## **Social Worker**



## Characteristics

These are the traits & skills that make a good Social Worker

- Listening
- Compassion
- Interpersonal Relationships
- Time Management
- Problem Solving
- Emotional Stability

## Education - What do I need?

- You need to complete a bachelor's degree ( 4 years) in Social Work, BSW
- Most BSW program are not direct entry, so you have to take a year of general studies with some prerequisite courses and enter the BSW for year 2
- Supervised practical experience is required as a part of your BSW or once you graduate
- In high school courses such as Law, Social Justice, Family Studies and Psychology would be beneficial

Starting salary is typically around \$40,000 per year

## Similar, but different

- Child & Youth Care Worker
- Vocational Rehabilitation Counsellor
- Correctional Officer
- Counsellor
- Mental Health Worker