



Social Workers promote the National Outcomes for Children and their Families:

That children and young people

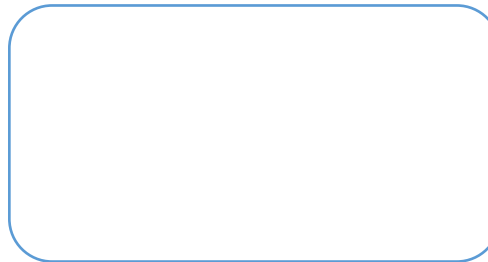
- have a voice in matters that affect them
- enjoy the best possible health
- are safe
- have friends
- learn skills to be independent
- take part in home, school and community life

That families

- understand their child's/young person's needs
- are supported to ensure rights of the child are respected
- take part in community services
- look after, take care of and support their child, young person
- feel supported by family, friends and neighbours

How can I get a Social Work service?

- Ask a member of the team
- Book into a Drop-in Social Work Clinic, if available
- Take up offers of parent and carer information and training sessions
- Make direct contact using the details below:



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SOCIAL WORK SERVICE



Information for Fathers, Mothers and Carers

Social Workers are committed to supporting you, your child and family



Social Workers work with children and families attending the Children's Disability Network Team.

Understanding and supporting each family is at the heart of our service. Every family is different with its own strengths and ways of coping. Social Workers offer support to help families find solutions to challenges that may arise. Solutions that are positive, inclusive and work for families.

Social Workers work closely with team colleagues to support children, parents and carers and to develop your child's plan, Individual Family Support Plan (IFSP).

Social Workers also work closely with community organisations to best meet the needs of children and their families.

Social Workers may be able to help by giving:

- Time and space to think about the emotional impact of your child attending a service, their extra needs or diagnosis on you and other family members.
- Time and space to hear your concerns, hopes and priorities for your child and family.
- Training and support to develop the extra skills needed when parenting a child with additional needs.
- Information and help to access resources in community that may be of benefit to your child and family.
- Opportunities to connect with other parents/carers and siblings who can share common experiences.
- Help with understanding and making applications for benefits and services, for example - social welfare, housing, respite services
- Support when facing additional challenges, for example, problems with health, mental health, relationships or money
- Help at a time of crisis for you or your family

The Social Worker can meet with you on your own so you are free to talk and may meet you in the Children's Disability Network Team centre, your home or online.

Social Workers may also work directly with children and young people, both individually and through groups.

Please note not all services may be available due to lack of social work resources.