

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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Social & Human Service Assistants

Many people need special help: the elderly, homeless families, pregnant teens, people with addiction problems and more. Agencies face tight budgets. Social and human service assistants receive less training and less pay than social workers. The responsibilities of human-service assistants range from helping people with the chores of daily life to coaching disabled adults as they adjust to new jobs.

Do you enjoy helping people? If so, a career as a **social and human service assistant** may be for you.

Social and human service assistant is a general term covering a large number of job titles, including mental health aide, life-skill counselor and gerontology aide.

Are You Ready To...?

- Help clients get services, such as food stamps
- Train clients in cooking, shopping, bill paying and other skills of daily living
- Help clients find jobs
- Assist with craft activities
- Arrange transportation

It Helps To Be...

A good communicator. You'll also need to have a strong sense of responsibility and good time-management skills. You'll do well in this career if you are a patient, understanding person who loves helping others.

A Day In The Life...

- Keep records or prepare reports concerning visits with clients
- Submit reports and review reports or problems with superior
- Provide information or refer individuals to public or private agencies or community services for assistance
- Inform tenants of facilities, such as laundries or playgrounds

Salary and Opportunity in the Austin-area

Median Hourly Wage: \$18.49

That comes out to more than \$38,464 a year.

In 2016, we had 1,524 Social & Human Service Assistants. By 2026, we'll need 1,768.

Could you be one of the 244?

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After High School...

In addition to a high school diploma, most employers for social and human service assistants require an **associate's or bachelor's degree**.



Top 5 Industries for Social & Human Service Assistants

- 1.State Government
- 2.Individual and Family Services
- 3.Local Government
- 4.Religious Organizations
- 5.Child Day Care Services

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

Related College Majors

- Education
- Health Sciences
- Human Services
- Nursing (RN)
- Psychology
- Social Work

Related Industry Certifications

- Case Manager Certification
- Certified Housing Counselor
- Certified Workforce Specialist
- Disability Income Associate
- Family and Consumer Sciences Certification
- Certified Relationship Specialist

Related Careers

- Health Educators
- Marriage and Family Therapists
- Medical and Public Health Social Workers
- Mental Health Counselors
- Occupational Therapists

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