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Welcome our New Team Member



*Sebastián Gómez Rodríguez
Administrative Assistant*

The NBASW is pleased to welcome **Sebastián Gómez Rodríguez** to the NBASW Team as the new Administrative Assistant!

Sebastián is the first point of contact for the office and is responsible for day-to-day general inquiries, as well as reception of members and the public. Sebastián assists the Association staff by coordinating all administrative activities in support of the goals, vision, and mission of the Association.

Sebastián graduated with a Combined Honors degree in Philosophy and Contemporary Studies from The University of King's College in Halifax. He enjoys reading, board games, dancing, learning languages, and listening to Jazz.



NBASW Team for Orange Shirt Day (from left to right): Sebastián Gómez Rodríguez (Administrative Assistant), Miguel LeBlanc (Executive Director), Laure Piccetto (Communications Officer), Keara Grey (Social Work Consultant), Shae McCarthy (Office Manager), Mitchell Mackenzie (Social Work Student)

Not seen in Picture: Martine Paquet (Registrar)

Scope of Practice Consultation

Following the member's approval of the new NBASW legislation during the Association's Annual General Meeting in June, we have been hard at work developing the social work technician scope of practice.

Articulating a profession's scope of practice is a critical regulatory activity that helps regulated individuals understand the tasks that they can perform in practice and where the boundaries of their profession lie.

READ THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE DRAFT

To make the scope of practice as strong as possible, we need your feedback on the draft document! I encourage you to take some time to review the document above and **send us your feedback to the NBASW Social Work Consultant, Keara Grey, at keara.grey@nbasw-attsnb.ca by Sunday, November 12, 2023.**

While reviewing the draft, please take the time to review & reflect on the following questions:

- 1. If needed, how do you feel the social worker and social work technician descriptions can be enhanced?*
- 2. Do you feel that your work as a social worker is fully reflected in this document? If not, what is missing?*
- 3. Do you feel like the identified social work technician tasks meet the needs of clients and social workers? If not, what tasks should be added?*
- 4. Do you agree with the requirement for social work technicians to need to be supervised by a social worker to do certain tasks within their scope of practice? Why or why not?*
- 5. Do you have any other thoughts you'd like to share with the NBASW, regarding the Scope of Practice?*

Miguel LeBlanc, RSW, BSW, MSW
NBASW Executive Director

NBASW Ethics, Standards and Guidelines Training

* NOW AVAILABLE *

New NBASW Ethics, Standards and Guidelines Training



A recording on the Standards Regarding the Capacity of Minors to Consent to Social Work Services has been created for members to complete as part of the mandatory CPE Policy training and to learn more about minors' eligibility to consent to social work services.

This training reviews what informed consent consists of, the assessment and re-assessment of a minor's capacity to consent to social work services using the Mature Minor Doctrine, and navigating client records and confidentiality.

The training counts as one CPE hour and the review and completion of adjacent documents may also be counted as CPE time. As part of the Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Policy, practicing and non-practicing NBASW members must complete at least one NBASW Ethics, Standards and Guidelines training every year.

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE TRAINING](#)

Please refer to the [Q&A document](#) on the NBASW Ethics, Standards, and Guidelines Training related to the Capacity of Minors to Consent to Social Work Services for any questions.

Recommendations for the Provincial Long-Term Care Sector



Earlier this year, the NBASW surveyed members on the province's long-term care sector. The feedback and recommendations gathered were used to inform the New Brunswick's Office of the Child, Youth and Seniors' Advocate systemic review of long-term care in New Brunswick.

The Association's independent review was submitted and is being used by the CYSA to inform the development of legislation, regulations, and policies, focusing on in-home supports and residential services.

Every day, social workers contribute to the well-being of New Brunswickers, including individuals in the long-term care sector. We would like to thank every member who took part in the survey for providing valuable feedback.

[CLICK HERE TO READ THE RECOMMENDATIONS](#)

Upcoming Grant & Bursary Deadlines

The NBASW offers financial assistance to members for their education or continuing professional development. All applications can be sent to shae.mccarthy@nbasw-attsnb.ca

CASW & NBASW GRANT

Applications will be accepted/approved on a first come first serve basis. The Canadian Association of Social Workers (CASW), in partnership with the NBASW, are pleased to offer a grant to assist in the delivery of continuing education to New Brunswick social workers. The grant may be accessed by a single member or a group of members wishing to host a continuing education opportunity for New Brunswick social workers. Funding for this grant is made possible by BMS, the broker for the CASW liability insurance program. Priority will be given to French continuing education opportunities.

[Click here for eligibility criteria](#)

[Click here for the application form](#)

CO-OPERATORS BURSARY FOR STUDENT MEMBERS ENROLLED IN L'UNIVERSITÉ DE MONCTON'S SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM

The application deadline for this bursary is January 31, 2023.

The Co-operators home and auto insurance, in partnership with the NBASW, are pleased to offer this bursary, valued at \$500.

[Click here for eligibility criteria](#)

[Click here for the application form](#)

Bursary Recipient

Congratulations to **N'klo Sandrine N'gaibhan Kouassi** on receiving the UNI Bursary for Student Members!

She will be using the bursary to support her Distance Education studies for her Baccalauréat en travail social with Université Laurentienne while living in New Brunswick.

Learn more about the bursary [HERE](#)



*N'klo Sandrine N'gaibhan
Kouassi - Bursary Recipient*

Upcoming Award Deadlines

The NBASW periodically awards exceptional members for their accomplishments in the social work field. Upcoming award deadlines are for the:

RAOUL LÉGER MEMORIAL AWARD

The nomination deadline for this award is February 28, 2024.

The Raoul Léger Memorial 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. 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.

[Click here for eligibility criteria](#)

[Click here for the application form](#)

DEBBIE NASON SOCIAL WORK IN HEALTH CARE AWARD

The nomination deadline for this award is February 28, 2024.

The Debbie Nason Social Work in Health Care Award is presented yearly to a social worker who is a current or former member of the NBASW, in memory of Debbie Nason, a social worker who devoted her career to the development and betterment of hospital social work.

[Click here for eligibility criteria](#)

[Click here for the application form](#)

CASW DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The nomination deadline for this award is December 31, 2023.

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.

[Click here for eligibility criteria](#)

[Click here for the application form](#)

NBASW Call for Proposals: Professional Development

PRESENT A WEBINAR - GET YOUR DUES REIMBURSED

The NBASW is seeking proposals for French webinars under the NBASW Professional Development Fund!

If you hold expertise in any topic of interest relevant to the social work field, we invite you to submit a proposal to present a 1-hour long webinar or an in-person educational event for social workers under the NBASW Professional Development Fund.

The NBASW Professional Development Fund is awarded annually to NBASW members who present a webinar training opportunity for provincial social workers in their areas of knowledge, expertise and/or practice.

To be eligible to receive the Fund, social workers must apply to present a webinar by completing a Webinar Information Form. Applications will be evaluated on a first come, first serve basis.

“If the webinar application has been approved and the applicant has met all webinar requirements, including webinar presentation, they will receive the Fund in the form of registration dues reimbursement.”

SUBMIT YOUR WEBINAR INFORMATION FORM TODAY!

[CLICK HERE](#) to review the NBASW Professional Development Fund Guidelines.

Visit the [NBASW Website](#) for more details.

New Brunswick Social Workers

CCSA'S SEPTEMBER FEATURE: CAROLYN LANDRY



Get to know New Brunswick social worker **Carolyn Landry** in this french feature by Fredericton's francophone community Centre, *Centre Communautaire Saint Anne*:

[READ THE FEATURE HERE](#)

ANNUAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS & REGISTRAR'S MEETING



NBASW Executive Director Miguel LeBlanc (third from the right) represented the NBASW at the Canadian Executive Directors & Registrar's Meeting in Saskatchewan in September, where regulators across Canada came together to continue enhancing public protection throughout the country.

Calls for Participation

INTEGRATING ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND SUSTAINABILITY IN SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE

You are invited to participate in a virtual Focus Group session to discuss environmental justice and sustainability in social work practice in Canada. Your diverse perspectives and experiences will inform social work practice in Canada in understanding and responding to environmental injustices in our changing environment. The project will create new opportunities for building capacity through professional development and more.

Please consider participating if you are:

1. A social work practitioner or a social work student in Canada
2. 18 years or older.

The focus group will last approximately 1 – 1.5 hours and will be conducted via Zoom. Any personal information you provide will be kept strictly confidential, and all data will be aggregated and anonymized before reporting.

If you are interested in participating in this study please contact Dr. Julie Drolet, Professor in the Faculty of Social Work at the University of Calgary by email at jdrolet@ucalgary.ca or by telephone (780) 492-1594.

Participants will be provided with a \$25 gift card incentive.

This study has been approved by the University of Calgary Conjoint Faculties Research Ethics Board (REB22-1223).



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À LA RECHERCHE DE TRAVAILLEUSES SOCIALES ET TRAVAILLEURS SOCIAUX (TS)



Une équipe de recherche dirigée par Elda Savoie, professeure à l'École de travail social de l'Université de Moncton, est à la recherche de TS qui accompagnent des proches aidant.es de 75 ans et plus.

Ce projet de recherche vise à mieux comprendre : 1) les défis et les enjeux des personnes aidantes francophones de 75 ans et plus en milieu rural ainsi que 2) les réalités rencontrées par des TS lors de leurs interventions auprès de ces personnes.



Pour participer, vous devez :

1. Oeuvrer aux soins de longue durée du ministère du Développement social ou au Programme extra-mural du Nouveau-Brunswick;
2. Accompagner des proches aidant.es de 75 ans et plus;
3. Accompagner des proches aidant.es habitant dans la région de Madawaska-Victoria ou dans les régions rurales du sud-est du Nouveau-Brunswick et le comté de Kent (région de Cap-Acadie, Shédiac en allant jusqu'à Memramcook) ;
4. Parler le français.

L'anonymat et la confidentialité des informations obtenues lors de l'entretien sont assurés. Vous pourrez, en tout temps, mettre fin à votre participation sans avoir à vous justifier de quelque manière que ce soit et sans préjudice. Un formulaire de consentement vous sera remis au début de l'entretien semi-dirigé.

Si vous souhaitez participer à ce projet de recherche ou si vous désirez obtenir plus d'informations à ce sujet, vous pouvez communiquer par téléphone ou courrier électronique avec: Geneviève Robere (egr4555@umoncton.ca) / (506) 744-0911 ou Isabel Lanteigne (isabel.lanteigne@umoncton.ca)



SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Field Education

Field Placements

The School of Social Work at St. Thomas University works collaboratively with community partners and placement agencies. These partnerships are developed based on quality field placements around the province.

We are seeking to expand and strengthen these partnerships through field placements in the Bachelor of Social Work and Master of Social Work programs.

Contact the Field Education Coordinator listed below with any questions or to schedule a meeting to discuss social work field placements.

CONTACT

Tanya Smith, MSW, RSW

Field Education Coordinator
tdsmith@stu.ca
506-452-7702

Social Action Placement 250 hours

Unique to St. Thomas University is a 250-hour Social Action Placement. This group placement allows students to focus on broader social issues and community level interventions, rather than individual client work. This placement provides practical experience in the field allowing students to develop knowledge and skills in small teams utilizing a community-based approach to practice in agencies working on social issues.

Direct Practice Placement 450 hours

The 450-hour Direct Practice Placement provides practical experience in the field with a focus on integration of classroom and field learning. Students engage in foundational social work practice in the field with a goal of demonstrating the ability to plan and implement professional social work intervention with individuals, groups, and/or communities.

MSW Advanced Placement 450 hours

The MSW program at St. Thomas University focuses on advanced clinical practice providing students with advanced theory and practice skills in three major areas: professional leadership, social work supervision and advanced direct practice skills development. Students develop activities to implement during the field placement that are based on social work theories and research.

VIVE AWARDS NOMINATIONS



The **Minister's Award for Excellence in Championing Gender Equality - VIVE** is an award that promotes gender equality in our lives, workplaces and government. The VIVE Awards were created to highlight and acknowledge New Brunswick individuals who are forging paths and advancing gender equality. The six categories of Champions are: Community, Youth, Business, Everyday, Indigenous, and Government.

These awards give us an opportunity to highlight not just the great work that is happening around the province, but also the inspiring individuals who are working towards advancing gender equality. **The 2024 nominations are now open!** Six new recipients will be selected from across the province. These recipients will be New Brunswickers who have made a significant and sustained difference, who inspire or have championed change and diversity.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information. **The deadline to submit nominations is December 31, 2023.**

Having trouble with the nomination form or process? Wondering about eligibility? Send us an e-mail to iwd-jif@gnb.ca and an appointment will be set up to help you.

L'expérience des services en santé mentale pendant l'adolescence

Invitation à participer un entretien individuel dans le cadre de projet de maîtrise en travail social.

L'entretien individuel porte sur vos attitudes et vos expériences quant aux services en santé mentale déjà mis fin que vous auriez reçu lors de l'adolescence.

Vous pouvez choisir le moment et le lieu de l'entretien qui vous convient le mieux (face-à-face ou à distance, ex. Microsoft TEAMS). L'entretien durera approximativement entre 60 à 90 minutes.

Vos réponses demeureront anonymes et confidentielles. Aucune information permettant de vous identifier ne sera divulguée.

Pour participer à l'étude, vous devez répondre aux critères suivants :

- 1) Parler l'une des langues officielles : français ou anglais.**
- 2) Avoir reçu des services professionnels de santé mentale pendant l'adolescence.**

Le critère d'exclusion est le suivant :

- 1) Avoir été hospitalisé dans les 24 derniers mois précédents l'entrevue en raison de trouble de santé mentale.**

Pour plus de renseignements, veuillez contacter :

Lea Muhigi

Étudiante à la maîtrise en travail social

Université de Moncton

Courriel : elm5110@umoncton.ca



FASD SURVEY

We are conducting a study in **New Brunswick** on knowledge, attitudes, and practices related to drinking alcohol during pregnancy and/or **fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD)**.

Are you....

- 19 or older?
- Living in New Brunswick?
- Employed in education, social services, child welfare, or corrections/justice/police?

OR

Working at an organization that refers or collaborates with the FASD Centre of Excellence?

CONTACT INFO

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Wilfrid Laurier University
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Lisa-Gay Taylor
NB FASD Centre of Excellence
lisa.taylor@vitalitenb.ca

Jillian Nason
NB FASD Centre of Excellence
jillian.nason@vitalitenb.ca

ABOUT THE SURVEY

- Complete a 10-12 minute online survey.
- Your responses will be anonymous.
- You can enter your name for 1 of 6 prize draws for a \$50 gift card (such as Canadian Tire, Tim Hortons, Amazon, Shoppers, Indigo). Your name will not be connected to your survey responses.

INTERESTED?

To learn more or participate...

https://wlu.ca/qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3qmXYzsfLPeEVCg

This project has been reviewed and approved by the Wilfrid Laurier University Research Ethics Board (REB#8397)



Resources & Continuing Education Opportunities

TAKE IT DOWN

Take It Down is a free service that can help people remove or stop the online sharing of nude, partially nude, or sexually explicit images or videos taken of individuals when they were under 18 years old. The individual in question can remain anonymous while using the service and doesn't have to send the images or videos to anyone. Take It Down will work on public or unencrypted online platforms that have agreed to participate.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT "TAKE IT DOWN"](#)

NEW BRUNSWICK ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS (NBASW)

A Call for Self-Compassion for Social Workers (French webinar)

December 1, 2023 (12 pm - 1:30 pm)

Registration link to come.

A CALL FOR SELF-COMPASSION FOR SOCIAL WORKERS

What it is and how to create it.

This webinar will be presented in French.



with
Emmanuelle Khoury



DATE

December 1, 2023



TIME

12:00 PM - 13:30 PM AST



CONFÉRENCES CONNEXION (FRENCH RESOURCES)

SISU - Journée conférence sur les jeunes et la santé mentale positive

November 10, 2023 (8 am - 4:30 pm EST)

[Click here for details and to register](#)

Kéfi - Journée conférence sur les jeunes et la santé mentale positive

December 8, 2023 (8 am - 4:30 pm EST)

[Click here for details and to register](#)

CRISIS & TRAUMA RESOURCE INSTITUTE (CTRI)

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

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

ACHIEVE - CENTRE FOR LEADERSHIP

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

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

UNIVERSITÉ DE MONCTON

Introduction à l'Entretien motivationnel: collaborer pour motiver le changement (French course)

Start date - November 16, 2023

[Click here for details and to register](#)

PALLIATIVE CARE CANADA

World Hospice and Palliative Care Day Special Lecture "Compassionate Communities: Together for Palliative Care"

November 7, 2023 (11:30 am - 12:45 pm EST)

[Click here for details and to register](#)

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS (CASW)

Soutien des transitions équitables vers l'âge adulte pour les jeunes pris en charge : leçons pour l'élaboration et la réforme des politiques (French webinar)

November 7, 2023 (1 pm - 2 pm EST)

[Click here for details and to register](#)

Agir ensemble pour soutenir des transitions équitables vers l'âge adulte pour les jeunes pris en charge (French webinar)

November 14, 2023 (1 pm - 2 pm EST)

[Click here for details and to register](#)

Employment Listings

Are you seeking a new social work employment opportunity in New Brunswick? Visit the Employment Listings page on the NBASW Website for new opportunities. Have an opening that you would like to add to our Employment Listings page?

Please send all employment listings to laure.piccetto@nbasw-attsnb.ca

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW EMPLOYMENT LISTINGS](#)

Wellness Resources



Social workers throughout New Brunswick provide essential services to some of the most vulnerable people in our communities. As essential workers, social workers also need to nurture their own personal wellness. If you have a wellness resource you'd like to see included in a future edition of the newsletter, please send it to laure.piccetto@nbasw-attsnb.ca.

COURSERA - FREE MENTAL HEALTH COURSES

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW](#)

GROUNDING TECHNIQUES

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW](#)

Social Media

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](#)

Twitter



Our English page:

New Brunswick Association of Social Workers [@NBSocialWorkers](#)



Our French page:

Association des travailleuses et des travailleurs sociaux du Nouveau-Brunswick [@TravSocNB](#)

Newsletter Submissions

Have something you'd like to see in the NBASW Newsletter? We're always looking for stories about social workers, events, and more to add. If you've got something you'd like us to include, please email laure.piccetto@nbasw-attsnb.ca with the subject line "Newsletter."

