



Jan Radford, BSN 1979, MSN 1989
Alumni Recognition Award 2018

In a long and distinctive career, Jan Radford has devoted particular attention to the care of children and their families- especially those in vulnerable populations. Following her BSN degree from 1979 and while working toward her masters, Jan's career has included pediatrics instructor at Douglas College, nurse manager, clinical nurse specialist, Director of Maternal Child Services in the Fraser Health Authority, and more. During her twelve years with Fraser Health, Jan developed and implemented a variety of initiatives on behalf of women and children. She has demonstrated unwavering commitment both in connecting with those in her care on a personal level, and in putting her support and drive into creating and maintaining safe spaces. Maxxine Wright Place provides health care and housing for high risk pregnant and early parenting women who are struggling with substance use. It is no exaggeration to say that neither of these initiatives might be operating now, had it not been for Jan's leadership and determination. Toward the end of her professional career, with the hardship endured by marginalized women and their children never far from her heart and mind, Jan went to work as the Director of Maternal Child Health Services for Atira Women's Resource Society. Most recently, Jan has been providing nursing support on the Sue Bujold Floor, a program provided by Atira for women who are at the end of their lives and struggling with substance use, homelessness, and mental wellness. In every role Jan has held, she has been and continues to be a powerful champion for the rights of women and children who are burdened with health equity challenges. For her work with these women and their families, and for her unwavering commitment to supporting nursing practice in the trenches, we are pleased to award Jan Radford the School of Nursing's Recognition award.

