



# Social Worker Spotlight!



Cherylann Byard



Social Worker, Cherylann Byard, is featured in this May 2021 Spotlight for her extraordinary service and personal dedication to the field of child welfare. Her superior advocacy and ability to lead a team makes every member feel appreciated, supported and confident while carrying out duties.

Cherylann is a wife, mother of 2 and woman of the Métis Nation and has made a significant impact over the past 10 years as Supervisor of the Early Intervention Program's Indigenous team. Cherylann is a passionate advocate for all families and is always willing to go above and beyond to ensure that children are safe, families are supported and long-lasting connections to community resources are made and sustained. Cherylann excels at supporting families in ways that really matter and demonstrates exceptional supervisory and social work skills which have made a lasting impression and name for the quality and extent of work that the Early Intervention Program provides in the community.

The daily experience of a frontline social worker in child welfare can be challenging to say the least. As a Supervisor, Cherylann ensures that she checks in regularly with her staff and takes the time to speak with each member of the team on a personal level - her door is always open for debriefing. She inspires and motivates her team to engage in training opportunities and has encouraged and supported some staff to complete their post-secondary degrees. Cherylann creates a work environment that harbours a feeling of unity, competency, safety and comradery which is rare and hard to find.

Every year Cherylann takes the lead in fundraising for the Eagle Wing Child Care Centre where over the last several years thousands of dollars have been raised for inner city children who access the centre.

**THANK YOU CHERYLANN BYARD FOR YOUR ESSENTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS!**

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