



# The Social Worker

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graduates in psychiatric social work, first, pioneering in psychiatric social work jobs in the army, navy and civilian defense; second, the giving of volunteer social service time in addi-

tion to one's civilian job as the opportunities clarify and third, help in intelligent planning for effective usage of trained psychiatric social workers during and after this war.

## War Jobs For Community Workers

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The present emergency calls into play every skill of the community worker. It is essential that the war measures be interpreted as they are issued to every range of grouping that exists in cities and towns, not only in English but in the languages of the various races that make up our population. In this connection, it is important to swing into action now, immediately.

Known leaders of neighborhoods should be brought together as instructors of their people so that every person, to the last man, shall understand the protective measures, the necessity for the conservation of food and of materials, as well as what every savings stamp and savings bond does by way of assisting the government. Each household must come to know how to protect themselves but, also, the wisdom of co-operating with other households for the furtherance of mutual helpfulness.

More than ever, in order to guide individuals, will the community worker need to keep thoroughly informed as to the added functions which will inevitably be assumed

by all types of social agencies.

At the same time, each day should be kept as undisturbed as possible. Children have as much right to their childhood as we can give them, while for the adult the resilience of life must be maintained, which means that, as far as possible, work and relaxation should be sustained in their natural relationship.

Further, educational programs should be constantly concerned with every development in the world situation, because it is to be hoped that the next peace will be a peoples' peace. In a time such as this rumor will follow rumor, prejudices will deepen, suspicions will grow. In all this a community worker is a central agent who can bring out the truth, lessen tension and help to sustain straight thinking.

Finally, the next years will call for increased capacity, patient interpretation, close personal and group relationships, together with the power to concentrate on the detail of trying to prevent too great a dislocation of local situations while straining every nerve to meet the demands of the war effort.