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VITALITÉ AWARD



Marie Allard

Executive Secretary (Restigouche zone)

Marie is very motivated by her work and adapts perfectly to the numerous changes. She is devoted, meets deadlines and always gets her work done with great independence and resourcefulness.

She takes part in the social life at the office by highlighting special events for instance. She brings out sympathy and collaboration in others.

No matter how big the task, the requests, the confidences as well as the nature and unexpected circumstances surrounding changes or events, Marie always demonstrates unfailing composure and positivism. She is a role model.



Nicole Arsenault

Occupational Therapist (Acadie-Bathurst zone)

Nicole is an exemplary team member and a role model for leadership. She is an exceptional interprofessional clinician who constantly works in collaboration with the other professionals in an effort to give clients the most beneficial experience possible.

She is behind the development of several team documents that improved everyone's work efficiency. Innovative and creative, she always brings ideas to try and improve the team's functioning. Also, she takes advantage of all available continuing education opportunities to ensure quality service to clients through evidence-based clinical best practices.

Nicole is one of the founding members of the pediatric development and feeding teams and also handles the clinical coordination duties for all students at the Chaleur Regional Hospital Occupational Therapy Department. Everyone dreams of working with such a co-worker and a professional of this calibre at some time in their career.

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Nicole Robichaud

Resource Nurse (Restigouche zone)

Nicole has been a model for many of us. She shows deep respect for the people around her, patients and co-workers. She stands out for her initiatives, her dynamism, her respect for others, her drive to improve services and her commitment to everything she undertakes.

Being a strong believer in team work to achieve better results, she is always ready to share her expertise and know-how. She has increased health promotion and disease prevention activities in the community because she recognizes the important role these play in reducing the chronic health problems seen in the community.



David Thibodeau

Nurse Manager – Surgical 1 (Northwest zone)

David sets himself apart with the care he provides patients and with the atmosphere he creates within the team.

Seen as a mentor by many, David managed to improve the quality of care provided in the Emergency Department by ensuring that the staff was getting adequate training.

Thanks to his great listening skills, his respect, his empathy and his devotion, patients and co-workers always feel confident when David is around.

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CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION AWARD



NB Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Centre of Excellence

This working group, comprised of Dr. Nicole LeBlanc (inset photo), Maria DesRoches (community coordinator), Annette Cormier (project manager), Mélissa Bonenfant (administrative assistant), Lisa Gay Taylor (community coordinator), Natacha Landry (community coordinator), Cynthia Sewell (Aboriginal Liaison Officer for First Nations), developed a unique frontline health service delivery model (health determinants unique to First Nations).

This model is culturally appropriate, safe, and promotes the well-being of individuals living with FASD, of families and of First Nations communities while respecting their culture and values. The Centre had to decolonize its usual practices by merging Western science with First Nations science. This reflects the reconciliation and peace-restoring process with First Nations. This model also meets the mandate and recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action.

The strength of the “dreamcatcher” model stems from the approval and support of all 15 Aboriginal communities in the province. It is a shared responsibility to help promote interdependence and make sure that clients with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (3 generations) and their families have a strong and safe base foundation.

The development of this unique model enabled the implementation of a new approach to improve practices not only with Aboriginal communities in New Brunswick, but also with the entire population of New Brunswick.

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SAFETY AWARD



Martine Brideau

Resource Nurse (Acadie-Bathurst zone)

Martine is a leader and a mentor when it comes to safety. She developed a safety-related communication system that was made available to other departments. She always ensures that department employees are up to date in their training as well as with policies and procedures, and that the equipment is safe and functional. Martine's ultimate mission is to provide quality and safe health care services for the well-being of patients and their families.

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EXCELLENCE IN MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP



Brigitte Sonier-Ferguson

Regional Director - Research, Scientific Development and Training

Brigitte is always listening to her staff and is respectful, honest and transparent. She strongly encourages the sharing of information and ideas by taking everyone's opinion and suggestions into consideration. She goes out of her way to ensure a good work atmosphere and excellent patient care. She is organized and is motivated by concrete results and knows her team well, always delegating the right task to the right person.

Very engaged in her professional development, she is registered for the doctoral program for the 2018 semester. She takes part in greeting students and in the training of medical students of the *Centre de formation médicale du Nouveau-Brunswick*. The influence of her department is crucial, as demonstrated by the following achievements: the number of scientific publications went from 0 in 2010 to 6 in 2017; the number of "in-house" clinical research projects went from 3 in 2010 to 50 in 2017; clinical trials went from 31 to 55 and health evaluation projects went from 2 to 11 during the same period. Brigitte has been the cornerstone of research development and advancement for Vitalité Health Network.