work that has been done to date! The Strategy's Steering Committee will continue to meet monthly and will continue working collaboratively to ensure the Strategy's success!

[READ THE LATEST UPDATE](#)

## SOCIAL WORK TECHNICIAN APPLICATION OPTIONS

As of June 7, 2024, NBASW began regulating the social work technician paraprofession. Graduates from recognized social work technician programs can apply for social work technician registration. Moreover, a 12-month equivalency application period is available to those who are currently working in a position that may be equivalent to the social work technician [scope of practice](#). **The equivalency application period is currently open and applications can be submitted until June 7, 2025.**

Social Work Technician Applicants: Review the basics of [Social Work Technician Regulation and Employment](#).

Social Work Technician Employers: Review the [Information for Employers](#) and the [Employer Package](#).

Know the [Benefits of NBASW Membership](#).

[LEARN MORE](#)

# Standards and Guidelines

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The Association develops standards of practice and guidelines on an ongoing basis in support of its mandates of promoting excellence in social work practice and protecting the public.

These standards and guidelines are easily accessible and available to NBASW members and the public on the Association website's [resources page](#).

## STANDARDS OF PRACTICE

- [Standards Regarding the Capacity of Minors to Consent to Social Work Services](#)
- [Cultural Competence Standards Regarding Social Work with Indigenous Peoples](#)
- [Standards Regarding Telehealth Services, the Use of Technology and Social Work Practice](#)
  - [Standards for the use of technology](#)
- [Standards Banning Conversion Therapy](#)

## GUIDELINES

- [Guideline on Assessing the Capacity of Minors](#)
- [Guidelines Regarding Social Work and the Use of Naloxone](#)
- [Guidelines on Disclosure of Confidential Information in Situations of Potential Harm](#)
- [Conflict of Interest](#)
- [Release of Information and Consent Form](#)

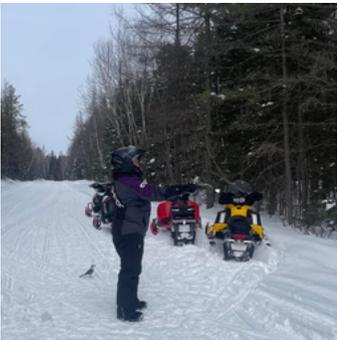
**VIEW ALL STANDARDS & GUIDELINES  
ON THE NBASW WEBSITE**

# Social Work Month 2025

## SOCIAL WORK MONTH RECAP

This year's Social Work Month theme was "Social Work is Everywhere." This theme highlighted the vast and diverse impact of the social work profession and the social work technician paraprofession - reaching into every corner of our communities to create meaningful change and support individuals, families, and groups. From schools to hospitals, community centres to policy-making, social workers are at the heart of social progress, championing equity, justice, and human dignity. March 2025 honoured the tireless education of social workers across Canada who make a difference everywhere, every day.

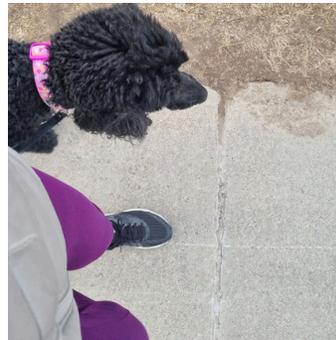
Along with sending out swag, we hosted a Wellness Contest for all members during the month, encouraging the inclusion of mental health & wellness activities in the members' daily routines. Congratulations to our winners:



*Week 1: Monique Doiron-Vautour, Snowmobiling*



*Week 2: Haley Billings, Visit from Friends*



*Week 3: Chantal Thanh De Alba, Walking with Dog*



*Week 4: Melanie Frenette, Family Time*

Congratulations are also in order for Jillian Martin, who won the April Long Weekend Giveaway.

Social workers are essential to the well-being of our communities, and we were so happy to see everyone fitting some self-care into their days. More wellness resources are available [HERE!](#)



*Long Weekend Giveaway: Jillian Martin, Family Walk*

## MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS CAMPAIGN

The NBASW, in collaboration with the Government of New Brunswick's Department of Health, released a public campaign during Social Work Month 2025. The campaign focuses on mental health & addictions social workers' unique ability to see past people's pain and struggles and find potential within them.

The campaign demonstrates the difference between social workers and non-social workers in various settings, making the contrast clear through a blur effect. When people walk by or observe individuals going through mental health & addiction issues, they are almost completely obscured by blurriness. However, when a social worker sits with a blurred individual to talk, the social worker sees who they really are behind their pain and struggles.

Social workers understand that asking for help takes courage because it involves confronting difficult truths and the unknown. When their clients face challenging situations, they begin by listening carefully and creating a safe space for individuals to share their stories and set their goals.

Using their extensive education and expertise in mental health and addictions, social workers and social work technicians help guide people toward new opportunities, showing that every step forward matters, and that positive change is always possible.

Thank you to everyone who collaborated on this campaign and to everyone who helped share this important message.

[LEARN MORE & WATCH THE VIDEO](#)

## Upcoming Bursary Deadlines

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The NBASW offers financial assistance to members for their education and continuing professional development. All applications can be sent to [shae.mccarthy@nbasw-attsnb.ca](mailto:shae.mccarthy@nbasw-attsnb.ca).

## **\$500 UNI BURSARY FOR STUDENT MEMBERS**

### **Deadline: October 1, 2025**

Awarded to an NBASW student member who resides in New Brunswick while studying in a school of social work full time through distance education. Funding for these bursaries is made possible by UNI Financial Cooperation in partnership with the NBASW.

- [Eligibility Requirements](#)
- [Application Form](#)

## **CO-OPERATORS BURSARY FOR STUDENT MEMBERS: ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY BSW/MSW PROGRAM**

### **Deadline: November 1, 2025**

Awarded to an NBASW student member who resides in New Brunswick while studying in a school of social work full time through distance education. Funding for these bursaries is made possible by UNI Financial Cooperation in partnership with the NBASW.

- [Eligibility Requirements](#)
- [Application Form](#)

## **CO-OPERATORS BURSARY FOR STUDENT MEMBERS: NEW BRUNSWICK COMMUNITY COLLEGE SOCIAL SERVICE COMMUNITY WORKER PROGRAM**

### **Deadline: November 1, 2025**

Awarded to an NBASW student member who resides in New Brunswick while studying in a school of social work full time through distance education. Funding for these bursaries is made possible by UNI Financial Cooperation in partnership with the NBASW.

- [Eligibility Requirements](#)
- [Application Form](#)

## **CO-OPERATORS BURSARY FOR STUDENT MEMBERS: COLLÈGE COMMUNAUTAIRE DU NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK TECHNIQUE EN SERVICE SOCIAL ET COMMUNAUTAIRE PROGRAM**

### **Deadline: November 1, 2025**

Awarded to an NBASW student member who resides in New Brunswick while studying in a school of social work full time through distance education. Funding for these bursaries is made possible by UNI Financial Cooperation in partnership with the NBASW.

- [Eligibility Requirements](#)
- [Application Form](#)

## **Award Recipients**

### **RAOUL LÉGER MEMORIAL AWARD WINNER**

Congratulations to Marilyn Dupré on winning the Raoul Léger Memorial Award!

The award is presented yearly to a social worker in New Brunswick who has made a significant contribution to the advancement of the practice of social work and social justice in New Brunswick. It is presented in memory of Raoul Léger, a social worker who devoted his career and gave his life for the advancement of social justice in Guatemala. Learn more [HERE](#).



*Marilyn Dupré  
Raoul Léger Memorial  
Award Winner*

### **CASW DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD WINNER**

Congratulations to Laura Gatien on winning the CASW Distinguished Service Award!

The CASW Distinguished Service Award is given yearly by the Canadian Association of Social Workers (CASW) during Social Work Month, to an individual or group of individuals selected from their membership by each provincial association. This award is given in recognition of outstanding contributions to the field of social welfare and to the profession of social work in Canada. Learn more [HERE](#).



*Laura Gatien  
CASW Distinguished  
Service Award Recipient*

# Continuing Education Opportunities

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## ACHIEVE CENTRE FOR LEADERSHIP

Use the code **NBASW15** at checkout for a 15% discount.

[Click here to see all ACHIEVE upcoming training opportunities](#)

## CRISIS & TRAUMA RESOURCE INSTITUTE

Use the code **NBASW15** at checkout for a 15% discount.

[Click here to see all CTRI upcoming training opportunities](#)

## CENTRE FOR PSYCHOLOGY AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH

Use the code **NBASW20** at checkout for a 20% discount.

[Click here to see all CPEH upcoming training opportunities](#)

## SICKKIDS CMMH LEARNING INSTITUTE

Use the code **NBASW** for a 20% discount.

[Click here to see all upcoming courses](#)

## CANADIAN ASSOCIATION FOR PLAY THERAPY

**Foundation Play Therapy Training Days**

Aug 4-15, 2025 (Monday to Friday) 10:00am - 4:30pm (ADT)

[Click for details and to register](#)

## BESPOKE MENTAL HEALTH

**Live Webinar: An Introduction to the DBT Prolonged Exposure Protocol for PTSD**

Jun 13, 2025 1:00 pm - 8:30 pm (ADT)

[Click for details and to register](#)

## SOCIAL WORK CAMP

**Social Work Camp 2025**

Jun 13-15, 2025

[Click for details and to register](#)

## ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS (FRENCH EVENT)

**L'intervention sociale en contexte migratoire : quelques repères pour une pratique interculturelle et anti-oppressive**

June 24, 2025

[Click for details and to register](#)

# New Brunswick Social Workers

## PAST MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: MADELEINE DUBÉ

Madeleine Dubé, a former New Brunswick Social Worker, was recently appointed as Chancellor of Université de Moncton.

The tenth Chancellor of the school, she will be serving in the position for the next five years.

She previously served as Vice-Rector for the university's Edmundston campus. As a social worker, she received the Raoul Léger Memorial Award in 2013 and the CASW Distinguished Service Award in 2014.

Congratulations to Madeleine, and thank you for your time and dedication as a former member of the Association!



*Madeleine Dubé (right) with the Rector of Université de Moncton, Dr. Denis Prud'homme.*

## FEATURE SOCIAL WORKERS

Shine a light on New Brunswick social workers by submitting positive social work stories to our Communications Officer, Ethan Stryde, by email at [ethan.stryde@nbasw-attsnb.ca](mailto:ethan.stryde@nbasw-attsnb.ca).

# Promotions/Calls for Participation

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## NBASW

Have something you'd like to see in the NBASW Newsletter? Contact our Communications Officer via email with the subject line "Newsletter" at [ethan.stryde@nbasw-attsnb.ca](mailto:ethan.stryde@nbasw-attsnb.ca) to submit articles, upcoming events, or stories about New Brunswick social workers and social work technicians.

## CANADIAN GUIDELINES FOR POST COVID-19 CONDITION (CAN-PCC)

CAN-PCC has recently released new guidance for Post COVID-19 Condition (PCC), also known as Long COVID. These guidelines are designed to help clinicians, decisions-makers, policymakers, and the Canadian public make informed decisions about their health.

Further information about the guidance can be found on the Department of Health's [post-COVID-19 condition webpage](#).

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### **SOCIAL WORK TECHNICIAN, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

The New Brunswick Department of Social Development is seeking to hire Social Work Technicians around New Brunswick. In this meaningful role, you will support children, youth, and families involved with the various child and youth well-being programs, working closely with social workers as part of an interdisciplinary team to promote safety, well-being, and permanency for vulnerable children and youth.

Applicants are encouraged to apply online or by mail at the following address by June 14, 2025, indicating number: R76-2025-26-15. This expression of interest may be used to fill future vacancies at the same level.

Social Development  
Human Resource Services  
4th floor, 551 King Street  
Fredericton, NB E3B 1E7  
Telephone: (506) 462-5096  
E-mail: [HumanResources.sd@gnb.ca](mailto:HumanResources.sd@gnb.ca)

More information about the position is available [HERE](#).

## **NEW BRUNSWICK HEALTH COUNCIL**

The Population Health Survey invites all residents of N.B. aged 18 and over to share their unique experiences and perspectives about their health. The survey aims to better understand the health of New Brunswickers and identify both the needs and unmet needs of our population at the local level.

Be on the lookout for a postcard in your mailbox inviting you to participate or participate now by clicking below.

This survey seeks to gather important insights into the general health and chronic conditions of New Brunswickers. It also explores key factors that impact their health—such as lifestyle, environment, access to care and barriers experienced in receiving healthcare services.

The data collected will be shared with the public and can help healthcare providers, policymakers, and community leaders design more effective programs and interventions tailored to the needs of New Brunswickers.

**ACCESS THE SURVEY**

## **GOVERNMENT OF NEW BRUNSWICK**

The provincial government has published testimonials from health professionals who relocated to New Brunswick to share their experiences and impressions of their new home. Check out what they have to say!

**VIEW THE TESTIMONIALS**

## **STATISTICS CANADA**

Statistics Canada's Eh Sayers podcast has published an episode entitled *What Does It Take to Exit Homelessness?* Members may be interested in what factors most often led to regaining housing and why housing can be challenging to maintain even after it's been regained.

**LISTEN TO THE PODCAST EPISODE**

## NEW BRUNSWICK COALITION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

To all Social Workers in New Brunswick:

The New Brunswick Coalition of Persons with Disabilities (NBCPD) represents 35.3% of New Brunswick residents 15 years old and over with one or more disabilities. Our province saw the largest growth in disability population across Canada during the latest reporting period, an increase of 8.6%, from 28.7% to 35.3%, leaving us in a very close second place, surpassed only by Nova Scotia in terms of a disability population. Population-wise, this means there are more than 300 000 people with disabilities in New Brunswick. This also makes us the single largest demographic in the province of New Brunswick, sadly living with way too much lived experience, especially in terms of invisible disabilities that are too often overlooked and add to systemic ableism.

The NBCPD wishes to acknowledge and thank Social Workers across NB for their hard work and dedication. Without the efforts of social workers, we would face so many more barriers in this Province. We also wish to acknowledge the immense pressures you and your members face due to being under-staffed and over-burdened with responsibilities. It is unfair to expect Social Workers in NB to be a “Master of All” from cradle to grave; be it for a child with a disability, to a senior who needs accessible housing, or who just had a stroke, as well as every disjointed piece of Social Development policy for the more than 35% of NB residents with a disability. It is a true testament of your members dedication that they keep answering that call, day in and day out! I realize we are not always the kindest when we speak with social workers due to our frustrations with the system, as well as the lack of information being provided on policy changes- but take it from me, we do APPRECIATE YOU and all you do. As Chair, I receive so many calls and emails daily and there is no lack of appreciation for social workers across NB.

Together, we will make NB a better place for persons with disabilities. We need you on our team, and to keep fighting the good fight for dignity, equity and equality - for each and every resident in our Province!

Again, thank you for all you do!

**Shelley Petit**  
**Chair, NBCPD**

## NEW BRUNSWICK COALITION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

### Rare Disability/ Chronic Illness- Volume #1

The New Brunswick Coalition of Persons with Disabilities (NBCPD) is very proud to be teaming up with the New Brunswick Association of Social Workers to provide a small introduction on some of the rare, invisible disabilities that will undoubtedly come 'across your desk' one day.

35.3% of NB residents 15 and over have one or more disabilities; and 70% of those are invisible, and often pain based. It can be hard to understand a disability you've never heard of, just ask any doctor, let alone provide the right support. This month we highlight environmental disabilities, and more specifically Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS) / Toxic-Induced Loss of Sensitivity (TILT).

There were over 1.3 Canadians diagnosed with MCS (2020 census). This was a 100% increase between the 2000 and 2020, and 72% are women. What is MCS? It's a painful, chronic, multi-system condition that can develop in people of all ages, often following either a single massive exposure or repeated low-level exposures to commonly used products, and chemicals commonly released into the environment. Teachers, nurses and hairdressers, as well as those working in or around caustic chemicals are often more at risk- but no one is immune. Those with MCS are often called canaries, as they detect the most minute amount of a chemical that no one else can smell or taste, just as canaries identified gas in coal mines. All major organs are at risk due to MCS.

Treatment: Isolation-24/7/365. Life for the individual suffering from MCS becomes unbearable, especially in a world that relies so heavily on chemicals and electromagnetic radiation. If you have a client saying they smell or taste 'scents' no one else does - that the scents make them physically ill, weak, tired, angry - do not dismiss it. They are not overreacting/seeking attention, etc.

[This video](#) is highly recommended for more info about MCS. Resources on Fragrance Free medical help: [Fragrance-free health care - ASEQ-EHAQ](#). ASEQ-EHAQ are the Federal org making changes for those with MCS: [ASEQ-EHAQ - L'Association pour la santé environnementale du Québec / Environmental Health Association of Quebec](#)

And, of course, reach out to us at the NBCPD. We will do our best to help, and if we do not have answers, we often have contacts in Canada who will.  
[WWW.NBCPD.ORG](http://WWW.NBCPD.ORG) | [INFO@nbcpd.org](mailto:INFO@nbcpd.org)

Cumberland County  
Hospice & Palliative Care Society

# Volunteers Needed

Seeking qualified, professional volunteers to lead  
in-person peer grief support groups in Cumberland County.  
If you're passionate about helping others navigate grief, please  
apply using the link or contact [cchgrieflead@gmail.com](mailto:cchgrieflead@gmail.com)

## Why volunteer?

- ✓ **Contribute to the expansion of bereavement services in Cumberland**
- ✓ **Make a positive impact in our community**
- ✓ **Provide valuable connection to individuals facing isolation in grief**

<https://cumberlandhospice.ca/>

Share

**VOLUNTEER HERE**

**SickKids** | Centre for Community Mental Health  
LEARNING INSTITUTE

May 27 - June 20

# SUMMER LEARNING

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**25%  
OFF**

**Courses in June,  
July, August &  
September!**

100% online—Learn anytime,  
anywhere!



use code: **SUMMER25**

\*some exclusions may apply



## Invitation to participate in research

### Social work recruitment and retention in New Brunswick: What can be learnt from those who stay?

Ethical Approval:  
REB#2025-12/REB 2025-010

#### Who we would like to talk to?

- Any current social worker registered with NBASW with 20 years or more cumulative practice experience.
- Any retired social worker, previously registered with NBSW at some point in their career, with 20 years or more accumulative practice experience.

#### About the study

Despite the current social work recruitment and retention crisis in New Brunswick (NBASW 2024), there are no Canadian studies that have explored the factors that enable social workers to remain in practice over the longer term. This study aims to explore the insights, perspectives, and experiences of long-term retention by asking social workers the following questions:

- What factors contribute to social workers decision making to stay in the profession?
- What are the career pathways for social workers in New Brunswick?
- How have these career pathways contributed to longevity of practice?

The findings will have important implications for recruitment and retention policy development in New Brunswick and potentially more widely across Canada.

#### What will it involve?

1x 90 minute face to face interview in person or virtually via a video conferencing platform and the potential for a follow up interview should clarification or further discussion be required.

**If you are interested contact us:** Dr Sara Carder [scarder@stu.ca](mailto:scarder@stu.ca) or Dr Ian Rice [ian.rice@unb.ca](mailto:ian.rice@unb.ca)



# End-of-Life Care in Nursing Homes: Family/Friend Survey

Did your loved one pass away when living in a nursing home in NB between January 1, 2019 and March 31, 2025?

- Help researchers understand the positives and areas for improvement!

- Research participants needed for a 15 min anonymous survey
- Chance to win a \$100 gift card!

Scan with your phone camera:



Or visit:

<https://surveys.unb.ca/353797>

To receive a paper survey or for more information contact:

[spa-ltc@unb.ca](mailto:spa-ltc@unb.ca) or 1-833-777-6135

This study has been reviewed by File # REB 2024-164 and # REB 2025-027



# HOPE AIR

All Canadians deserve access to the healthcare they need, regardless of income or distance. Where you live should not determine if you live.



Hope Air is a national charity that provides free air travel, hotel accommodation, ground transportation and meal subsidies, for patients and escorts in financial need, travelling to access medical care.

## PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

- 1 You have a confirmed medical appointment
- 2 Your medical treatment is covered by your provincial health plan
- 3 You are in financial need and able to provide your total household income for the past 12 months

## HOW TO APPLY



Apply online at  
[hopeair.ca](https://hopeair.ca)

If you don't have internet access,  
call: 1-877-346-HOPE (4673)

# Resources

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## CENTRE FOR RESEARCH & EDUCATION ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & CHILDREN: LEARNING NETWORK

This resource provides an overview of over twenty qualitative and quantitative evaluation tools designed to measure trauma-and violence-informed practices of individuals and/or organizations.

These tools were meticulously selected through a comprehensive search of academic literature, grey literature, and websites.

[LEARN MORE](#)

## Partner Updates

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### CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR HEALTH

NBASW is a proud partner of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's Centre of Excellence (COE) for Health!

The COE for Health is dedicated to promoting various health professions, including the social work profession and the social work technician paraprofession, to K-12 students across anglophone school districts in New Brunswick. NBASW and COE have partnered on multiple initiatives to promote the social work profession, including:

- Organizing 'Myth-Busting' events and other virtual presentations;
- Participating in career fairs throughout the year; and
- Attending the COE's annual Mental Health Symposium
- Attending the COE's Experiential Career Summit ([Report available](#))

Thanks to our partnership with the COE, students in New Brunswick are learning more about social work and considering this as a career path. We look forward to our ongoing collaboration and presenting additional learning opportunities/experiences for students in New Brunswick anglophone school districts.

[LEARN MORE](#)

## CO-OPERATORS GROUP

Thanks to our partnership with the Co-operators Group, NBASW offers [7 Co-operators bursaries](#) annually, and NBASW members can obtain up to a 40% discount on home and auto insurance rates.



## When to choose rental car insurance

Planning a summer vacation or road trip? Car rental companies offer many types of insurance, including collision, accident benefits, personal property, and liability coverage. But do you need it if you already have an auto policy with us?

### Are you already covered?

You may not need extra rental car insurance if you have any of the following:

- **A Co-operators' auto policy.** Your auto policy includes Accident Benefits, which offers coverage for personal injury as a result of an accident.
- **Our optional liability for damage to non-owned vehicle endorsement.** This covers vehicles you drive but don't own, including rental vehicles, for yourself and anyone listed on your policy.
- **Homeowners or tenants insurance.** Your home insurance covers your personal property, so you don't need Personal Effects insurance from the rental company.
- **An eligible credit card.** Some credit cards offer damage, theft, accident, and health protection, but often with limits. To get coverage, you need to use the card to reserve and pay for the rental. Always call your credit card company to discuss details ahead of your trip.

### How does our coverage work?

Let's say you're on a road trip to see the natural beauty along Canada's highways. You find yourself in an accident with your rental car that also destroys your new \$5,000 camera.

Even if you didn't buy the rental insurance, as long as you have the liability for damage to non-owned vehicle endorsement on your Co-operators auto policy, your auto and home policies cover both car and camera. All you'll need to do is make one quick call to start your claim, and we'll take care of the rest.

### When do you need rental car insurance?

You should buy rental car insurance if:

- You don't have an auto or homeowners/tenant policy with us.
- Your current auto policy doesn't have liability for damage to non-owned vehicle coverage.
- You're insured only under a commercial car insurance policy.
- You don't want the risk of paying a high deductible.
- You're travelling outside of Canada or the U.S.
- You're renting a commercial vehicle.

Other conditions apply when it comes to what's included in your auto insurance coverage. We'll make sure you have the protection you need at an affordable price.

**Contact us at 1-800-387-1963 to talk about what your insurance policy can do for you.**

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# Social Media

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## FACEBOOK



Our English page:  
New Brunswick Association of Social Workers [@NBASW](#)



Our French page:  
Association des travailleuses et des travailleurs sociaux du  
Nouveau-Brunswick [@ATTSNB](#)

## X (FORMERLY TWITTER)



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