

For information on becoming a *Mental Health & Substance Abuse Social Workers* see **Sources of additional information** within this brochure.

For information on youth employment opportunities, contact a career counselor at your high school or employment counselor or job and information center coordinator at your local NH Employment Security Office.

Berlin (752-5500)

151 Pleasant Street, P.O. Box 159, 03570-0159

Claremont (543-3111)

404 Washington Street, P.O. Box 180, 03743-0180

Concord (228-4100)

10 West Street, P.O. Box 1140, 03302-1140

Conway (447-5924)

518 White Mountain Highway, 03818-4205

Keene (352-1904)

109 Key Road, 03431-3926

Laconia (524-3960)

426 Union Avenue, Suite 3, 03246-2894

Lebanon (448-6340)

85 Mechanic Street, 03766-1506

Littleton (444-2971)

646 Union Street, Suite 100, 03561-5314

Manchester (627-7841)

300 Hanover Street, 03104-4957

Nashua (882-5177)

6 Townsend West, 03063-1217

Portsmouth (436-3702)

2000 Lafayette Road, 03801-5673

Salem (893-9185)

29 South Broadway, 03079-3026

Somersworth (742-3600)

6 Marsh Brook Drive, 03878-1595



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So, you want to be a ...



Mental Health & Substance Abuse Social Workers

Human Services

Projected to be among the fastest growing occupations
(New Hampshire Occupational Projections, 2006-2016)

Here are a few things
you should know.



Your gateway to New Hampshire workforce and career information



You'll want to know a few things about this career

Average Hourly Wage

\$17.89

Expected 10 year Growth

35%

Average Annual Openings

21

(Total Employment 371)

Training/Education Needed

Bachelor's degree
May also require a Ph.D., M.D., or J.D. (law degree)

Basic Skills

Reading, listening, writing, speaking

Job Skills

Critical thinking, active listening, writing, judgment and decision making, service orientation, speaking, reading, comprehension, active learning, social perceptiveness

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Tasks

Source: O*Net Online

1. Counsel clients in individual and group sessions to assist them in dealing with substance abuse, mental and physical illness, poverty, unemployment, or physical abuse.
2. Interview clients, review records, and confer with other professionals to evaluate mental or physical condition of client or patient.
3. Collaborate with counselors, physicians, and nurses to plan and coordinate treatment, drawing on social work experience and patient needs.
4. Monitor, evaluate, and record client progress with respect to treatment goals.
5. Refer patient, client, or family to community resources for housing or treatment to assist in recovery from mental or physical illness, following through to ensure service efficacy.
6. Counsel and aid family members to assist them in understanding, dealing with, and supporting the client or patient.
7. Modify treatment plans according to changes in client status.
8. Plan and conduct programs to prevent substance abuse, to combat social problems, or to improve health and counseling services in community.
9. Supervise and direct other workers who provide services to clients or patients.
10. Develop or advise on social policy and assist in community development.

Interests (Holland Code)

SIA

(Social, Investigative, Artistic)

Interest Area

Human Services

Working Conditions

Most time in an office or residential facility (may travel locally to visit clients)

Average Work Week

40 hours

(Occasionally work evenings and weekends)

Sources of Additional Information

NH Employment Security
(Contact office nearest you or go online to www.nh.gov/nhes)

National Association of Social Workers
750 First St. N.E
Suite 700
Washington, DC 20002
www.socialworkers.org

Association of Social Work Boards
400 South Ridge Pkwy
Suite B
Culpeper, VA 22701
www.aswb.org