

LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER (LCSW)

Average Salary:
\$26.67 (hourly) \$55,470 (annual)

Education:
Master's

Projected 2028 Employment:
1,706

Average Annual Job Openings:
173



Common Job Titles: Clinical Social Worker, Dialysis Social Worker, Hospice Social Worker, Medical Social Worker, Nephrology Social Worker, Oncology Social Worker, Renal Social Worker, Social Work Case Manager, Social Worker

LCSWs Social workers help people solve and cope with problems in their everyday lives. One group of social workers—clinical social workers - also diagnose and treat mental, behavioral and emotional issues.

Social workers typically do the following:

- Identify people and communities in need of help
- Assess clients' needs, situations, strengths and support networks to determine their goals
- Help clients adjust to changes and challenges in their lives, such as illness, divorce or unemployment
- Research, refer and advocate for community resources, such as food stamps, childcare and health care to assist and improve a client's well-being
- Respond to crisis situations such as child abuse and mental health emergencies
- Follow up with clients to ensure that their situations have improved
- Evaluate services provided to ensure that they are effective

- Develop and evaluate programs and services to ensure that basic client needs are met
- Provide psychotherapy services

Social workers help people cope with challenges in their lives. They help with a wide range of situations, such as adopting a child or being diagnosed with a terminal illness. Social workers may work with children, people with disabilities, and people with serious illnesses and addictions. Their work varies based on the type of client they are working with.

Some social workers work with groups, community organizations, and policymakers to develop or improve programs, services, policies and social conditions. This focus of work is referred to as macro social work.

Advocacy is an important aspect of social work. Social workers advocate or raise awareness with and on behalf of their clients and the social work profession on local, state and national levels.