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social work definition: the job of giving help and support to people who have family problems or who are old or ill. Learn more. My Dictionary. Create and share your own word lists and quizzes for free! Sign up now Log in. Word of the Day. launcher. a device that sends something such as a rocket or a missile into the air with force. Social Work is a profession without enough respect or funding. The people who continue to show up are: Social Workers- A person who feels driven to help others less fortunate than themselves. A person who continues to feel this way despite low funds, and not enough funding sources. A person who continues to feel this way despite ignorant viewpoints like the ones published on this site. Unlike what a fool wrote previously on this site, people must attend school, non-technical schools don’t count. A person who went to at least a 4 year school after high school and graduated with a Bachelors in S... School of social work bsw and msw programs. Cindy Garthwait, MSW October 2012. What is the purpose of this social work dictionary? Professional programs like the BSW and MSW Programs at The University of Montana utilize many terms and professional language, some of which can be confusing and difficult to understand. Agency field instructor Social worker within a practicum agency assigned to provide or arrange for the day-to-day supervision of practicum students and to evaluate student performance in coordination with faculty supervisor. APA style of documentation The style of academic writing and documentation of the American Psychological Association and required by the School of Social Work.