



**SOCIAL WORKERS**  
ARE ESSENTIAL

## **SUSAN THOMPSON**

### **How long have you been a social worker?**

In 2017 and 2018, I completed an internship through Arizona State University and with the DES Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD). In 2019, I was hired as a social worker with DDD.

### **Please list any degrees, licenses, etc.**

I currently have a Bachelor's degree in Social Work.

### **Why/How did you get into social work?**

I chose to be Social Worker because I wanted to be employed in a field that provided meaning for my life. I wanted to know that the work I do is having an impact on people's lives.

### **What motivates you to do social work?**

I don't have to wonder if my efforts have made a difference. I get to see them every day in the lives of the people that I work with.

### **What advice would you give someone considering social work?**

If you are contemplating whether or not you should choose the field of Social Work, follow your heart. You will not regret it.