

SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE WITH NEWCOMERS TO CANADA



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 work with individuals and families from diverse multicultural backgrounds and who are new to Canada including immigrants and refugees. They provide essential services and supports by:

- Working with individuals, families, groups, and communities of people with diverse backgrounds to identify their strengths, resources, and challenges and to assist them in achieving their goals.
- Supporting individuals and families through all the stages of the settlement process.
- Connecting individuals with community resources and supports.
- Developing interventions to address financial, practical, physical, social, emotional, and spiritual impacts of settlement.
- Providing counselling, therapy, and education to help individuals and families deal with crisis and change.
- Assisting with networking, program planning and personal skill development.
- Educating the community to build supports and increase awareness of diverse cultures.
- Promoting self-advocacy and helping individuals navigate various systems.
- Advocating for appropriate access to resources 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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