Careers in Social Work

“You cannot hope to build a better world without improving the individuals. To that end, each of us must work for our own improvement and, at the same time, share a general responsibility for all humanity, our particular duty being to aid those to whom we think we can be most useful.”
- Madame Marie Curie

Possible Social Work Career Opportunities:

Careers Dealing with Children

- Child abuse Assessor
- School social worker
- HeadStart Coordinator
- Recreation Therapist
- Family Preservation Worker
- Individual counselor
- In-home Counselor
- Family counseling
- Residential Treatment Worker
- Foster care/adoption work
- Court Advocate
- Youth group leader
- Drug Counselor
- Suicide prevention work
- Pregnancy Counseling
- Abortion counseling
- Team Ropes course leader
- Camp counselor
- Probation officer
- Group home counselor---play therapy
- School Liaison Coordinator (truancy issues)
- Child abuse (sexual and physical) and neglect coordinator
- Creator of mentoring and tutoring programs
- Director of support groups for children of divorced parents, deceased parents, eating disorders, and gay and lesbians
Careers Dealing with Adults

- Hospital worker
- Hospice
- Broker of resources
- Politics-policy writer
- Case manager
- Job coach
- Domestic violence advocate
- Drug counselor
- Work with AIDS patients
- Parenting skills
- Prisons
- Sexual assault advocate
- Immigrant work
- Occupational social worker
- Campus counseling services
- Victim assistance worker
- Parole officer
- Employee assistance worker
- Rural program developer
- Support groups (elderly, dying, addiction)
- Individual, group, family counseling
- Work with Homeless/housing coordinator

Careers Dealing with the Elderly

- Nursing home work
- Support groups with the elderly
- Home health coordinator
- Elder in-home social worker
- Work with Meals on Wheels
- Recreational director
- Visiting shut-ins
- Managed care social Worker

Careers Dealing with Special Populations

- Physically challenged
- Homeless/AIDS/drug addicts
- Convicts
- Gay and lesbian
- Immigrants
- Mentally ill / mentally challenged
Careers Dealing with the Government

- The Veterans Administration: Federal Prisons
- Services to Native Americans
- Federal Health Facilities
- The Armed Forces
- Public Welfare
- Social Services
- Job Corps

General Areas to Work

- School
- Hospital
- Community center
- Residential facility
- Reservation
- Nursing home
- Prisons/jails/police stations
- Immigration office
- Overseas
- Government jobs/ Military

Alternative Social Work Titles

- Fundraiser
- Administrator
- Researcher
- Grant writer
- Politician
- Social Activist
- Social Planner
- Teacher/ Workshop presenter

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