

DO YOU LIKE ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE — YOUNG, OLD, OR IN BETWEEN?

Ever hear about the profession of social work?

Social workers are people who care about people; who want to make things better, who want to relieve suffering, who make a difference and improve societal conditions. They are change agents.

Social workers can be found all over the world—in organizations that deal with hunger, family violence, poverty, peace, and social justice.

Social workers help children and families who need counseling or other types of assistance.

Social workers counsel people with mental and emotional problems such as eating disorders, depression, and anxiety. They also help those who abuse drugs and alcohol.

Social workers help people with disabilities and the aging improve the quality of their lives.

Additional Resources:

Publications from NASW Press—NASW Press publishes a wide range of books, videos, and brochures that address specific social work practice areas. A complete catalog of resources is available online at www.socialworkers.org. Resources Include:

Books and Videos:

- *What Social Workers Do* by Margaret Gibelman
- *Social Work Career Development* by Carol Nesslien Doelling
- *What Do Social Workers Do?* (video) narrated by Charles Kuralt
- *On Any Given Day* (video) from NASW

Website Resources:

- NASW www.socialworkers.org
- NASW Oregon Chapter Website www.nasworegon.org
- NASW Career Website www.beasocialworker.org

Other Publications:

- *Days in the Lives of Social Workers: 50 Professionals Tell "Real-Life" Stories from Social Work Practice*, 3rd Edition, edited by Linda May Grobman, available from White Hat Publications.
- *101 Careers in Social Work (2008)* by Jessica Ritter, Halaevalu Vakalahi, and Mary Kiernan-Stern, available from Spring Publishing.



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Social Workers Are Everywhere

Social workers are employed in schools, universities, hospitals, counseling centers, advocacy organizations, long term care facilities, and criminal justice settings.

Social workers work for organizations like the Red Cross, the Child Welfare League of America, Amnesty International, the PeaceCorps and MercyCorps.

Social workers work in corporations, city, state and federal government, non-profit organizations, and the armed services.

Social workers work in faith-based service organizations, adoption agencies, public health organizations, homeless shelters, and in private practice.

Social workers work as community organizers, researchers, caseworkers, activists, administrators, therapists & legislators.

Social Work Schools and Programs in Oregon

There are many excellent Social Work Schools and Programs in Oregon—we hope that you will check them out and find the right one for you.

BSW Program:

Concordia University: www.cu-portland.edu

George Fox University: www.georgefox.edu

Pacific University: www.pacificu.edu

Portland State University: www.pdx.edu

University of Portland: www.up.edu

MSW Program:

Portland State University: www.pdx.edu

Step right up and find out how to get
involved in the social work profession.

Social Work: The Facts

Demand for social workers is on the rise. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the need for social workers will increase by 16% during the 2008-2018 decade, which is faster than average for all occupations. Presently, over 60% of the mental health services in the U.S. are provided by social workers.

Salary Information: According to NASW, the median pay for social workers with a:

BSW: up to \$30,000/year

MSW: between \$40,000-60,000/year

DSW: over \$40,000/year

A few private practitioners and senior administrators earn \$100,000/year

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