



# THE FIELD OF SOCIAL WORK

**Social Workers** produce change in the lives of individuals, groups, communities, organizations, and across the globe. People have been empowered, relieved of suffering, and gained confidence to affect social change because of the work of a Social Worker.

A degree in Social Work provides countless career option. The demand for Social Workers in various settings continues to increase.

**The mission** of the social work profession is rooted in a set of core values. These core values, embraced by the social workers throughout the profession's history, are the foundation of social work's unique purpose and perspective:

- >> Service
- >> Social justice
- >> Dignity and worth of the person
- >> Importance of human relationships
- >> Integrity
- >> Competence\*

\*From the Preamble of the National Association of Social Workers' Code of Ethics

#### FIND OUT MORE ABOUT SOCIAL WORK:

**National Association of Social Workers** 

- >> Socialworkers.org/practice
- >> Helpstartshere.org/about-social-workers

## WHERE DO SOCIAL WORKERS WORK?

- >> Agencies on Aging
- >> Chemical Dependency Treatment Programs
- >> Child, Adolescent, & Family Support Services
- >> Churches
- >> Clinical Settings
- >> College & Universities
- >> Community Based Organizations
- >> Correction Facilities
- >> Councils affecting vulnerable groups
- >> County & State Government Agencies
- >> Court Systems
- >> Employee Assistance Programs
- >> Foster Care Agencies
- >> Hospitals & Clinics
- >> Mental Health Programs
- >> National Coalitions
- >> Non-Profit Agencies
- >> Nursing Care Facilities
- >> Private Companies & Corporations
- >> Public & Private Schools
- >> Prevention & Early Intervention agencies
- >> Research Institutes

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#### WHAT CAN I DO WITH AN MSW?

- >> Campaign Manager
- >> Case Manager Supervisor
- >> Child Abuse Investigator
- Clinical Therapist
- >> College Professor
- >> Community Organizer
- Community Outreach Director
- Crisis Intervention Counselor
- >> Domestic Violence Counselor
- >> Executive Director
- >> Family Therapist
- >> Forensic Social Worker
- >> Geriatric Specialist
- >> Human Rights Spokesperson
- >> International Program Manager

- >> Mediation Counselor
- >> Medical Social Worker
- >> Mental Health Therapist
- >> Policy Analyst
- >> Politician
- >> Probation Officer
- >> Program Director
- >> Protective Service Worker
- >> Psychiatric Social Worker
- >> Researcher
- >> Residential Care Manager
- >> School Social Worker
- >> Social Services Worker
- Substance Abuse Counselor
- >> Trainer / Consultant
- >> Vocational Counselor

# PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT OPTIONS

Bachelor of Social Work (BASW)
The beginning profession degree in the field of Social Work. It is intended as preparation for the generalist.

Master of Social Work degree (MSW)
Prepares for advanced and specialized
roles. More employers are requiring a MSW
for various positions.

**Licensed Social Worker** (LCSW)
The only social work License in California.

Required to perform clinical social work and psychotherapy in California.

## READY?

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Social work degree programs that prepare students to produce change within the lives of individuals, groups, communities, and nations



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