

Civil Service Exemptions

What are we advocating for?

The protection of the title “social worker” by eliminating the civil service exemptions.

Why?

Currently, some of those most vulnerable populations, served in civil service settings, can be receiving services from individuals with the job title of social worker without the training or license to practice social work.

What Next?

Raise awareness of the critical need to change our law that allows social work civil service exemptions.

Presently.....

Social work services provided by Ohio state agencies to those populations who have had the least success, or require the most competent support are not required to comply with the Ohio social work, counselor and marriage and family therapy law, due to the civil service exemption.

In civil service settings any one can be hired as a social worker without requirement of professional training or licensure.

- All Ohioans have the right to receive services that intimately impact all areas of their personal lives by a workforce that is not only credentialed but has the protection of ethical standards.
- Vulnerable, poor and often disenfranchised populations should have the same level of credentialed services providers, professionally trained and qualified, as the private sector.

The removal of Civil Service Exemptions in our State law will provide to all Ohioans the assurance that an individual with the title “social worker” has the training and license to practice as a social worker in the State of Ohio.