



Social Work

An Overview...

Social work is the study of the formal processes that have been instituted to assist those in our society who are unable to cope with serious interpersonal problems. Areas of concentration include: children, youth and families, community mental health, gerontology and health.

Skills:

Understanding of human behavior
Ability to interact with people of different backgrounds

Proficiency in reading, writing and speaking
Ability to conduct/explain social research

Proficiency in interpersonal communication
Familiarity with social work theories, practices & trends

Ability to make decisions
Ability to maintain composure in stressful situations

Some Professional Careers:

Anthropologist
Camp Director
Career Counselor
Child Welfare Worker
Correctional Specialist
Drug Dependency Counselor
Economist
Family Caseworker
Gerontologist
Health Care Worker
Historian

Human Services Worker
Marriage Counselor
Medical/Clinical Worker
Mental Health Worker
Minister
Parole Officer
Patient Advocate
Police Officer
Probation Officer
Psychologist
Rehabilitation Counselor

Research Analyst
School Counselor
School Social Worker
Social Recreation Director
Sociologist
Survey Worker
Teacher
Technical Writer
Treatment Specialist
Vocational Counselor

Hiring Organizations:

Clinics/Hospitals
Colleges/Universities
Community Organizations
Courts/Correctional Institutions
Day Care Centers
Elementary/Secondary Schools
Government Agencies
Market Research Firms

Medical Schools
Mental Health Centers
Private Industries
Publications
Senior Citizen Centers
Social Service Agencies
Youth Organizations

Professional Organizations:

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