

# Did you know?

## HOMELESS SHELTERS

### Social workers who work in homeless emergency shelters:

- Help individuals find suitable shelter accommodations
- Assist individuals with completing applications for funding and personal documents such as MCP, SIN, I.D, etc
- Advocate for funding
- Provide intake, assessment and counselling services
- Help individuals navigate government systems
- Assist individuals with employment search
- Teach life skills such as basic hygiene, laundry, dishes, using the bus system, etc
- Assist individuals in their housing search and viewing bed sitters and apartments
- Provide basic necessities to individuals such as food, clothing, and personal hygiene items
- Interact with families of homeless individuals
- Accompany individuals to court, assist them with finding a lawyer through legal aid, and help them to become familiar with the justice system
- Connect individuals with community resources
- Inform social policy change

There are over 1500 social workers registered to practice social work in Newfoundland and Labrador. Further information about the social work profession can be found at [www.nlasw.ca](http://www.nlasw.ca) or by contacting:

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