

SOCIAL WORKERS: Helping Navigate Life's Choices

Social workers reach every part of Oregon's communities. By looking at different aspects of one's life, environment, and culture, professional social workers are uniquely qualified to help people at every stage in life. We focus on improving individual well-being in the context of family and other social structures, such as work and community.



Wherever and whenever you need help, social workers are there.

Clinical social workers are the largest group of professionally trained mental health providers. Social workers care for people across the life span, from children to the elderly. We help many different individuals overcome some of life's most difficult challenges and the troubles of everyday living, including:

- Addiction
- Abuse
- Child Welfare
- Death
- Depression
- Disability
- Discrimination
- Divorce
- Mental Illness
- Physical Illness
- Poverty
- Stress
- Unemployment

Social workers can be found in all levels of leadership in the non-profit, for-profit, and government sectors.

We are employed in many settings, including:

- Associations
- Corporations
- Prisons
- Hospitals
- Legislative Offices
- Mental Health Clinics
- Military & Veterans Centers
- Disaster Relief Organizations
- Schools & Universities
- Senior Centers
- Social Service Agencies
- Legal System

Since the profession was formed more than 100 years ago, social workers have been instrumental in pushing institutions to value and support labor rights, civil rights and children's rights, while making health and mental health care services more accessible for all.

HOW NASW HELPS

The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) is the largest organization of professional social workers in the world with approximately 150,000 members nationwide and 1,800 members in Oregon; 90% of our members hold master's degrees in social work. NASW helps to shape legislation that protects and strengthens the social work profession and promotes the health, welfare, education, and opportunities for all people.



About Oregon's Social Workers

Oregon Licensure Categories and Minimum Requirements for Social Workers

LCSW

Licensed Clinical Social Worker

- Masters degree in social work from an accredited program
- 2 years (full time) post MSW experience
- 100 Hours supervision by an experienced LCSW
- Successful completion of an examination
- Must complete 40 hours of continuing education, including 6 hours in ethics, every two years to maintain license

LMSW

Licensed Master Social Worker

Effective January 1st, 2011

- Masters degree in social work from an accredited program
- Successful completion of an examination
- Continuing education requirements (as determined by the Board of Licensed Social Workers) to maintain license

RBSW

Registered Bachelor Social Worker

Effective January 1st, 2011

- Bachelor's degree in social work from an accredited program
- Successful completion of an examination
- Continuing education requirements (as determined by the Board of Licensed Social Workers) to maintain license

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