



## South Dakota High Demand & High Wage Career

### Career Cluster: Human Services



# Child, Family and School Social Workers

*Standard Occupational Code 21-1021*

## What They Do

Provide social services and assistance to improve the social and psychological functioning of children and their families. May assist parents, arrange adoptions and find foster homes for abandoned or abused children. In schools, they address such problems as teenage pregnancy, misbehavior and truancy. May also advise teachers.

## Is This For You?

**Work Interests** are described in the following categories (compatible with Holland's Model). People who tend to succeed in this career are:

**Social (Helpers)** — Like to work with other people. They enjoy teaching, helping and curing people. They are good with words.

**Enterprising (Persuaders)** — Like to influence, persuade or lead people and manage others. They enjoy working on a team toward goals, competition and business-like activities.

**Work Values** are aspects of work that are satisfying to you. The following work values are generally associated with this career.

**Relationships** — Allow employees to provide service to others and work with co-workers in a friendly, non-competitive environment.

**Achievement** — Results oriented, allow use of strongest abilities and provide feeling of accomplishment.

**Independence** — Allow employees to work on their own and make decisions.

**Abilities** reflect a person's aptitude to acquire skills and knowledge. The following abilities are important for success in the career.

- Oral Expression
- Oral Comprehension
- Problem Sensitivity
- Written Comprehension
- Written Expression
- Speech Clarity

## Basic Skills You Need

- Active Learning
- Speaking
- Critical Thinking
- Social Perceptiveness
- Judgment and Decision Making

## Education & Training

A bachelor's degree in social work is the minimum education recommended for child, family and school social worker positions. However, many of these workers have a master's degree in social work. The master's degree generally takes an additional two years to complete beyond the typical four-year bachelor's degree. Clinical social workers must be licensed in South Dakota. For more information, see the South Dakota Department of Social Services website at <http://dss.sd.gov>.

## Recommended Levels\* for the National Career Readiness Certificate

Applied Math	4
Workplace Documents	4
Graphic Literacy	4

\*Using the median skill level.

## Where They Work

The South Dakota industries which employ the largest number of Child, Family and School Social Workers are:

- Social Assistance
- State Government, Excluding Education and Hospitals
- Local Government, Excluding Education and Hospitals
- Educational Services

## South Dakota Employment & Wages

2020 Workers	2030 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Demand for Workers	Annual Median Wage	Annual Average Wage
1,772	1,877	105	5.9%	176	\$43,805	\$44,771

## Additional References

### Labor Market Information Center

[www.dlr.sd.gov/lmic](http://www.dlr.sd.gov/lmic)

### Career OneStop

[www.careeronestop.org](http://www.careeronestop.org)

### O\*Net Online

[www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org)

### mySkills myFuture

<https://www.myskillsmyfuture.org/>

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