



SOCIAL WORKERS ARE ESSENTIAL

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How long have you been a social worker?

I have been a social worker for 23 years, since I received my BSW in 1998. I have worked at many agencies in Tucson, since this is a very versatile field of practice.

Please list any degrees, licenses, etc.

I have a Bachelors and Masters in Social Work.

Why/How did you get into social work?

My family provided foster care when I was a teenager, and that sparked my interest in helping others, particularly children.

What motivates you to do social work?

I enjoy linking people to services that can help to improve their daily lives and meet their personal needs. I am always excited when DDD members are empowered and motivated to make changes in their lives that help them meet their own goals and dreams.

What advice would you give someone considering social work?

This isn't an easy field to work in. Having said that, I can't imagine doing anything else. No other job allows for so much diversity in daily work, allows me to make an impact, and is so rewarding. I would recommend this field of work to anyone who loves people and really wants to make a difference helping others.