

Policy Practice and Social Work

The Who, Why, & What

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Social Work Department



Who Are Social Workers

What kinds of roles do practitioners play?

When you hear about social work as a profession, what jobs do you think they do? Write down as many as you can think of.

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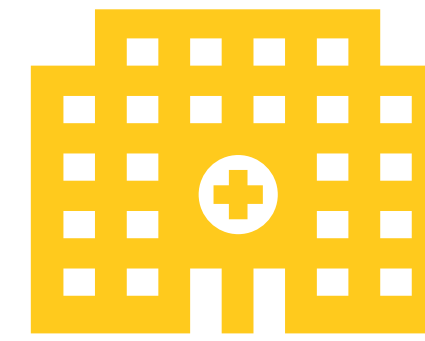
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Work with Immigrants



Housing or
Financial
Services



Hospital and
Health Services



Working
with Aging
Clients



Mental Health Services



School
Social Work



Child
Welfare



Child, Youth,
and Family
Services



Disability
Services



Chemical and
Substance Abuse
Services

Direct Social Work Practice

**A 14-year-old
has missed 20
days of school
this year.**

**Go stand in
the corner
where you
think the
actual
problem is.**

The Kid

The Family

Classroom

The School

The Rules

Front of Classroom

The Parable of the River



A Why for Policy Practice

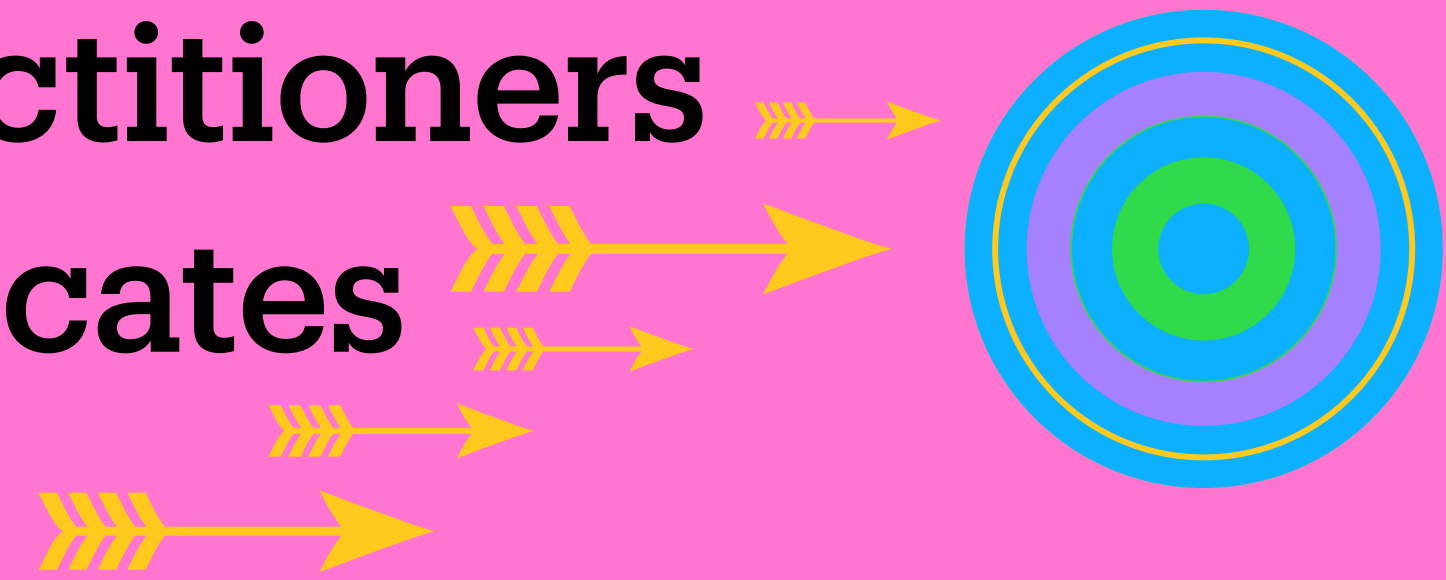
Policy Practice

efforts to change policies in legislative, agency, and community settings by establishing new policies, improving existing ones, or defeating the policy initiatives of other people.

Policy Advocacy



What Policy Practitioners and Policy Advocates Seek to Change



aims to help relatively powerless groups improve their resources and opportunities.

- Regulations
- Needs-Meeting Policies
- Opportunity-Enhancing Policies
- Social Service Policies
- Referral and Linkage Policies
- Civil Rights Policies
- Equality-Enhancing Policies
- Asset Accumulation Policies
- Infrastructure Development Policies
- Economic Development Policies
- Budget-Changing Policies
- Protective Policies

Policy Practice

(Popple & Leighninger, 2014)

As a Discipline and What We Might Target

What questions or comments do you have?

Remember:

"At the risk of seeming ridiculous, let me say that the true revolutionary is guided by great feelings of love. It is impossible to think of a genuine revolutionary lacking this quality."

— Che Guevara 1965



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