



The South African Association for
Social Workers in Private Practice

THE BENEFITS OF USING A SOCIAL WORKER

Experienced social workers can assist anyone including:

- Individuals
- Welfare agencies
- Families
- Schools
- Hospitals
- Prisons
- Small businesses and corporates.

Benefits of speaking to a social worker:

- Social workers are professionals who are trained to assess your issues and work with you to bring about change in your life.
- Social workers see the big picture. We are aware of the impact that social issues, culture, economic circumstances, stress and relationship dynamics have on the lives of individuals and families.
- Social workers are trained to work in teams and may be helpful in working together with other professionals involved in your case.
- Social work can also be used to proactively prevent illness by promoting psycho-social well-being and good health practices.
- Social workers are trained to be real and respectful with their clients.
- Social workers are trained to be practical in their thinking whilst remaining aware of complex psychological issues.
- Most medical aids offer some cover for social work services, though your medical aid cover may not cover the full cost of your treatment.

SAASWIPP is a voluntary professional association of social workers in private practice. Our members are experienced, qualified social workers, registered with the South African Council of Social Service Professions (SACSSP).