

# Maritza Stinson

## Facilitator

Maritza Stinson (BA RCYC) has addressed disclosures of sexual violence since April 2019 at the Chinook Sexual Assault Centre as a System Navigator in Lethbridge, AB. Previously, Maritza worked with YWCA Lethbridge for 14.5 years in the domestic violence sector. In this sector, she received disclosures and handled crisis calls. In addition, she was involved in safety planning, making DV presentations and helping clients with funding and housing. Currently, she sits on the Lethbridge Legal Guidance and Pincher Creek Women's Shelter (PCWS) boards. She worked for the latter for three years as a crisis support worker from 1998 to 2001.

Maritza has worked as an Alberta Works support worker and career consultant to help people with emergency funding and income support. From 2005 to 2008, Maritza worked with the Ability Centre (Rehabilitation Society) as a Direct Services Worker 1 and Job Coach helping disabled people. For 5.5 years Maritza worked with families and made presentations about parenting and family issues with Claresholm FCSS and Nanton FCSS as In-Home Support Worker. Currently, she works part-time with Quest Support Services as a DSW1. She has done so for 9 years because she enjoys working with people with disabilities.

Maritza speaks English and Spanish and has been a First Aid Instructor for St. John's Ambulance for 10 years. Maritza holds a BA and Diploma in Child and Youth Care and has registered for the future College of Counseling.



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