



**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.

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.

Conventional (Organizers) — Detail oriented and organized. They like to analyze data, keep financial records and do research. They can be counted on to be accurate and enjoy structure and closure.

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
- Deductive Reasoning

Basic Skills You Need

- Active Learning
- Speaking
- Critical Thinking

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. A registered apprenticeship is another option for preparing for this occupation. To learn more, visit StartTodaySD.com or contact your local Job Service office to get started.

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:

- State Government, excluding Education and Hospitals
- Local Government, excluding Education and Hospitals

South Dakota Employment & Wages

2022 Employment	2032 Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Openings	Annual Median Wage	Annual Average Wage
1,771	1,869	98	5.5%	148	\$47,930	\$49,770

Additional References

Labor Market Information Center

www.dlr.sd.gov/lmic

Career OneStop

www.careeronestop.org

O*Net Online

www.onetonline.org

mySkills myFuture

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

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