

Human Services Cluster



Preparing individuals for employment in career pathways that relate to families and human needs such as counseling and mental health services, family and community services, personal care and consumer services.

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Bureau of Labor
Statistics
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Child, Family & School Social Workers

In an ideal world, every family would be stable and supportive. Every child would be happy at home and at school. Yet in reality, many children and families face daunting challenges. For example, single parents struggle to raise kids while working. Children are exposed to violence. Teens may become parents before they're ready. Child, family and school social workers help kids and families get back on track so they can lead healthy, happy lives.

Do you enjoy working with families and children? If so, a career as a **child, family and school social worker** may be for you.

Child, family and school social workers help children and families cope with social and psychological problems that may arise at school, at home, at work or in the larger community.

Are You Ready To...?

- Counsel people with various backgrounds and problems
- Refer people to services and programs
- Keep records and complete lots of paperwork
- Work with other professionals
- Take good care of yourself to avoid burnout

It Helps To Be...

Someone who enjoys listening without judgment as other people describe their problems. You'll also need to be able to go to bat for your clients, helping them get the services they need.

A Day In The Life...

- Interview clients individually, in families, or in groups, assessing their situations, capabilities and problems, to determine what services are required to meet their needs
- Maintain case history records and prepare reports
- Administer welfare programs
- Recommend temporary foster care and advise foster or adoptive parents

Salary and Opportunity in the Austin-area

Median Hourly Wage: \$21.23

*That comes out to more than
\$44,155 a year.*

**In 2016, we had
1,327 Child, Family & School
Social Workers.
By 2026, we'll need 1,557.**

Could you be one of the 230?

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After High School...

In addition to a high school diploma, most employers for child, family and school social workers require a **bachelor's degree**, and many jobs require a **master's degree** in social work.



Top 5 Industries for Child, Family & School Social Workers

- 1.State Government
- 2.Individual and Family Services
- 3.Local Government
- 4.Elementary and Secondary Schools
- 5.Child Day Care Services

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CareerPlanning.aspx](http://www.wfscapitalarea.com/YouthServices/CareerPlanning.aspx).

Related College Majors

- Criminal Justice
- Gerontology
- Human Services
- Public Administration
- Public Policy Analysis
- Social Work
- Sociology

Related Industry Certifications

- Academy of Certified Social Workers Credential
- Certified Addiction Specialist
- Certified Eating Disorders Specialist
- Certified Relationship Specialist
- Certified School Social Work Specialist

Related Careers

- Educational, Vocational and School Counselors
- Marriage and Family Therapists
- Medical and Public Health Social Workers
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers

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