

SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE WITH PERSONS LIVING WITH A DISABILITY

Social work is a regulated health profession in Newfoundland and Labrador. There are over 1700 social workers registered to practice social work throughout the province. Social workers adhere to a Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice in providing essential, competent, and high-quality services.

Registered Social Workers provide essential services and supports to assist individuals living with a disability, and support their families and caregivers by:

- Offering individual, family and group counselling.
- Promoting autonomy, decision-making, and self-determination.
- Supporting individuals, families and caregivers in understanding and coping with the impact of change and transitions.
- Assisting individuals to navigate the health care system and community resources.
- Working with individuals to obtain accessible housing, transportation and financial services including home care services, prescription drug coverage, respite care and medical equipment.
- Assisting individuals to explore education and employment opportunities.
- Developing and facilitating treatment approaches to maintain dignity, self-worth, and inclusion.
- Advocating for services and supports.
- Educating the community and promoting inclusion.
- Informing program development and social policy change.

Further information about the social work profession can be found at www.nlcsw.ca or by contacting:

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