

Public Health Social Workers

Public Health Social Workers are: professionals with specialized education, knowledge and skills that work to promote the wellbeing of individuals, families and communities through their knowledge of human behavior, psychosocial and ecological systems, cultural diversity, and problem solving methods. This work is done while adhering to professional values and principles and providing services in a way that is consistent with a professional code of ethics.



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Client Assessment: I can complete a health and psychosocial assessment, considering the cultural and linguistic needs of each client.

Problem/Opportunity Identification: I identify problems or opportunities that would benefit from social work intervention.

Planning: I identify immediate, short-term, long-term, and ongoing needs, as well as develop appropriate and necessary care strategies and goals to address those needs.

Monitoring: I employ ongoing assessment and documentation to measure the client's response to the plan of care.

Outcomes: I maximize the client's health, wellness, safety, adaptation, and self-care through quality social work services, client satisfaction, and cost-efficiency.

Termination of Services: I appropriately terminate social work services based upon established case closure guidelines.

Facilitation, Coordination, and Collaboration of Social Work Services: I facilitate coordination, communication, and collaboration with the client and other members of the care team in order to achieve goals and maximize positive client outcomes.

Legal: I adhere to applicable local, state, and federal laws, as well as employer policies, governing all aspects of social work practice, including client privacy and confidentiality rights and with the client's best interest in mind.

Ethics: I behave and practice ethically, adhering to the tenets of the code of ethics that underlies my social work profession.

Advocacy: I advocate for the client at the service-delivery, benefits-administration, and policy-making levels.

March is recognized each year as SOCIAL WORK Month!

Public Health Social Workers are an integral part of the public health team.