

# Social Work: Help Starts *Here*



# As a Child You Were Taught About

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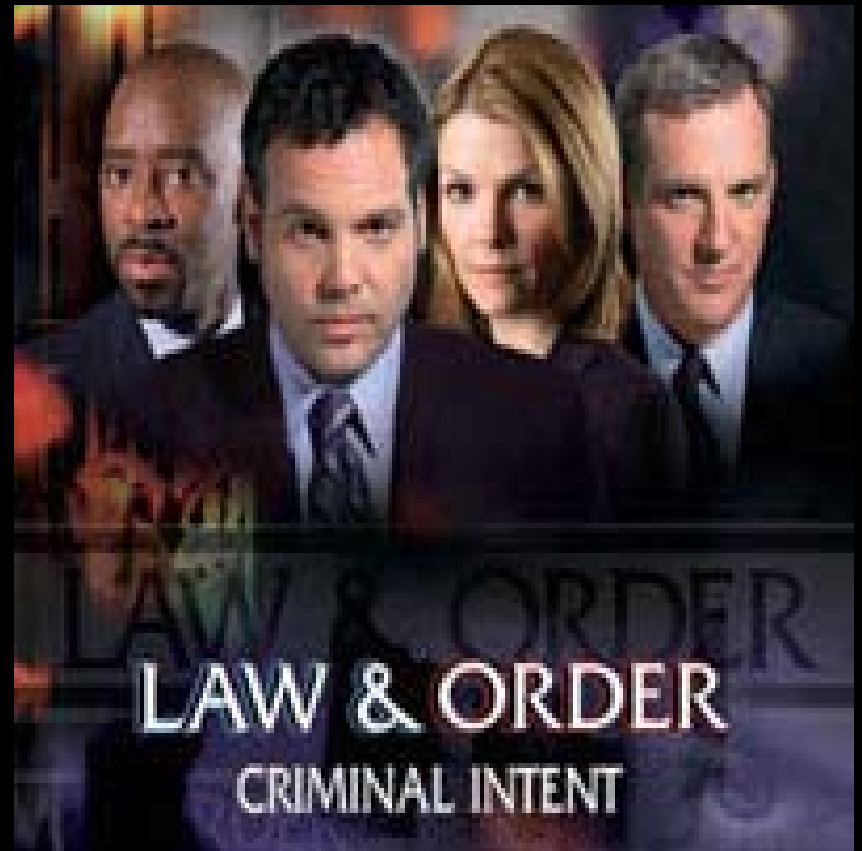
- Doctors
- Lawyers
- Fireman
- Policeman
- Nurses
- NOT about social work



# Exposure

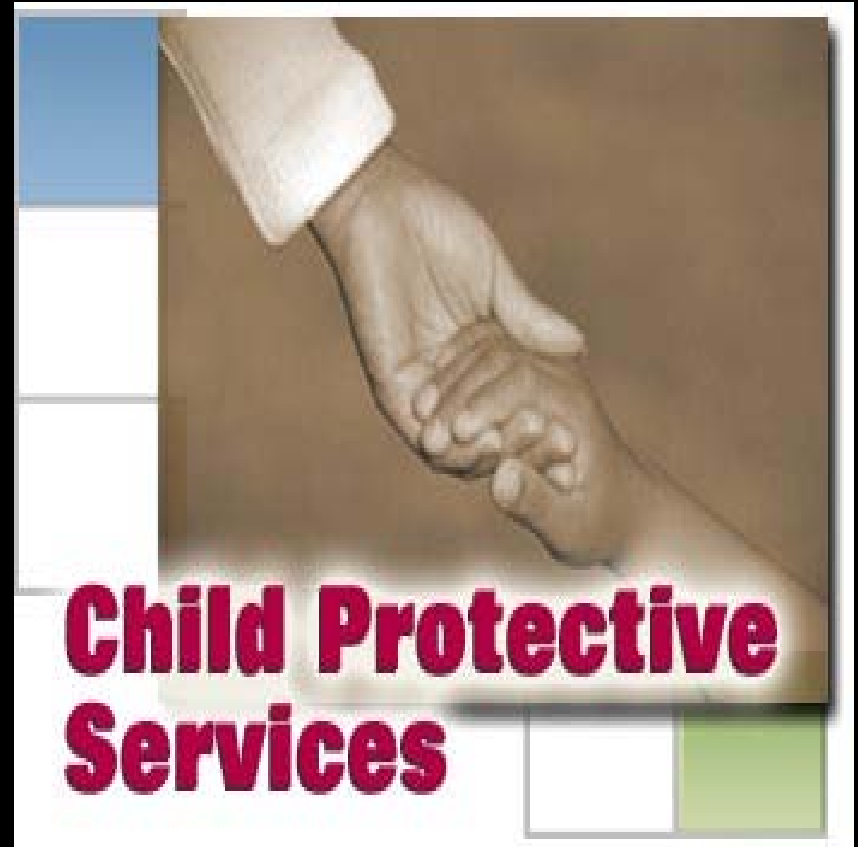
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- Media does not cover social work
  - E.R.
  - Law & Order
  - Boston Public
  - COPS
  - Scrubs



# When you think of the word “Social Work” what comes to mind?

- Most people think of ONE thing!
  - People who take children from abusive homes!
- Social Work is much more
- In fact social work is THE MOST DIVERSIFIED career field you will find!



# What makes us unique?

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- *Different professional job titles*
- M.D. – Medical doctor
- Teachers – Elementary, Secondary Teach
- Social Workers have **MANY** different titles.



# Social Worker's Work in?

- Mental Health - Counselors
- Criminal Justice – Parole, case managers
- Law – Family Lawyers
- Public Health – Health Prevention
- Public Housing – Counselors, community Workers
- Schools – School Social Workers



# Social Workers Work: In...

- Hospitals – counselors, discharge planners
- Recreation –Leisure planners
- Adoptions
- Business – Counselors
- Government – Policy Makers
- Forensics – Forensic Social Work
- Private Practice -Counseling
- Research – Social Service, Health



# Sample Employment Areas of Social Work

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# Administration & Management

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- Proactive leaders in public & private agencies (i.e. United Way, DHR, Three Springs)
- Required to have knowledge about social policy and the delivery of social services, as in:
  - Policy information
  - Program Design and Implementation
  - Budget Development and much more!



# Advocacy & Community Organization

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- Advocacy is one the keystones of social work practice.
- These Social Workers help organize and participate in community groups formed around a specific problems or issues, such as education, health care reform, homelessness, or welfare reform.



# Aging and Gerontology

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- Retirement planning
- Short Term & Long Term Care
- Case Management
- Community development and advocacy
- Adult leisure and recreational programming
- Home Health Care
- Nursing Home Care
- wellness programs and a large variety of other fascinating fields.



# Alcoholism & Drugs, Probation & Parole

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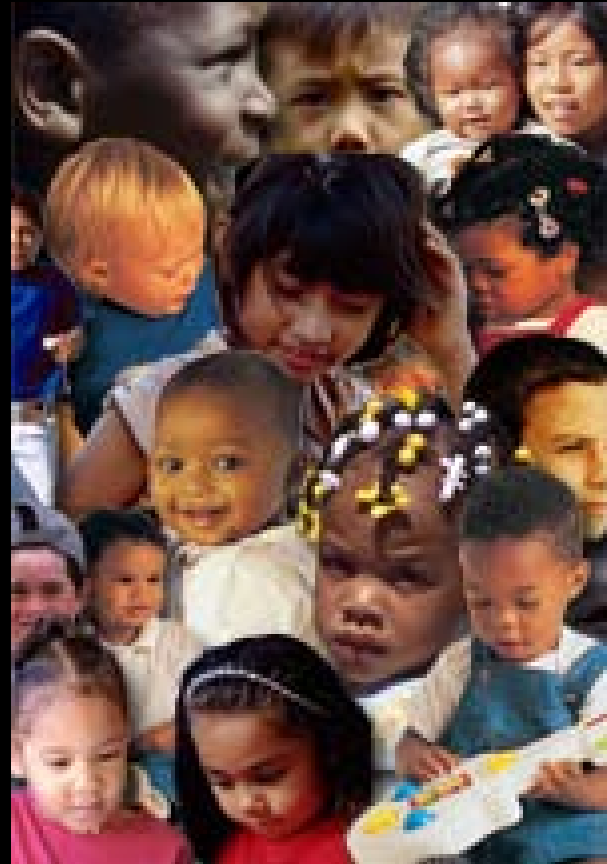
- Substance Abuse Counselors
- Trained in alcohol, tobacco, and other drug treatment
- Inpatient and outpatient treatment settings, and in government policy-making positions.
- They help individuals, families and communities find ways to recover from substance abuse.



# Child Welfare & Family

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- Child welfare social workers are advocates for children, the most vulnerable population.
- These social workers **work to support families** and prevent neglect, abuse, and exploitation.
- Foster care
- Support vulnerable families and intervene when necessary to ensure the safety of children.



# Counseling and Therapy

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- Private practice or within public or private agencies
- Helping individual's, families or groups understand, problem-solve and appropriately deal with personal, family or systemic problems
  - School social work



# Q. Social Work or Counseling? Which Degree Should I Choose?

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- From Tara Kuther, Ph.D.,  
Your Guide to Graduate School.

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- *I am in desperate need of advice. I am a practicing attorney, but have always wanted to be a therapist or counselor. I am gearing up to make the career change and am trying to decide whether to pursue a M.S.W. or Masters in Counseling. Which do I choose?*
- A. In my opinion, you're probably better off with an MSW for several reasons.
- First, the public has more familiarity with it; most people have heard of a social worker and have a general understanding of the MSW degree.
- Second, (and this one is important), you can be credentialed/licensed in all states with it.
- Third, (also critical!) insurance companies have no qualms about reimbursements for MSWs.
  - Reference: <http://gradschool.about.com/od/socialwork/f/counsel.htm>

# Developmental Disabilities

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- (formerly known as the mentally retarded population)
- The goal of the social worker in this environment is to link clients and their families to the appropriate service that **support full participation in society.**
- They may work with individuals or groups as well as provide counseling for families.



# Health Care Social Work

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- Social Workers are vital members of the health care interdisciplinary team, working in concert with doctors, nurses, and other health and mental health professionals.
- They educate and sensitize other health care providers to the social and emotional aspects of illness.
- Interdisciplinary team
- Discharge planners



# Public Health

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- Prevention
- Health Promotion
- Early diagnosis & treatment
- Long range planning, policy & legislation



# International Social Work

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- The functions of social work in international development are diverse.
- They include direct services in villages, refugee camps, orphanages, hospitals, and schools, as well as supporting the efforts of national governments, intergovernmental organizations, and nongovernmental organizations to enhance social well-being.



# Mental Health and Clinical Social Work

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- Clinical social workers are the nation's largest providers of mental health and therapy services, outnumbering both psychologists and psychiatrists.
- They provide mental health services in both urban and rural settings.
- They provide therapy for individuals and families dealing with relationship issues, depression, anxiety disorders, antisocial behavior, and personality disorders.



# Occupational & EAP Social Work

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- Occupational social workers help employees with problems that affect their job performance and satisfaction.
  - Workman's Compensation
- EAP (Employee Assistance Programs) social workers may lead groups on stress reduction or coping with layoffs. They also deal with substance abuse, domestic violence, single parenting, and vocational rehabilitation issues.
  - GM, FORD, GE, SONY



# Policy and Planning

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- This field allows social workers to have an influence on large numbers of people.
- Social Workers in this field address problems such as child abuse, homelessness, substance abuse, poverty, mental illness, violence, unemployment, and racism, among many others.
  - Usually work as agency directors (management)



# Politics

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- Increasingly, social workers are holding elective offices:
- School boards
- City and county governments
- State legislatures
- U.S. House Representatives
- The Senate.



# Public Welfare

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- Public welfare in the United States provides income and support services for much of society's most vulnerable populations-children, older adults, and people with chronic medical or disabling conditions.
- This job entails:
  - Financial Programs
  - Training and Supervising Staff
  - Setting and Evaluating Standards and criteria for service delivery.



# Biggest Mistake Made By Students

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- Not understanding the difference between social work & psychology
- Not understanding the full ramifications of their decision
- Psychologists usually work in research, counseling, therapy
- Social Work, anywhere!



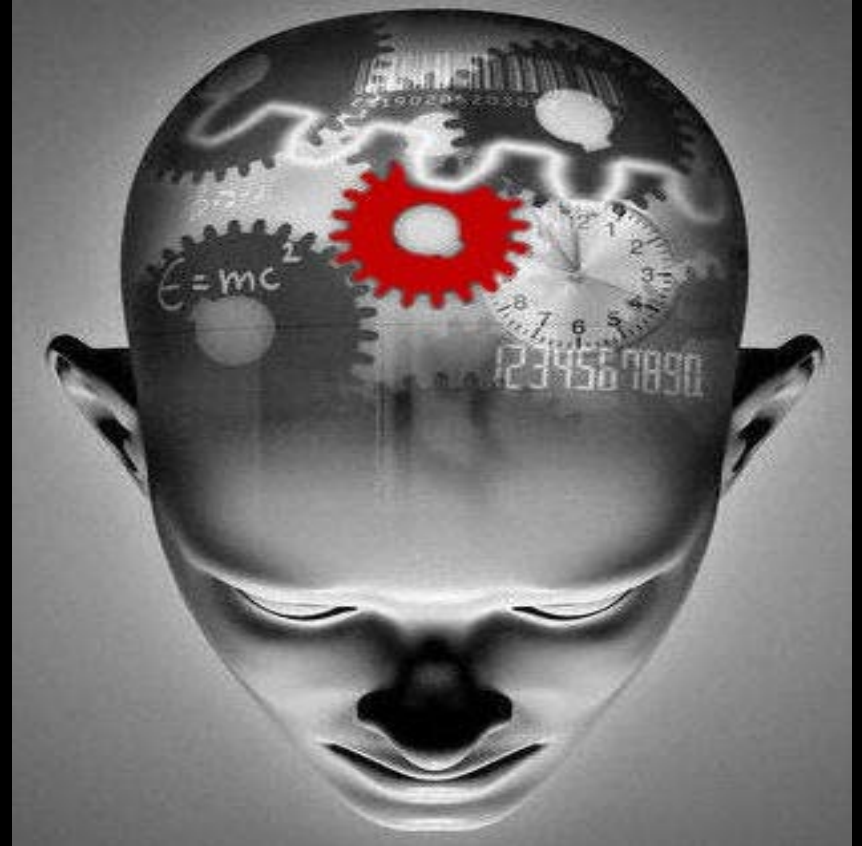
# Difference between social work and psychology?

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- Psychologist are professionals who study behavior and mental processes.
- Various levels of specialty – i.e. experimental, clinical, educational, counseling.
- Treatment modalities for mental illnesses
- Both Social Workers and Psychologists often work together and serve the same clients but for DIFFERENT reasons (i.e. mental health center).

# Psychology and Social Work in Mental Health

- Psychologist will be the one to administer psychological tests and measurements, diagnose and assess the clients mental illness.
- Clinically treat mental illness's using various theories



# Psychology and Social Work in Mental Health

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- Social Worker involved in treatment plans
- Assessment
- Behavior modification
- Family re-unification

# PIE = Person In Environment

## Environment



**Other People**



**Houses**



**Ideas**



**Person**



**Trees**



**Emotions**



**Memories**



**Feelings**

# Disaster Preparedness & Relief

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- Crisis Management
  - Defusing crisis
  - Short term and long term care
- Provision of necessary support services
- What are some examples?
  - Red Cross, Adventist Disaster Relief Agency



# Social Work

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- The social worker focus is helping/ social concerns: e.g. individual, family, social problems, counseling, finances, work, housing, life skills etc.



# Social Work Degrees

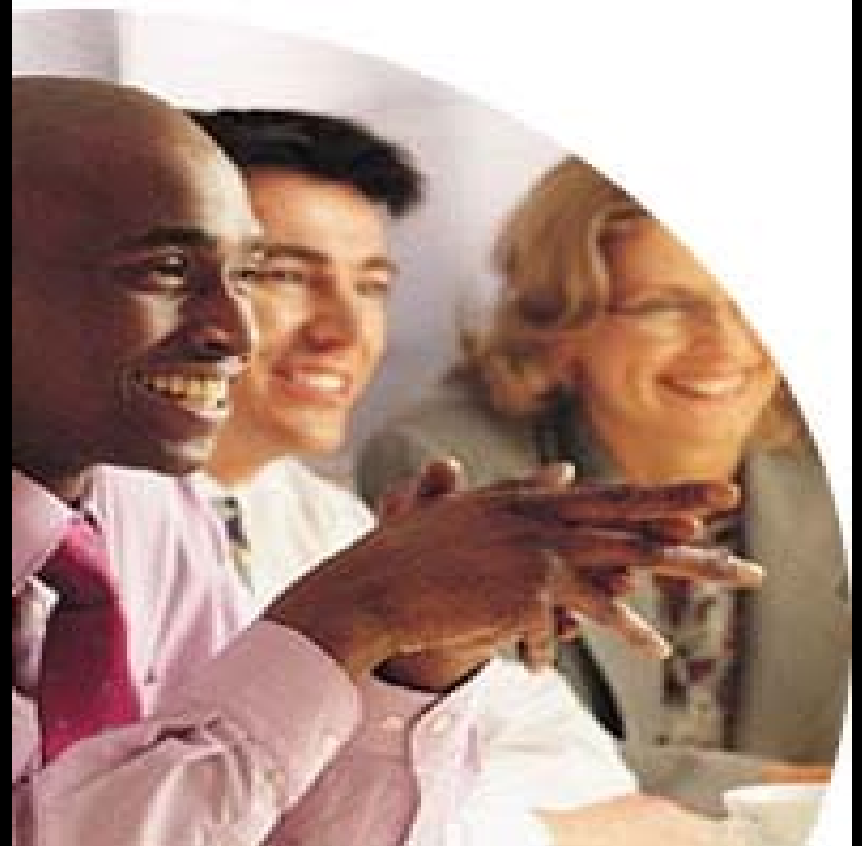
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- Terminal degree for social work is an MSW
- Psychology it is a Ph.D.
- Social Work degree is a “Professional” degree
- It is easier to get a job as a BSW social worker vs. psychologist, because it is a professional degree (far more positions available).

# What is a Profession?

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- Have skills that their members use to serve others
- Have a body of knowledge its members must know
- Skills members use to serve others



# Professional Degree

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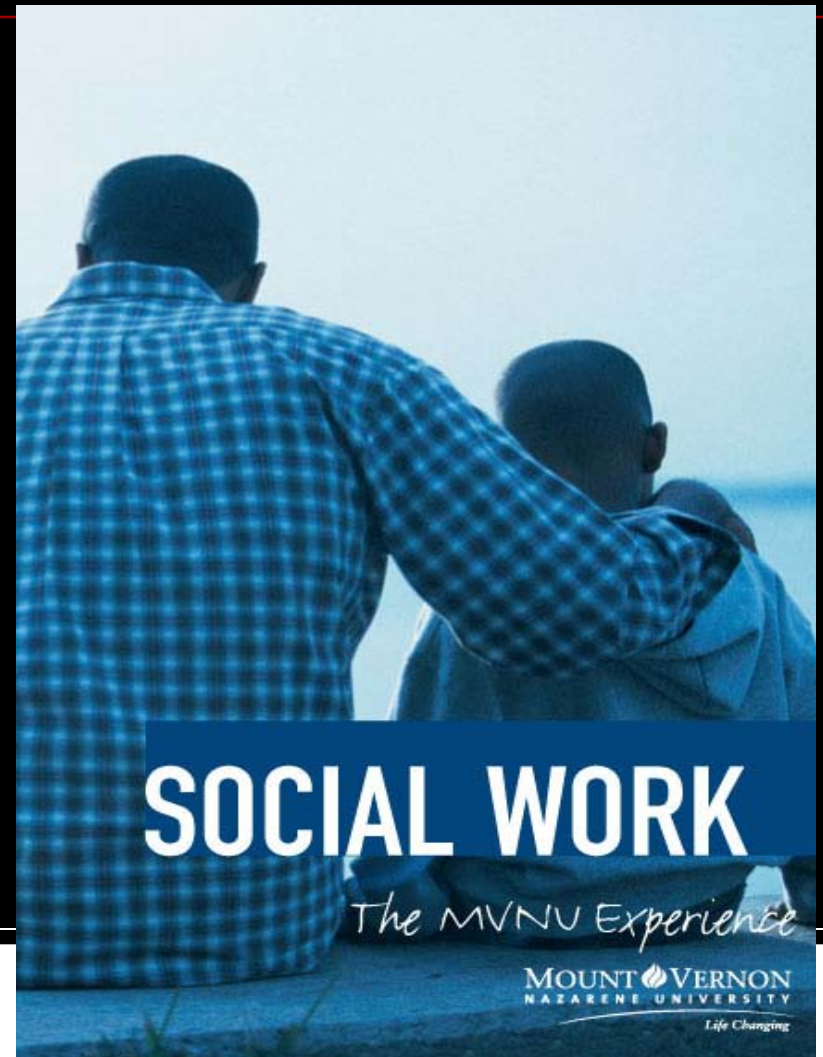
## Social Work

- Has a body of knowledge its members are expected to know
- Adhere to a set of shared ethics and values –
  - e.g. The Social Work Code of Ethics



# What is Social Work?

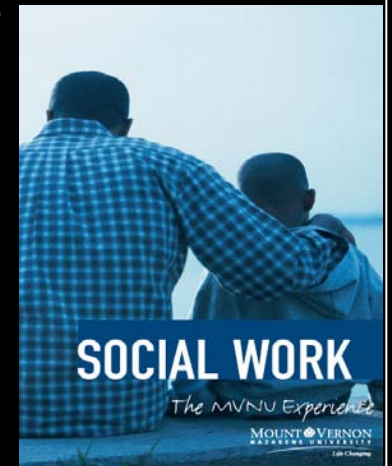
- Applied science of helping people achieve an effective level of social functioning by creating conditions that will enhance their social well being



# Need for Male Social Workers

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- Work with males
- WHY?
- Usually promoted to administrative positions



# OU Social Work Program

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- Accredited professional program
- Have specific standards that program must adhere to.

Council on Social Work Education

*Enhancing the quality of social work education since 1952.*

- Intro. to social work
  - Must complete an application package & professional interview,





# What is Social Work?

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- Helps people obtain tangible services to improve their overall well-being: emotional, social & health
- SOCIAL WORK IS THE **HELPING** PROFESSION!!



# Our Work = His Work

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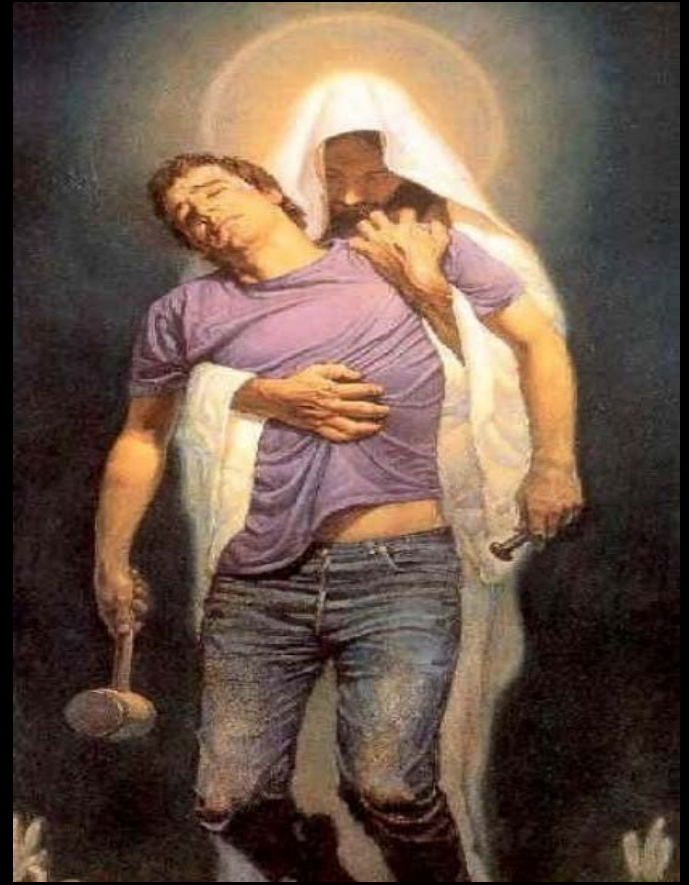
- Jesus is considered the “Master Social Worker”
- His life was spent exclusively on helping people, by bringing healing to the poor, less fortunate, sick, and those on the fringes of society



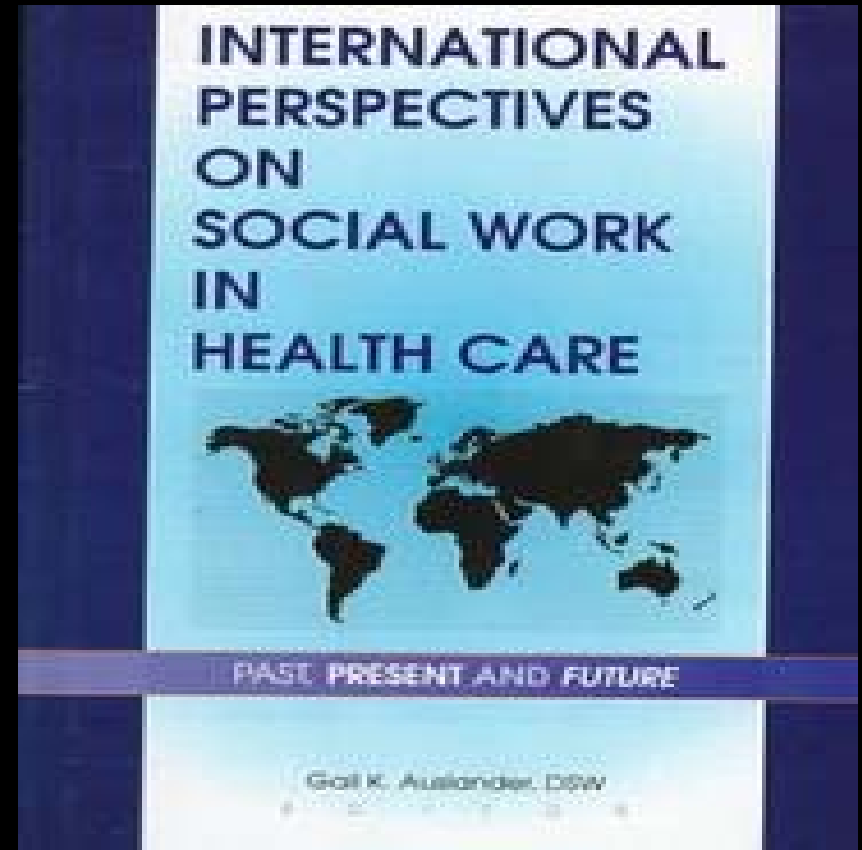
# Jesus the Master Social Worker

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- Jesus worked with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities
- Social work is a powerful profession, it allows us to directly interact and influence people who are in need

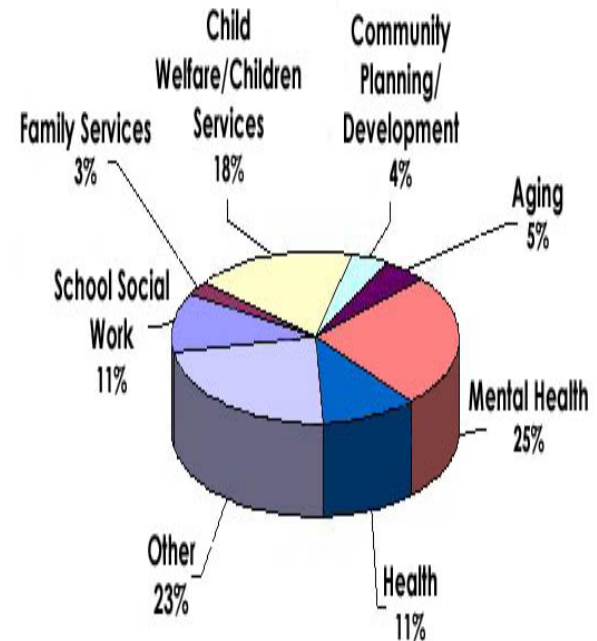


- Profession itself has been around since the late 1800's when charity organizations were founded to help less fortunate individuals and families



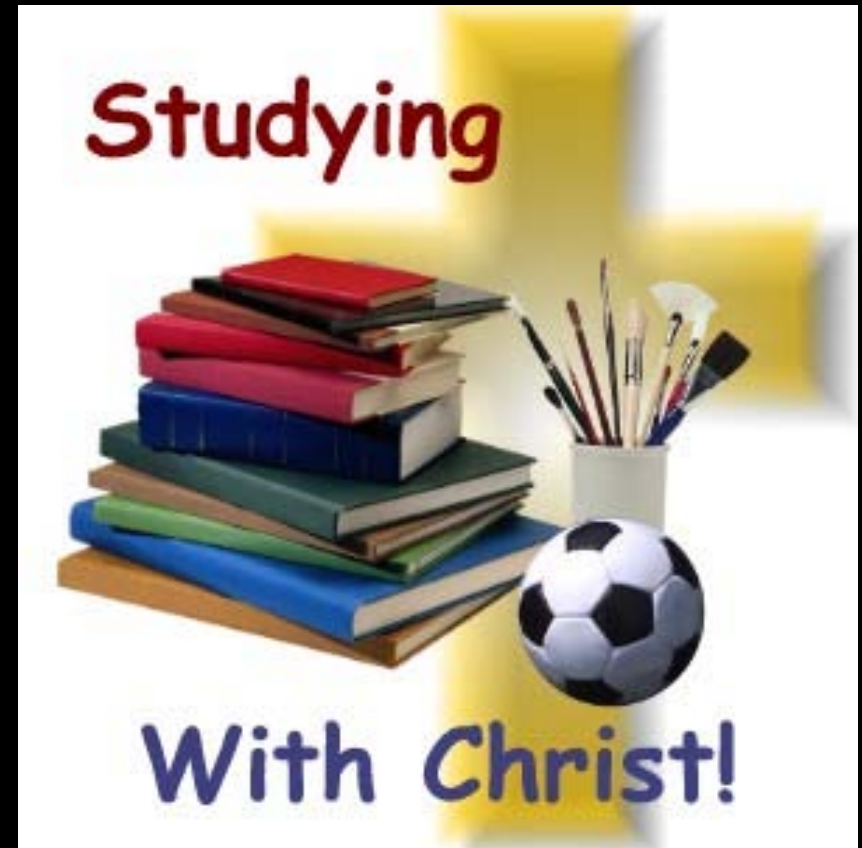
# Social Work Today

- Profession has over 600,000 social workers in the U.S. today
- 1000's of other social workers around the globe



# Graduate Degree

- Our program is an accredited institution by CSWE
- Graduate with a GPA of 3.0 and above, are eligible for advanced standing in graduate school.
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- Oakwood strongly encourages students to strive for a MSW degree, Why?
  - More options and mobility



# Graduate Degree

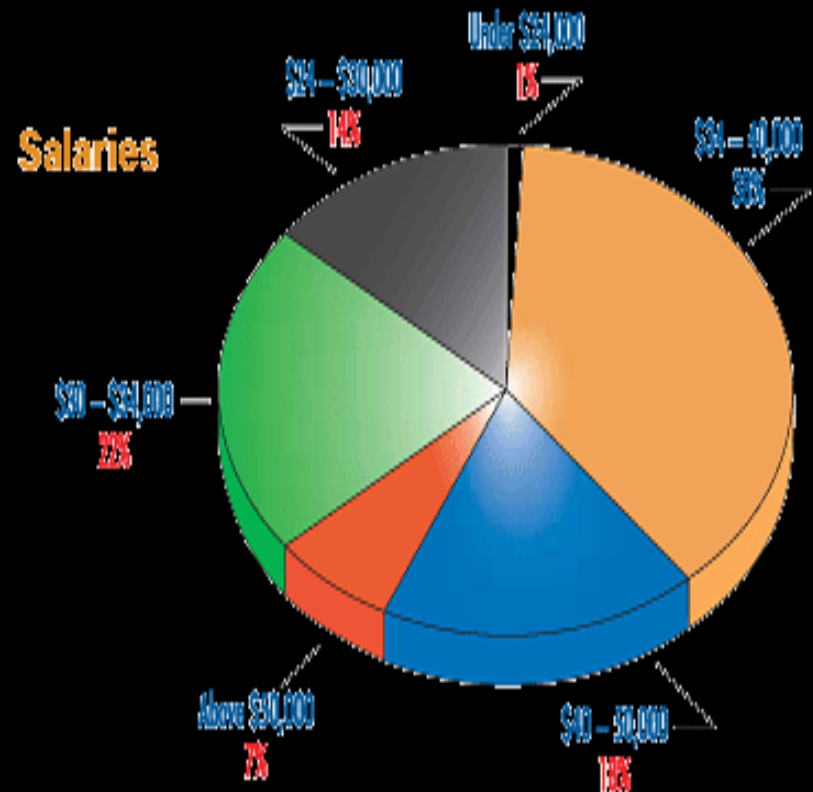
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- Many graduate school recruiters will travel to Oakwood University to recruit Social Work seniors
- The better your grades, service participation (e.g. Social Work Club), the greater chance you will have in being able to receive a scholarship for graduate school



# Social Work Salaries

- Average BSW salaries range start from \$30,000 to \$40,000
- MSW can start at between \$35 to \$50,000 plus benefits which often equals about 30 to 40% of one's salary
- (Princeton Review,



# Social Work Managers



- Goal for our students is to become *leaders! Why?*
  - *Capacity to Provide Christian Influence*
- Median income is \$68,390
- Low being \$59, 268
- High being \$81, 606
  - CNNMoney.com (April 2007)
  - CareerJournal.com (July 2006)
  - IMPORTANT: Your pay can be dramatically affected by compensable factors such as employer size, industry, employee

# Social Work Salaries

- MSWs make 18.5% more than BSWs
- According to the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), social work is one of the fastest growing careers in the United States
- The profession is expected to grow by 30% by 2010
- *This data is based on surveys administered to 2003-2004 graduates, 10 to 18 months after graduation, for which there was a 55.8% response rate.*
- For additional job survey information, please look at [the "Job Survey Results For MSW Graduates 2003-2004"](#)



# OU Social Work Program

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- Must have a 2.5 GPA overall or in SWK courses
- Have three opportunities for internships (direct experience in the field)
- 35 hours
- 75 hours
- 400 hours



# OU Social Work Program

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- Students are expected to take an introspective look at themselves
- High expectations for students
  - Expect you to be leaders
- Curriculum is thorough, & challenging, but students appreciate the results
- Our students are Highly valued and heavily recruited by graduate school recruiters
- **All students are expected to attend graduate school**



# Our Graduates

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Graduates are working  
**as leaders** in:

- Schools
- Educator's
- Child Welfare
- Law (lawyers)
- Rehabilitation
- United Nations  
(International Social  
Work)
- Private agencies



# Our Faculty

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- Caring & warm
- Christ-centered
- Experienced
- Deliberate in expectations
- All have years of clinical experience



# Program Committed to Preparing Christian Social Workers

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Your Success is **IMPORTANT** to US!

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