



News & Views

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National Social Work Month



Happy Social Work Month to all NBASW members!

This year's theme, '**Reflecting on Our Past, Reimagining Our Future**,' honours the 100th anniversary of the Canadian Association of Social Workers (CASW). This year's theme celebrates all that social work professionals and paraprofessionals have accomplished over the past century. It is also an opportunity to look ahead to the positive changes yet to come, while taking a moment to reflect.

The Canadian Association of Social Workers will continue to celebrate their 100th anniversary throughout the year under the same theme as National Social Work Month. Throughout March, specifically, they are celebrating social work with webinars, podcasts, and giveaways!

Additionally, our annual 4-week wellness giveaway continues on NBASW's Facebook page each week. Make sure to check the page and enter for the chance to WIN 1 of 4 Chapters/Indigo gift cards!

**PARTICIPATE IN THE
NBASW WELLNESS
CONTEST**

**CELEBRATE WITH CASW /
READ THE SOCIAL WORK
MONTH STATEMENT**

Thank you for your steadfast commitment to your work and
Happy Social Work Month!

CCNB Announcement

ALL CCNB CAMPUSES OFFERING PROGRAM

CCNB will offer the *Technique en service social et communautaire* program at ALL its campuses starting in September 2026! We are pleased to announce that this program will be available at the Bathurst, Edmundston, and Acadian Peninsula campuses this fall.

As announced by CCNB, *The Technique en service social et communautaire program (a two-year diploma), currently offered in Dieppe and Campbellton, will also be offered at all campuses starting September of 2026. This will add new cohorts to the Bathurst, Edmundston, and Acadian Peninsula campuses. CCNB also highlights a significant milestone: the first graduates of this program in Dieppe and Campbellton will be celebrated in June 2026.*

[CCNB announcement](#)
[Program Admission Profile](#)

Loan Forgiveness Program

Social workers providing in-person services in rural and remote communities are eligible for Canada Student Loan Forgiveness. Effective December 31, 2025, social workers delivering in-person services in rural communities with populations under 30,000 may be eligible for the federal loan forgiveness program. This change follows years of sustained advocacy by the Canadian Association of Social Workers (CASW), partner organizations, and social workers across the country, including many here in New Brunswick.

This development aligns closely with the NBASW [Social Work Recruitment and Retention Strategy \(2023-2028\)](#), which focuses on strengthening and supporting the social work workforce across the province. Initiatives such as student loan forgiveness help to attract and retain social workers in areas of significant need, while reducing financial barriers for practitioners.

[READ THE FULL ANNOUNCEMENT](#)

Membership Renewal

2026-2027 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

To maintain your NBASW membership, the Association requests that you submit your online membership renewal form and pay your membership dues at your earliest convenience and no later than March 31, 2026.

[CLICK TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP](#)

- [View our Renewal FAQ page.](#)
- [View a step-by-step instruction guide on membership renewal.](#)

To facilitate your 2026-2027 registration process, we encourage you to test your username and password before you attempt to register to ensure enough time for troubleshooting prior to March 31, 2026. If you have any remaining questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at (506) 459-5595 or at info@nbasw-attsnb.ca.

A \$50.00 late fee applies to re-registrations which are received by the NBASW between April 1, 2026 and April 15, 2026 and a \$100.00 late fee applies to re-registrations which are received by the NBASW after April 15, 2026.



DID YOU KNOW?

Volunteering can be counted as CPE hours!

You can count up to 20 volunteer hours as Continuing Professional Education (CPE) hours during the year! Volunteering is a great opportunity to assist people in your community while completing the annual required CPE hours.

More information about annual CPE requirements is available in the [NBASW CPE Policy](#).

Continuing Education Discounts

PESI CANADA

(Almost) everything available for \$99 until March 31, 2026.

[Click here to see all PESI Canada training opportunities](#)

SICKKIDS CCMH LEARNING INSTITUTE

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

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

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 (CTRI)

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

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

LEARNING ESSENTIAL APPROACHES TO PALLIATIVE CARE (LEAP)

20% discount with a connected CASW account using promo code *20OFFCASW*.

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

HEALTH LINKS EDUCATION

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

[Click here to see all upcoming courses from Health Links Education](#)

**SEE ALL FREE AND DISCOUNTED
OPPORTUNITIES**

NBASW CPE Opportunities

The NBASW continues to develop, coordinate and promote professional education opportunities to support members in meeting the continuing professional education requirements. Upcoming webinars include:

IPV SERIES - INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE EVOLVES WITH AGE

Date: March 11, 2026

Time: 12:00 PM

Duration: 60 Minutes

[REGISTER HERE](#)



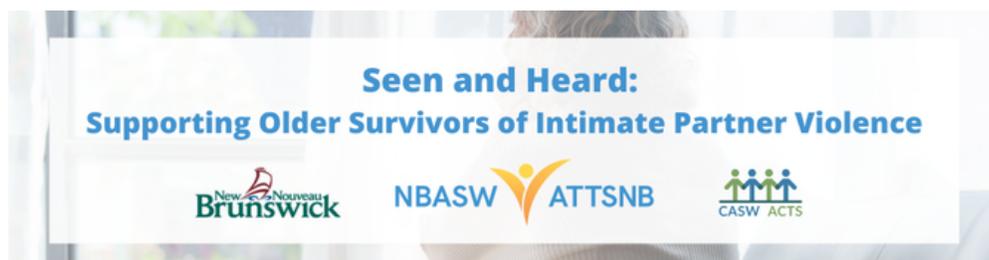
IPV SERIES - SEEN AND HEARD: SUPPORTING OLDER SURVIVORS OF INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE

Date: March 16, 2026

Time: 12:00 PM

Duration: 60 Minutes

[REGISTER HERE](#)



IPV SERIES - EVOLVING CARE AND SUPPORT

Date: March 25, 2026

Time: 12:00 PM

Duration: 60 Minutes

[REGISTER HERE](#)



NBASW webinars will be available to view on demand 24 hours after the presentation date.

INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE SERIES - FRENCH SESSIONS

The IPV series will be presented in French on the following dates. Click on the titles for more details and to register:

- **March 26** - [Intimate Partner Violence Evolves with Age](#)
- **April 8** - [Supporting Older Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence](#)
- **April 14** - [Evolving Care and Support](#)

TRAUMA INFORMED-CARE: WHEN WORKING WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH

Date: March 13, 2026

Time: 12:00 PM

Duration: 90 Minutes

[REGISTER HERE](#)



CASW Distinguished Service Award Recipient

Congratulations to **Jeannine Bourque** 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](#).



Jeannine Bourque,
*CASW Distinguished Service Award
Recipient*

Upcoming Bursary Deadlines

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.

CO-OPERATORS BURSARY FOR MEMBERS

Deadline: March 31, 2026

Awarded to a registered member of the NBASW who resides in New Brunswick and is pursuing training including but not limited to conferences, workshops, and webinars. Studies leading to a higher degree in social work, or to a specialized certificate program or course related to social work may be considered.

Funding for these bursaries is made possible by Co-operators home and auto insurance, in partnership with NBASW.

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

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**VIEW ALL NBASW GRANTS AND
BURSARIES**

Bursary & Grant Recipients

CO-OPERATORS STUDENT BURSARY WINNER

Congratulations to **Oumay Fatima Ezzahrae** on receiving the Co-operators Student Bursary for members enrolled in the Collège communautaire du Nouveau-Brunswick Technique en service social et communautaire Program!

The bursary is awarded to a member who resides in New Brunswick while studying in an accredited social work program or a recognized social work technician program full-time.

Oumaye is the first CCNB recipient to receive this bursary. Congratulations Oumaye!

Learn more about the bursary [HERE!](#)



Oumay Fatima Ezzahrae,
Co-operators Bursary Recipient

CO-OPERATORS STUDENT BURSARY WINNER

Congratulations to **Justin Pothier** on receiving the Co-operators Student Bursary for members enrolled in the New Brunswick Community College Social Service Community Worker Program!

The bursary is awarded to a member who resides in New Brunswick while studying in an accredited social work program or a recognized social work technician program full-time.

Learn more about the Bursary [HERE.](#)



Justin Pothier,
Co-operators Bursary Recipient

NBASW Involvement and Advocacy

REGULATORY BODIES EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS AND REGISTRARS ANNUAL MEETING

NBASW Executive Director Miguel LeBlanc attended the National Meeting of Social Work Regulatory Bodies' Executive Directors and Staff, hosted in Fredericton. The Association was grateful to welcome Premier Susan Holt to the meeting, which went very well!

Also present from NBASW were Registrar Martine Paquet, Director of Policy and Member Engagement Keara Grey, Consultant Mélissa Frenette, Office Manager Camille Carpio, and CASW Representative Géraldine Poirier Baiani.



12 NEIGHBORS PROGRAM VISIT

The executive directors and staff of Canada's social work regulatory bodies took the opportunity during the day of the national meeting to visit the 12 Neighbours project. The 12 Neighbours program provides housing for homeless individuals in our communities, provides recovery resources, and resources / guidance for employment. [Learn more about 12 Neighbors.](#)



UNB-SJ SOCIAL WORK APPRECIATION EVENT

Frontline social workers gathered early February to discuss their current employment with 3rd-year social work students at UNB Saint John. NBASW Executive Director Miguel LeBlanc was pleased to attend and meet future New Brunswick social workers, current frontline social workers, and employers.



PREMIER AND MINISTERS MEETING WITH NBASW

NBASW President Carole Gallant, Vice-President Ian Rice, and Executive Director Miguel LeBlanc met with Premier Holt, Minister Miles, and Minister McKee to discuss ways the provincial government can support our ongoing recruitment and retention initiatives for social workers and social work technicians in New Brunswick.



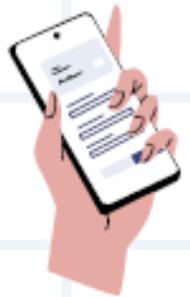
Promotions and Calls for Participation

NBASW

Have something you'd like to see in the NBASW Newsletter? Contact our Engagement & Communications Officer via email with the subject line "Newsletter" at laure.piccetto@nbasw-attsnb.ca to submit articles, upcoming events, or stories about New Brunswick social workers and social work technicians.



**PARTICIPATE IN A STUDY ON
SOCIAL WORKERS ONLINE EXPERIENCES AND
PRIVACY PRACTICES**



TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS STUDY YOU MUST BE:

- ✓ 18 years and older
- ✓ Currently be employed as a registered social worker in Canada
- ✓ Be able to complete a questionnaire and interview in English
- ✓ Have access to a web camera for a Zoom Interview

Part I (online): A 10-minute demographic questionnaire.

Some participants will be invited to the interview. Some questions about client interactions online may cause mild discomfort. You may skip questions that make you uncomfortable.

Part II (online): A 60-minute interview about your online experiences, concerns, security and privacy strategies. Audio-recording is required. Video camera must be on for the whole interview.

There is no compensation for Part I.

Part II participants will receive \$30 for completing interview.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

*If you are interested, please contact **Cianna Pottekkat**
at ciannapottekkat@cmail.carleton.ca*



CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS!

LOOKING FOR LICENSED HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS WORKING IN PERINATAL HEALTH TO PARTICIPATE IN SURVEY RESEARCH

KNOWLEDGE AND ATTITUDES OF CANADIAN HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS ON CANNABIS USE DURING PREGNANCY

Cannabis use in pregnancy is becoming more common, yet not much is known about how healthcare providers view and respond to cannabis use during pregnancy.

This survey will explore Canadian healthcare providers' thoughts on cannabis use in pregnancy, the information they rely on, and how confident they feel when discussing it with patients.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Complete a short 20 minute survey online and be entered for a chance to win one of five \$50 gift cards!

https://survey.ucalgary.ca/jfe/form/SV_3ksFz23eqmQbHWC

Contact: kirstin.surovy@ucalgary.ca
Principal Investigator: Dr. Merilee Brockway

This study has been approved by the University of Calgary Conjoint Health Research Ethics Board (REB25-1356)



FONDATION MARICHETTE: BURSARIES AVAILABLE FOR WOMEN WHO DREAM OF A BETTER FUTURE

The Fondation Marichette is launching an appeal to women in New Brunswick who would like to study in French at college or university, but whose financial situation prevents them from realizing that dream. Interested candidates are invited to apply, by March 15, 2026, for bursaries of \$10,000 each, renewable for the duration of their study program. In this way, the Fondation Marichette enables bursary recipients to pursue a university or college education that will give them better career opportunities, thus contributing to their financial independence.

"For the Fondation Marichette, this is a pivotal moment of the year that ties in with our mission of contributing to access to education for francophone women in New Brunswick. We always look forward to receiving applications from women who dream of a better future", says foundation chair Nicole Gionet.

The bursaries are made possible through donations and activities organized by the foundation.

To learn more about the Fondation Marichette and the application process, please visit the foundation's Web page, under the Bursaries tab.

[LEARN MORE](#)



SEEKING PRIMARY CARE SOCIAL WORKERS FOR A RESEARCH INTERVIEW!

- ◆ Are you a social worker practicing in primary care in Canada?
- ◆ Have you supported a client experiencing an eating disorder **within the past year?**
- ◆ We are looking to hear from social workers in primary care who have supported clients with **any** type of eating disorder, including (but not limited to): Binge eating disorder, Bulimia, Atypical Anorexia, OSFED, ARFID, Anorexia, and Pica.

Participants will:

- ◆ Be part of a 60-90 minute virtual interview
- ◆ Receive a \$30 universal gift



<https://redcap.utoronto.ca/surveys/?s=PKXDWC77EJJDDT94>

Interested in participating? Scan the QR code or click the link to get started!

(Your client does not need to have been formally diagnosed with an eating disorder for you to be eligible to participate in this study)

Have Questions? Please connect with us by emailing:
ahmad.ahmad@mail.utoronto.ca



FACTOR-INWENTASH
FACULTY OF SOCIAL WORK
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Wellness Giveaway Winners

HOLIDAY AND FAMILY DAY WELLNESS GIVEAWAY WINNERS



Stephanie Lang,

*Holiday Wellness Contest Winner
Fostered her well-being by taking her baby on
a sled stroll this winter!*

To promote well-being in the daily lives of social workers and social service technicians, we hold regular well-being contests. All NBASW members are eligible to participate in these contests!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the contests, and congratulations to the winners! More contests will be held throughout the year.

Check out the [NBASW Facebook page](#) for updates and all upcoming contests.



Manon Robichaud,

*Family Day Wellness Contest Winner
Fostered her well-being by going on a winter
walk with her family!*



Crystal Hicks,

*Family Day Wellness Contest Winner
Fostered her well-being by going on a ski day
with her family and friends!*

Resources

WEBINARS

The NBASW partners with CASW to provide free, live and on-demand training for members through the CASW Webinar Platform.

Members can [browse the full catalogue](#) of over 50 free live and On-Demand webinars available annually by creating a CASW login.

Members can also access English and French webinars supported by the NBASW through the NBASW's Continuing Professional Education page!

LEARN MORE

GRISMEJ - Free Newsletter

Groupe de recherche interdisciplinaire sur la santé mentale des enfants et des jeunes (Interdisciplinary Research Group on the Mental Health of Children and Young People) is a Université de Moncton group who aims to contribute to the development of knowledge and practices related to mental health.

Their Newsletter is FREE and is offered in French and English. It highlights mental health resources for kids and youth, upcoming presentations, GRISMEJ publications, GRISMEJ ambassador stories and testimonials, and research funding updates.

SUBSCRIBE TO THE FREE NEWSLETTER



Follow GRISMEJ on [Facebook](#)
or visit their [YouTube page](#)



Partner Updates

ACADIE NOUVELLE

Preferential Rate for the Digital Subscription to Acadie Nouvelle

NBASW members have access to a preferential rate on Acadie Nouvelle's digital subscription. This exclusive agreement allows members to benefit from a rate of \$90 per year for three years, saving more than \$265.

SUBSCRIBE TO ACADIE NOUVELLE

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR HEALTH

The 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. Here is the most recent event that took place:

Experiential Career Summit in Saint John

NBASW was happy to talk to over 1000 students, teachers, and parents about the social work profession and social work technician paraprofession as potential career paths.

NBASW Director of Policy and Member Engagement, Keara Grey, and Engagement and Communications Officer, Laure Piccetto, were representing the Association.



Keara Grey & Laure Piccetto

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.

 | Group Home and Auto



NBASW Members

Slide into savings this winter

Get exclusive rates with Co-operators Group Home and Auto insurance.

1-800-387-1963 | coopgroup.ca
Membership number required for quote

 **co-operators**

Standards and Guidelines

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](#)
- [Member Handbook](#)

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

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](#)

X (FORMERLY 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](#)

