

Welfare Work



>>What is Welfare Work?

The welfare and community worker is a professional practitioner in the field of welfare and community work who is concerned with the promotion of the worth and well being of all individuals to maximise their human potential. They work autonomously or in a team to promote, relieve or restore the social functioning of individuals, families, social groups or larger communities. Welfare and community workers are concerned with issues of social justice and equity for clients including access to quality services and the opportunity for maximum client participation in service delivery. They may work in government departments, local councils, hospitals, NGOs and some industries and have a variety of job titles.

Where do welfare workers work in Tasmania?

Trained welfare and community workers undertake a broad range of employment roles within government departments, local councils, hospitals, non-government welfare agencies and in some industries. Not all of these roles bear the title "welfare worker" or "community worker". Occupational titles which employ people with welfare and community studies include: Community Worker, Project Officer, Counsellor, Program Co-ordinator, Youth Worker, Group Worker, Disabilities Worker, Case Manager, Residential Care Worker, Child Protection Worker, Home and Community Care Worker, Neighbourhood Centre Co-ordinator.

How do welfare workers work in DHHS?

Children and families

Community health

What qualifications and regulations are required to practice?

Welfare Workers may have a Diploma or Bachelor level qualifications from a recognised tertiary training institution.

The Australian Institution of Welfare and Community Workers undertakes the assessment of overseas qualifications for membership

The AIWCW provides a list of approved/accredited training courses in Australia

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Tertiary training – TAFE (diploma), tertiary institute (Bachelor), AIWCW RTO

Useful links

<http://www.aiwcw.org.au/>

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