

# Social Worker



The kind of person you need to be in order to do well as a Social Worker is to have **compassion** and be able to work in child welfare agencies, prisons, mental health clinics, hospitals, nursing homes, substance abuse clinics.

You need to have great **listening skills** because you can't help your clients and understand their situation if you don't listen to them. Everyone is different, with different needs and solutions.

**Organizational skills** are very important due to large caseload of work. The Child Welfare League of America says that each social worker should have about 12 to 15 cases at a time but the average is actually 24 to 31 children at a time. If you're disorganized and can't find a case, you'd be cutting into your client's time. That's why it's extremely important to stay organized.

It's a great field of work to get into if you want to help people, but it's not for everyone.

To advance you can graduate with a Master of a Social Work degree program. You need to get a Master's Degree in order to work as a clinical social worker, and the state requirement is to have a license to practice. To get a license you have to get experience under the supervision of a licensed clinical social worker along with the master degree.

The skills required to be a social worker are active listening, emotional intelligence, organization, critical thinking, tolerance, empathy, good communication, inner strengths.