

Social Work

Make
a **Difference**

It's not a job, it's a Profession!

Myths

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Education • Research • Practice

Anyone who has a kind heart and a degree can be a Social Worker.

Social Workers are **highly skilled professionals** who have a university degree in Social Work at the bachelor's, master's or doctoral level; and must be licensed.*

A career in Social Work means you will end up dispensing welfare checks or working with Child welfare.

Social Workers **rarely work in welfare agencies**; however social workers sometimes have clients who, for various reasons, receive welfare checks. About one-quarter of all child welfare cases are handled by professional social workers. About 1 percent of NASW members work in public assistance.*

There are no specialty areas in social work.

Social Workers can specialize

in areas such as: Mental Health, Healthcare, Geriatrics, Forensics, Military, Children and Families, Policy and Administration.*

For psychotherapy or other mental health services, you need to see a psychologist or psychiatrist.

Social workers are the **largest group of practitioners** providing psychotherapy and other mental health services. Social work is designated as one of the four core mental health professions under federal legislation that established the National Institute of Mental Health.*

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