



SOCIAL WORKERS ARE ESSENTIAL

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How long have you been a social worker?

I started out with my degree in 2006 working for the State of Idaho as a child protection investigator. I had already interned with the Department for two years prior to this (while in college and receiving my education) and I knew it was what I was looking for

Please list any degrees, licenses, etc.

Licensed Bachelor of Social Work with emphasis on Family Centered training.

Why/How did you get into social work?

I started out working in the Early Childhood Education/Special Needs field and realized families required more support year-round than what was available to them through the school system. I thought by becoming a social worker I would be able to address the needs of children and adults in my community and be able to assist them with resources to improve their lives.

What motivates you to do social work?

Serving families is my passion and I have been able to maintain this by working for the State of Arizona through DDD.

What advice would you give someone considering social work?

It's a wonderful field but can be difficult emotionally. I would encourage someone looking to enter the field to really have good self-organizational skills, as well as good support and self-care skills.