



NASW-CA Provides

- Professional Development
- Health and Well-being Support
- Advocacy and Community Organizing
- Social Work Practice Resources

Legislative Priorities

- Reform the Criminal Justice System
- Provide High Quality Health Care to All
- Improve Access to Behavioral Health
- Reduce Economic Inequality
- End Homelessness
- Promote the Well-being of Children, Youth, and Families
- Advance the Social Work Profession

NASW is the largest membership organization of professional social workers in the world. California is home to the largest chapter, with nearly 9,000 members.

NASW Mission

National Association of Social Workers is a non-profit membership organization that promotes, develops and protects the practice of social work and social workers. The mission of NASW, California Chapter, is to improve the conditions of life for all California residents through promoting the quality and effectiveness of social work practice in the state.



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About Social Workers

What do Social Workers do?

Social work is set apart from other helping professions by its “person-in-environment” orientation. Social workers work to address all manner of injustice caused by systemic inequalities and imbalances. Whether that be as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) providing therapy to help a client overcome life challenges, or advocating for client populations and addressing social justice issues at a macro level.

Some social workers help clients who face a disability or a life-threatening disease or a social problem, such as inadequate housing, unemployment, or substance abuse. Social workers also assist families that have serious domestic conflicts, sometimes involving child or spousal abuse.

Some social workers conduct research, advocate for improved services, engage in systems design or are involved in planning or policy development. Many social workers specialize in serving a particular population or working in a specific setting.

Social Work Core Values

Service: Social work’s primary goal is to help people in need and to address social problems.

Social Justice: Social workers pursue social change, particularly with and on behalf of vulnerable and oppressed people.

Dignity & Worth of the Person: Social workers respect the inherent dignity and worth of the person.

Importance of Human Relationships: Social workers recognize the central importance of human relationships.

Integrity: Social workers act honestly and responsibly and promote ethical practices in the organizations where they are employed.

Competence: Social workers practice within their areas of competence and develop and enhance their professional expertise.



Where Can You Find Social Workers?

- Advocacy Organizations
- Legal Aid Agencies
- Healthcare and Behavioral Health Agencies
- Disaster Response
- Public Administration
- Skilled Nursing Facilities
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Housing Programs
- Schools and Higher Education Institutions
- Elected Office
- Private Practice
- Child & Family Services
- Adult and Aging Services
- Technology Companies

Social work is one of the fastest growing careers in the United States. There were more than 715,000 social work jobs in 2020. The profession is expected to grow by 12 percent by 2030.

