

RACHEL'S JOURNEY W/ SHARP

Follow along in photos and time frames to see how SHARP has impacted a real person.

2006

Lands job in **Craig, AK** and leaves a couple mos after graduating (MSW) from WUSTL with \$60K student loan debt b/n undergrad & grad.

2008

Rachel becomes an **LCSW** and looks at student loan repayment programs.

By **Dec.**, agency discusses closure. New job & DOL help.

2010

Move to Juneau to work at **JAMHI**, the CBHC as Intake Specialist.

2014

Approved, but amid state \$ woes, what will happen? Finally begin pymts mid-2014. Awarded **\$41,500**, I owe \$45K by then.

2018

SHARP Council **Co-Chair** & they decide to tackle SHARP-III.

2020

First ever **SHARP -III** contracts will be issued.

Continue to work at JAMHI. As **Director of BH Services** I supervise & mentor next generation of BH professionals in SE Alaska.

Excited to make \$45K/yr. right out of grad school. But, soon, gas will be nearly \$5/gal.

2009

Move to **ANC**, work at for-profit. Do not make anywhere close to advertised \$**40**/hour. 2nd job. Meet a boy.

2013

Wait a sec, I DO qualify for a **SHARP** program? Already admin.

2017

Fulfilled my terms of service. Final payment **3/16/17** - having paid 10 yrs. **4/19/17**, appointed to SHARP Council through NASW AK. **DEBT FREE.**

2019

Spent a considerable amount of time at **120 4th St.** Senate & House versions zoom through.

Legislation is signed nearly 3 months exactly since final vote.

Celebrate **9** years at JAMHI.