

Alumni Profile

Dan Vervaecke

BA Hons '12 Sociology and Social Justice & Peace Studies

Current Career

Organization: Family and Children's Services of the Waterloo Region

Title: Child Protection Worker

Career Overview

My current career involves conducting investigations of possible child abuse and neglect for Family and Children Services of the Waterloo Region. I work with a variety of populations and people of varying economic statuses and address issues of addictions, mental health, and domestic violence while trying to offer support to the family and ensuring safety, permanence and well-being for children.

How has King's helped prepare you for where you are today?

I am always considering the bigger forces at work when meeting with families. I take the time to consider how privilege, economic status, past trauma and multi-level systems contributed to how a family got to this critical moment. My degree has helped me to always consider my own privileges when entering someone else's home and allows me to be aware of the power imbalances that are in place. I work to empower and advocate for each person to access the supports they need.

Have you volunteered with any organization or cause that seeks to promote social justice and peace?


During university, I volunteered with the London organization Childlife Network International (CNI) and continue to support them through regular donations. CNI works with children and families affected by trauma in Kampala, Uganda empowering them to reach their full potential through support, education and basic needs.

Further Degrees / Certifications

MSW '15

Wilfrid Laurier University

Various Professional Development Certificates focusing on Trauma & Addictions



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