

SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE IN HOMELESS EMERGENCY SHELTERS

DID YOU KNOW? 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 or by contacting:

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