



Counselor, Social Worker & Marriage and Family Therapist Board

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What Are Licensed Social Workers?

Licensed Social Workers (LSW or LISW) are mental health professionals licensed by the State of Ohio who are trained to help individuals, groups, families and organizations. A LSW or a LISW can help you deal with emotional problems and help you resolve conflicts or problems relating to others at home, at work, in school and in the world around you.

What Qualifications Do Licensed Social Workers Have?

Licensed Social Workers have specialized knowledge, education and training in the fields of human development and behavior, methods of social intervention, social welfare and policy and social work theory. To become a Licensed Social Worker (LSW), an applicant must have at least a bachelor's degree in social work and pass the national examination administered by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB). To become a Licensed Independent Social Worker (LISW) an applicant must complete two-year post-master's supervised experience period as a LSW. After completing two years under supervision, the applicant must pass the national examination administered by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB). To keep their licenses, social workers must complete 30 hours of continuing education every two-year renewal period.