



Considering Becoming an HSP?

A Human Service Professional is someone who has the desire to help other individuals in some sort of meaningful way. The Human Service Professional may help people ranging from just an individual, to a family, to a community, or even to a population.

As a Human Service Professional, you are committing yourself as a whole to helping those around you who are in need. In doing so, you are enabling those individuals to accomplish a better state of living than they are presently in.

Being a Human Service Professional calls for commitment, authenticity, empathy, and a genuine passion for helping people you encounter to succeed in life. Have you got what it takes? Find out more.

For More Info....

If you would like to know more about the Human Service Professional, visit these websites:

* www.nationalhumanservices.org

* www.cshse.org

To get started in becoming a Human Service Professional, contact your local higher education programs to see what's available. You may also look online to see what schools may be right for you.



Human Service Professionals: Who and What

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Characteristics of HSP's

Human Service Professionals have a number of Characteristics that set them apart from the General Public which aid them in successfully helping their clients.

Some of these Characteristics include:

- * Being Self-Aware
- * Excellent Listening Skills
- * Exceptional Communication Skills
- * Empathetic
- * Dependability
- * Patient
- * Great Critical Thinking Skills
- * Desire to Learn
- * Optimism
- * ...and more!



What Does An HSP Do?

A Human Service Professional helps others with their problems and helps get the problems resolved. To do this, the HSP must first understand the Client need and the environment from which the Client is coming from. Upon establishing the problem(s) of the Client, the HSP then will network with other HSP's in order to get the resolve needed for the Client.

The Human Service Professional will likely:

- * Network with other HSP's
- * Aid Clients in more than one area

The HSP Should ALWAYS:

- * Be aware of themselves
- * Respect Client confidentiality
- * Engage in appropriate and healthy behaviors with the Client
- * See and treat each Client as a unique individual

Who are HSP's?

Many Human Service Professionals choose a field that is specific to their own experiences. However, HSP's range from a variety of different people and different walks of life.

Some examples of different HSP's include:

- * Counselors
- * Psychologists
- * Social Workers
- * Youth Street Workers
- * Day Care Staff
- * Corrections Workers
- * Case Managers
- * Physicians

Some Less Professional HSP's include:

- * Police Officers
- * Volunteers
- * Natural Helpers (i.e., hairstylists & bartenders)

