



***Public view of the social
work profession in
selected states of the U.S.
from the perspective of
licensed social workers***

Dear Participant:

My name is **Katerina Vaculikova** and I am a **MSW student at the Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic**. In my final project, I am exploring **the profession of social workers in selected states of the U.S.** (ie. State of California, State of Iowa, State of New York, and State of Texas – in alphabetical order) and examining **how the social workers perceive prestige of their own profession through the eyes of the public**. If you are a licensed social worker practicing within the selected states listed above, I am inviting you to participate in this research study by completing this online survey.

The questionnaire will require approximately **10 minutes to complete** and participation is strictly **voluntary**. Completion of this online questionnaire will indicate your willingness to participate in this study. The data collected will remain **confidential** and will be used only for the purposes of my final project. There is no compensation for responding nor is there any known risk. If you would like to get more information on my project or are interested in the results of the survey or if you would like to provide me with any comment, please do not hesitate to contact me on my e-mail address listed below.

If you choose to participate in this project, please answer all questions as honestly and promptly as possible (***the data collection will be stopped by July 12, 2012, 11:59 p.m.***).

Thank you very much in advance for taking the time to assist me in my educational endeavors.

Sincerely,

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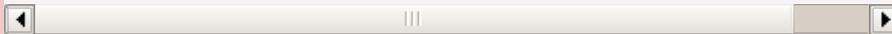


* 1. Are you a licensed social worker?

- No
- Yes

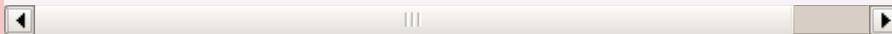
* 2. Please, indicate the state you work in as a social worker:

- State of California
- State of Iowa
- State of New York
- State of Texas
- Other (please specify):



* 3. Please, indicate the sphere of social work you work in:

- Children, family, school social work
- Healthcare social work
- Mental health and Substance abuse social work
- Other (please specify):



* 4. Please, indicate your work arrangement:

- Employed - full-time
- Employed - part-time
- Private practice
- Other (please specify):



* 5. In your opinion, what level of educational training does general public consider necessary for social workers to have?

- High school diploma
- Bachelor's degree
- Master's degree
- Doctoral degree

* 6. In your opinion, what does the general public consider as an average salary range of a social worker?

- \$8,000-18,000
- \$18,000-28,000
- \$28,00-38,000
- \$38,000+

* 7. In your opinion, which of the following roles does public consider appropriate for a social worker? If you can think of any other, please specify.

- Agent of social change
- Legal adviser
- Group therapist
- Administrator
- Mental health therapist
- Prescribe medication
- Community organizer
- Child protector
- Psychiatric intern

Other (please specify):

* 8. Please, choose from the following sources those which, in your opinion, general public gains its perception of social work from. If you can think of any other, please specify.

- Magazines
- Books
- Television
- Movies
- Knew a social worker
- Personal experience
- Newspaper
- Clergy

Other (please specify):

* 9. From the sources listed in previous question, what kind of perception of social workers does the public receive?

- Positive
- Negative
- Neither
- Can't tell

* 10. In your opinion and based on your experience, the general public believes the following statements to be true or false?

	True	False
Social workers work with all social classes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social workers are source of comfort in times of need.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social workers are mostly women.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social workers primarily care for people on welfare.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social workers take advantage of the government.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social workers have right to take children from parents.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social workers give people their welfare checks.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social workers serve troubled children.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social workers use group therapy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social workers provide family therapy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social workers facilitate community change.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social workers conduct psychological tests.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social workers perform psychotherapy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social workers can be in private practice.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

* 11. In your opinion and based on your experience, how would you rate public agreement with the following

statements?

Strongly
agree

Agree

Neutral

Disagree

Social workers counsel as well as psychologists do.

I would see social worker if fee was less than a psychologist's.

Social workers are important in addressing social problems.

I may need a help from a social worker in the future.

Social workers don't make a difference in our country.

We need more social workers.

Social workers help change social policies.

The primary role of social workers is to help individuals and families.

The primary role of social workers is to

solve
community
problems.

The primary
role of social
workers is to
change
social
policies.

* 12. In your opinion and based on your experience, how would general public rate a perceived value of each of the following professional to the community?

	Very valuable	Somewhat valuable	A little valuable
Social worker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Psychologist	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Psychiatrist	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Counselor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nurse	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clergy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

* 13. In your opinion and based on your experience, which professional would general public perceive as "very effective" when addressing the following types of clinical problems?

	Social worker	Psychologist	P:
Alcoholic adult	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Abused child	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Marital problems	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Domestic violence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Disruptive/overactive child	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sexually abused adult	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Homeless person	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mentally ill adult	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

* 14. In your opinion and based on your experience, which of the following professional would general public be least likely to seek for help from in times of need?

- Social worker
- Psychologist
- Psychiatrist
- Physician
- Religious leaders

* 15. In your opinion, which of the following professions would generally make parents the happiest if their offspring chose a given profession?

- Social worker
- Psychologist
- Psychiatrist
- Nurse

* 16. In your opinion and based on your experience, is public well informed and generally aware of the following?

	Rather yes	Yes	No	Rather no
Education requirements for a performance of a social work profession	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Licensure requirements for a performance of a social work profession	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Variability and complexity of social worker's roles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

* 17. Do you think there are specifics in the state you work in regarding the public view of the social work profession? If yes, please specify.

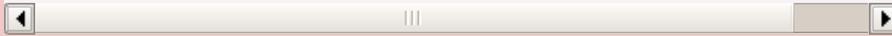
- Can't tell
- No
- Yes (please specify):



* 18. What is your gender?

- Female
- Male

19. What is your age?



Thank you very much for completing this survey!

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