



Thank you to all our social workers!

Every March, the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) celebrates the profession by calling attention to the work and accomplishments of its members. Choosing “The Time is Right for Social Work” as this year’s theme. Idaho Falls Community Hospital would like to use this opportunity to look at what our very own social workers contribute to our hospital, the patients, the employees, and our community.

Medical/Crisis Social Workers:

Medical social workers play an essential role in many of the non-medical aspects of patient care. Medical social workers combine a strong understanding of clinical social work practices and modalities (such as psychosocial assessments, crisis interventions and psychotherapy) with knowledge of medical environments and protocols. They must complete 6-8 years of combined undergraduate and graduate school, plus two or more years of internship experience. They provide patient care by conducting psychosocial assessments to identify mental or emotional distress, counseling those in crisis or experiencing distress, and connecting patients and their families with necessary resources. Thank you all for what you contribute to our hospital!

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Health Services/Case Management Social Workers:

Case managers are a valuable resource to patients and families. From helping them understand their diagnosis to easing the patient’s transition back home, they help patients and their family address their social, financial, and psychological needs related to their hospital stay. They help with discharge and post-hospital plans, coordinate where a patient is going after they leave the hospital, help find ways for patients to afford their medication, provide patients with the medical equipment they need to recover, connect the patient with other resources in the hospital and in the community, provide comfort, and more! Thanks to you all for helping make our hospital and community a better place!

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