



Social Services: Helping Our Communities

A community is a group of people who live in the same area or have something in common. It's important for everyone in a community to be healthy and safe. But sometimes, communities face problems like people not having homes, not enough money, or problems with their health. That's where social services come in. Social services are like helpers that support people and make communities stronger.

One important job of social services is to make sure people have what they need to live. This means helping people find a safe place to live, get food, and see a doctor when they are sick. Some groups help people who don't have a home find shelter. They also give food to people who are hungry. This helps everyone in the community have a chance to be healthy and safe.

Social services also help people learn and grow. They offer programs that teach people new skills, help them find jobs, and give them advice. For kids, there are programs to help them stay in school and learn. When people have the skills and knowledge they need, they can get better jobs and take care of themselves and their families. This makes the whole community stronger.

Another way social services help is by bringing people together. They create groups and events where people can meet each other, make friends, and feel like they belong. This is important because people who feel connected to their community are happier and healthier. Social services also help people who are struggling with problems like drug use or mental health issues. They offer counseling and support to help people get better and live healthy lives.

Everyone can help make their community a better place. One way is to volunteer. When people volunteer, they help others and make the community stronger. Volunteering can also help people find jobs and do better in school. By working together and supporting each other, we can all help our communities thrive.

Summary

- Social services help people in communities with things like housing, food, and health care.
- These services also help people learn new skills and find jobs.

- Social services bring people together and offer support for problems like drug use and mental health.



Vocabulary

Review key vocabulary words from the reading.

communities

noun

groups of people who live in the same area or have something in common

The students at school are a community who learn together.

social services

noun

services provided to help people in a community who need support

The social services helped the family find a new home.

shelter

noun

a place that provides protection from weather or danger

The animal found shelter under the big tree during the rain.

programs

noun

organized sets of activities designed to achieve a specific purpose

The school offers many after-school programs for students.

counseling

noun

advice or support given by a counselor

The counselor gave helpful counseling to the student who was feeling sad.

volunteer

verb

to freely offer to do something

I volunteer at the animal shelter every Saturday.

thrive

verb

to grow or develop well; to flourish

Plants need water and sunlight to thrive.



Multiple Choice Questions

Answer the following multiple choice questions about the reading.

Comprehension

1. According to the text, what is one way social services assist individuals in a community?

- A. Providing free transportation for everyone
- B. Organizing community sports tournaments
- C. Helping people find a safe place to live
- D. Building new parks and recreation centers

Comprehension

2. What is the main goal of social services, as described in the passage?

- A. To provide entertainment and leisure activities
- B. To manage local government and infrastructure
- C. To enforce laws and maintain public order
- D. To support people and make communities stronger

Comprehension

3. According to the passage, what is one way that individuals can contribute to improving their community?

- A. Ignoring community problems
- B. Volunteering time to help others
- C. Donating money to political campaigns
- D. Complaining about local issues



Short Answer Questions

Answer the following short answer questions about the reading.

Comprehension

- 1. According to the text, what are some examples of essential needs that social services help people obtain?**

Comprehension

- 2. What does the passage say about how social services help people learn and grow, and why is this important for the community?**

Comprehension

- 3. According to the text, how do social services contribute to community connection and well-being?**