



Job Situation

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Weekly Hours of Work

45

Overtime

As required

Monthly Salary

\$3,300

Student Loan – Owing

Student Loan – Monthly Payment

\$280

Duties

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Prospects

Project management, Direction. Education. Policy making. Consulting.

Job Title

Social Worker

National Occupational Classification (NOC)

4212

Job Description

Project: Rescue was officially launched at a press conference this morning, and as project co-ordinator, you were expected to say a few words after the politicians and the project director were done. Public speaking is not your forté but you surprised everyone with your short but passionate remarks. You spoke out of genuine conviction about the value of the project, and good publicity helps maintain funding, so you did well.

The basic theory of the project is the same one you addressed in your thesis: many low income, lonely and inexperienced young parents are so stressed that they can't really nurture their own children, who often do poorly in school, end up struggling with poverty and start the cycle again. Your conclusion was that to help those parents was to invest in their children. Project: Rescue is designed to break the cycle by relieving the pressure on the parents. It will give the children a chance.

You have worked on the details for months. The project involves all areas of the community health program, and was a monster to organize. Medical professionals and social case-workers will identify at-risk mothers, preferably before their babies are born. You will visit them and offer to match them with trained volunteers, who can teach parenting skills and offer emotional support, like a big sister or a grandmother might. Your project will screen, train and counsel the volunteers, as well as covering their expenses.

As you suspected, recruiting volunteers is no problem. People want to help, and surprisingly few back off when they realize this is a long-term project. Now you just have to keep all the balls in the air, and make it work. Similar pilot projects have had excellent results and you are determined to make this one work so well that it becomes a regular program instead of a project. You are also hoping to do your doctoral research about these children whose parents had someone to call.