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WHAT IS A SOCIAL WORKER?

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Other titles: Care and Protection Social Worker; Clinical Social Worker; Community Social Worker; Cultural Services Social Worker; Iwi Social Services Social Worker; Youth Justice Social Worker.

WHERE DO SOCIAL WORKERS WORK?

They work in various locations

- · schools.
- hospitals.
- homes,
- marae
- government agencies
- · residential centres
- Courts

Many social workers travel around the local area to visit people in their homes.

WHAT TRAINING IS INVOLVED?

To become a social worker, you need to be registered with the Social Workers Registration Board. You also need to have a recognised qualification such as:

- Bachelor of Social Work or Applied Social Work
- Ngā Poutoko Whakarara Oranga Bachelor of Bicultural Social Work
- Poutuārongo Toiora Whānau
- Master of Social Work.

WHAT CLASSES SHOULD I TAKE NOW?

A tertiary entrance qualification is required to enter further training and these subjects may be useful:

- English
- Te Reo Māori
- Health Education
- Social Studies
- Maths

