

## Susan Green MSW, RSW



Susan Green, MSW, RSW is a registered social worker with over twenty years in practice. She graduated from Memorial University of Newfoundland in 1999 with her BSW and went to work with Child, Youth and Family Services. She remained with CYFS in front-line child protection for the first eight years of her career and then moved to work in various capacities within the Department of Justice. She was one of the original members of the Family Violence Intervention Court team who worked to develop this specialized, therapeutic court in Newfoundland.

In 2006 Susan graduated from Dalhousie University with her Masters of Social Work degree. Three years later she accepted the position of Addictions Coordinator at Her Majesty's Penitentiary where she happily remains today. In this role, Susan provides individual counselling to adult male inmates who are living with addiction and other mental health issues. She also facilitates various therapeutic groups for inmates who are working toward recovery.

As a volunteer in the community, Susan has worked with numerous community organizations over the years and was one of the founding members of the LGBTQ Youth Group in St. John's and Camp Eclipse. She recently volunteered with the Roots of Empathy program, and is an active volunteer with the Kids Eat Smart breakfast program at Bishop Field Elementary. Susan also volunteers regularly with community outreach programs at the Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in downtown St. John's.

Susan is a certified instructor with the Mental Health Commission of Canada, teaching both Mental Health First Aid for Adults Who Interact with Youth and the Road to Mental Readiness. She lives in downtown St. John's with her partner, Brenda (also a social worker), their three children, Michael, Lily and Percy, one cat, one hamster and five fish. Susan and her family enjoy many outdoor activities that promote good mental health including hiking, biking, camping, gardening and berry-picking.