

# PUBLIC SERVICE HUMAN SERVICES

## MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE SOCIAL WORKERS

### ANNUAL WAGES

ENTRY: \$32,200  
MEDIAN: \$49,300  
HIGH: \$58,600

### HOURLY WAGES

ENTRY: \$16.92  
MEDIAN: \$23.68  
HIGH: \$28.16

### EDUCATION AT ENTRY LEVEL

MASTER'S  
DEGREE



THE AUSTIN MSA PROJECTS TO NEED OVER  
**1,093** MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
SOCIAL WORKERS BY 2031. WILL YOU BE ONE?

### JOB DUTIES

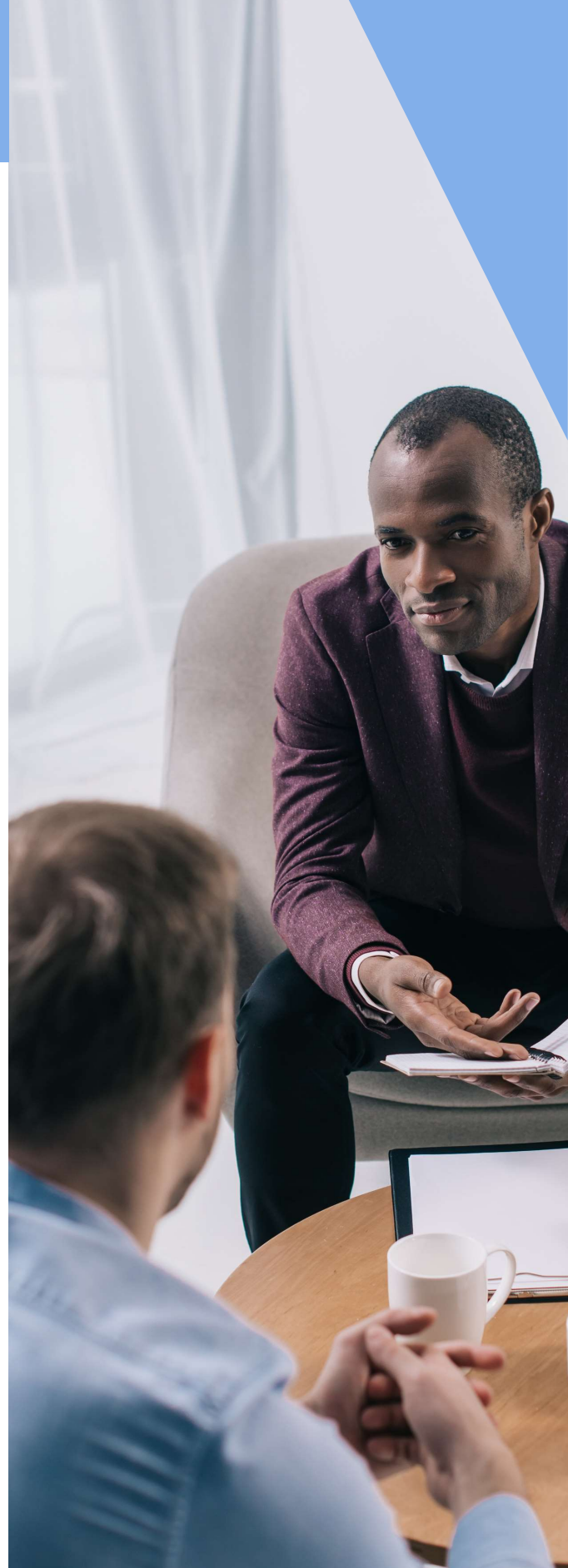
- Counsel clients in individual or group sessions to assist them in dealing with substance abuse, mental or physical illness, poverty, unemployment, or physical abuse.
- Monitor, evaluate, and record client progress with respect to treatment goals.
- Interview clients, review records, conduct assessments, or confer with other professionals to evaluate the mental or physical condition of clients or patients.

### YOU WILL THRIVE IN THIS POSITION IF...

- You have a concern for others and can advocate for your patients.
- You enjoy interacting with people and teaching.
- You are dependable and have integrity.
- Your stress tolerance is high.
- You know how to cooperate on a team.



**SCAN TO WATCH A VIDEO  
ABOUT THIS CAREER PATHWAY**



Data Sources

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## HOW TO GET STARTED IN THIS CAREER PATHWAY



Take health, science or biology classes while in school.



Volunteer at your local hospital, homeless shelter or social service organization.

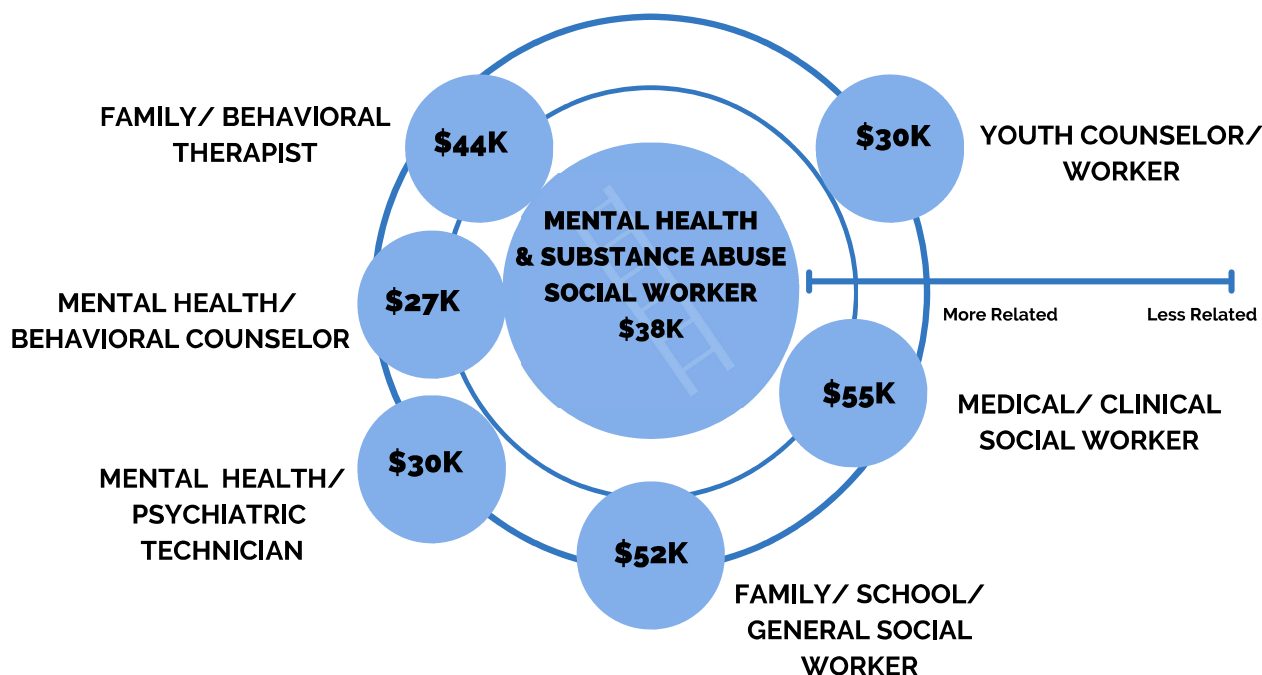


Find a part-time job or internship babysitting or with a local clinic or hospital. **Register at [workintexas.com](https://workintexas.com).**



Complete a personality test or explore more high-demand careers. **Scan the code to get started!**

## RELATED JOBS WITH MEDIAN SALARY



## WHAT IS SOMETHING NEW YOU LEARNED ABOUT THIS CAREER?

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