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Social Work

Social Workers help people deal with their relationships and personal problems. They assist families that have serious domestic problems such as child or spousal abuse. They can also help people with inadequate housing, employment, and substance abuse.

Social workers with a background in gerontology and substance abuse will find an increase in employment opportunities because of the growing need for this specialization.

Social workers usually work 40 hours a week but occasionally must work evenings and week-ends.

Sources:

Occupational Outlook Handbook
2006-2007
Careers in Focus



Salary

For the following occupations the median annual earnings for 2004 were:

Elementary & Secondary schools:
\$44,300

Local Government: \$40,620

Individual and Family Services:
\$30,680

The minimum requirement to qualify as a social worker is a bachelor's degree (BSW). However, for positions in health care settings and clinical work, a master's degree (MSW) is usually required.

Future Outlook: Overall employment is expected to grow faster than the average for all occupations through 2014.

Places of Employment:

Community Health Centers
Nursing Homes
Prisons
Schools

Personal Skills:

Emotionally Mature
Objective
Responsible
Work Independently

For more information on Social Work, visit these websites:

Occupational Outlook Handbook:
www.bls.gov/oco/

Echoices.com:
www.florida.echoices.com

Or visit the **Career Resource Center**.

Related Occupations:

- Correctional Treatment Specialists
- Counselors
- Geriatric Social Workers
- Probation Officers
- Psychologists
- Social & Human Services Assistants

Special Points of Interest:

- Volunteering as a social work aide offers a way of testing one's interest in the field.
- All states require certification or licensing.
- In 2004, 562,000 jobs were held by Social Workers.
- 400 hours of supervised field experience is the minimum requirement for a BSW; 900 hours for a MSW.