

Did you know?

VETERANS AFFAIRS

Social workers play a key role in working with Veterans and members of the Canadian Forces and the RCMP by:

- Providing individual, couple, and family assessments and treatment on issues pertaining to operational stress injuries (OSIs) *
- Collaborating with specialized services and Operational Stress Injury Clinics to provide comprehensive treatment services
- Supporting, educating, and counselling family members impacted by trauma using a variety of theoretical approaches, provided through individual and group work
- Supporting service providers through educational opportunities about military culture and treatment of OSIs
- Coordinating commemorative events and community supports for Veterans
- Leading national initiatives to improve services responding to the unique needs of military and policing cultures
- Utilizing peer support networks as a complement to treatment, recognizing this support as a successful tool for recovery in this population and their families

***Operational Stress Injury (OSI) is used to describe any persistent psychological difficulties resulting from operational duties performed while serving in the Canadian military or the RCMP including post-traumatic stress disorder, major depression, alcohol and substance use, social phobia, agoraphobia or generalized anxiety.**

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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