

# Social Work Jobs

IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

## Sample Job Profiles

### SOCIAL WORKER, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

**Salary Range:** \$50,287 - \$123,334/year

**Duty Locations:** Throughout the World/Nation

**Summary:** Civilian employees serve a vital role in supporting the Army mission. They provide the skills that are not readily available in the military, but crucial to support military operations.

**Duties:** The person hired for this position will serve as a social work case worker and therapist concentrating in areas of spouse and child abuse. The individual will conduct intake interviews and make psycho-social assessments with particular emphasis on determining the presence and evaluating the level of violence in the situation. Where significant hazard of severe or continuing abuse is identified, the individual will make a recommendation for and take action to effect removal and protection of family members and others from the abuser.

### CLINICAL COUNSELOR, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

**Salary Range:** \$50,000 - \$55,000/year

**Duty Locations:** Iwakuni, Japan

**Summary:** Provide comprehensive case management services that require coordinating with collateral resources to assure that the health/safety of clients is maintained.

**Major Duties:** The person hired for this position will counsel individuals and families experiencing problems such as trauma, combat operational stress and marital issues. Counseling is non-medical and usually short term.

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#### WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK?

- ★ Food Assistance Program Specialists
- ★ Psychology Aids and Technicians
- ★ Social Science Aids and Technicians
- ★ Social Scientists
- ★ Social Service Aids and Assistants
- ★ Social Service Reps.
- ★ Social Workers
- ★ Recreation Specialists

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#### FEDERAL EMPLOYERS CAN HELP YOU REPAY YOUR STUDENT LOANS

- ★ Agencies are authorized to help repay up to \$10,000 of a loan per year, up to \$60,000 total per employee.
- ★ An employee who receives student loan repayments must commit to remaining in the service of the federal government for at least three years.
- ★ In 2008, **35 federal agencies** provided **6,879 employees** with almost **\$51 million** in student loan repayment benefits.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.opm.gov/oca/pay/studentloan>

#### FIND AND APPLY FOR FEDERAL JOBS AND INTERNSHIPS ONLINE

**MakingtheDifference.org** provides valuable information and resources about job and internship opportunities in the federal government. On the site you'll find more information about federal agencies, an overview of the benefits of federal service, a directory of federal internships, "hot jobs" and "cool internships," tips for finding and applying for federal jobs, and much more. Plus, you'll see how federal employees are making the difference every day.

**USAJOBS.gov** is a great place to begin your job search. It is administered by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, the federal government's human resources agency, and has a regularly updated list of federal job openings. You can also build your resume and learn about the federal jobs that best match your interests.



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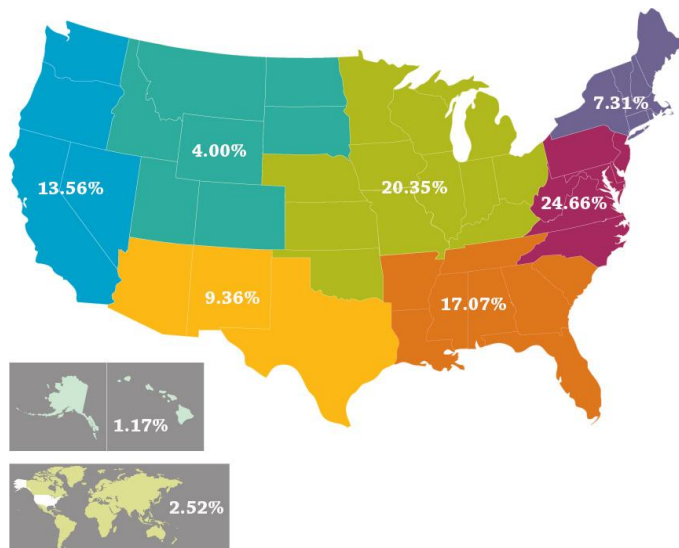
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## Social Work Positions In The Federal Government By Region



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## Examples of Internships

The **Center for Disease Control** has offices in Georgia, Washington, D.C., and across the country. There are summer employment and academic year internships, as well as work study positions. Visit [http://www.cdc.gov/employment/menu\\_student.html](http://www.cdc.gov/employment/menu_student.html) for more information.

The **Administration on Aging Volunteer Internship Program** has positions in throughout the U.S. The internships give students the chance to gain valuable professional federal experience with one of the most comprehensive aging services and research programs in the federal government. Visit <http://www.aoa.gov/about/jobs/internship.aspx> for more information.

**Search for internships at:**  
[makingthedifference.org/federalinternships](http://makingthedifference.org/federalinternships)

### WHERE THE JOBS ARE

By the fall of 2012, our largest federal agencies project that they will hire nearly 273,000 new workers for "mission-critical" jobs.

Download the report at [makingthedifference.org](http://makingthedifference.org).

TOP AGENCIES FOR SOCIAL WORKERS	
Department/Agency	# Positions
Department of Veterans Affairs	13,179
Department of Defense	3,858
Department of Health and Human Services	2,716
Department of Justice	1,061
Department of Agriculture	446
Department of the Interior	145
Department of Transportation	96

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TOP SOCIAL WORK FIELDS		
Field	# Positions	Projected Hires 2010-2012
Social Work	10,360	513
Psychology	6,432	308
Health Insurance Administration	2,189	992
Recreation Specialist	1,318	---
Social Services Aid and Assistant	1,108	---
Social Services	312	---

Fedscope, 3/10; *Where the Jobs Are*, 2009

SUBCOMPONENTS THAT HIRE SOCIAL WORKERS
★ The social work jobs in the <b>Department of Veterans Affairs</b> are all in the Veterans Health Agency. The number of positions increased by over 650 from 2005 to 2006.
★ In the <b>Department of Defense</b> the <b>Army, Navy and Air Force</b> each have 200-900 social work jobs.
★ The <b>Forest Service</b> (In the Department of Agriculture) employs over 400 people classed as "Social Services Aid and Assistant."
★ The <b>Bureau of Indian Affairs</b> contains the majority of social work and social services positions in the Department of the Interior. The National Park Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service each contain over twenty positions in social services.
★ The <b>Indian Health Service</b> provides the majority of positions in social work and social services in the Department of Health and Human Services.