Social Work

DESCRIPTION OF THE FIELD

Social Workers help people overcome social and health problems, such as poverty, mental illness, child abuse and neglect, emotional instability, illness, economic uncertainty, domestic violence, homelessness, and drug abuse. They work directly with individuals, couples, families, and groups to identify and overcome these problems. Some Social Workers also work with communities, organizations, and/or systems to improve services and/or administrate social and health programs. Social Workers apply their professional knowledge and skills to help people make the most effective use of their own abilities. When adequate services do not exist in a community, Social Workers promote the development of new services and programs. (Provided by The National Association of Social Workers)

CAREERS

(Provided by Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook)

Social Workers work in a variety of capacities including:

- Social Casework Management
- Healthcare:
  - Medical social workers
  - Geriatric social workers
  - Hospice and palliative care social workers
- School Social Workers
- Administration and Management
- Community Organization
- Social Policy
- Research
- Mental health and substance abuse social workers
- Other social workers can work as licensed Clinical Social Workers and Counselors, counseling children, teens, adults, and families

RESOURCES

- For more information, please visit the following websites:

  Council on Social Work Education
  http://cswe.org/

  The National Association of Social Workers
  http://www.socialworkers.org


  The Arizona State University School of Social Work
  http://ssw.asu.edu/