

COUNSELOR/SOCIAL WORKER

Professional counseling means “rendering or offering to render to individuals, groups, organizations or the general public a counseling service involving the application of clinical counseling principles, methods or procedures to assist individuals in achieving more effective personal, social, educational or career development and adjustment, including the diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders” (Counselor and Social Worker Board).

Social work means “the application of specialized knowledge of human development and behaviors and social, economic and cultural systems in directly assisting individuals, families and groups to improve or restore their capacity for social functioning including counseling and the use of psychosocial interventions and social psychotherapy for a fee, salary, or other consideration” (Counselor and Social Worker Board).

Checklist

- The **Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board** is a State agency responsible for the regulation of counselors, social workers and marriage and family therapists in the State of Ohio. Contact the Board at **(614) 466-0912**. Information and forms are also available on-line at <http://www.cswmft.ohio.gov>.
- Contact the **State Board of Psychology** at **(614) 466-8808** to determine if the type of counseling you will offer is regulated by the State Board of Psychology. Information is also available on-line at <http://psychology.ohio.gov>.

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For more help, contact your local Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at www.ohiosbdc.net. Also, remember to check Federal, State and local government agencies. This checklist is about state requirements. Funded in part through a grant with the U.S. Small Business Administration.



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