

SOCIAL WORKER (BSW)

POSITION SUMMARY

COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER (CHW)

- Frontline public health worker who is a trusted member of and/or has a close understanding of the community served.
- Serve as a link between health services and the community to facilitate access to services and improve service delivery.

SOCIAL WORKER (BSW)

- Educator, advocate, counselor, case manager, and researcher.
- Juvenile Court Liaison, probation office, and human services specialist.

TRAINING AND PREREQUISITES

- Completion of an approved CHW Training Program by SD DSS.
- Certification through Indian Health Service Community Health Representative basic training, a CHW program approved by the South Dakota Board of Technical Education or the South Dakota Board of Regents, or a CHW training program approved by the State.

- High school diploma or GED.
- Complete Bachelor of Social Work (BSW).
- Pass designated ASWB exam.

CERTIFICATES AND LICENSURE

- No certificate or license is required in SD.

- Obtain one of four licenses: SWA, SW, CSW, or CSW-PIP.
- Board of Social Work Examiners.

TYPICAL SUPERVISORS

- Clinic, nursing, or another organizational manager.

- MSW.

MEDIAN HOURLY WAGE (NATIONAL)

Community Health Worker (CHW) - \$20.19

Social Worker (BSW) - \$24.88

SOURCES

To view the complete comparison of a CHW and BSW and to review the sources for this information, visit www.chwsd.org/career-comparisons/

