

Can Men be **YES!** Human Service Technicians?

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Idaho Wages

Hourly wage—\$6.44 to \$17.65

Median hourly wage— \$9.11

(Idaho Occupation & Wage Report, 2006)

Job Outlook

The demand for social services will increase as the population grows and people get older. For example, meal delivery programs will continue to expand as the population ages. In addition, more of the elderly will move to residential care homes. Assistants will be needed to make sure the elderly get all the services they are eligible for. Workers will also be needed at community-based and independent-living sites that are being established to assist the homeless and mentally and physically disabled. Treatment programs for substance abuse are also going to need more assistants.

To work as a Human Service Technicians , one must:

- have at least a high school diploma or GED;
- have good communication skills;
- have a strong desire to help others; and
- complete college-level training. Certificates or degrees in social work, psychology, sociology, human services, or gerontology are favored.
- College of Southern Idaho offers courses for Human Service Technicians.
- **A Technical and Associate of Applied Science degrees are offered at the College of Southern Idaho.**

Idaho Employment

1,743 jobs— very large occupation

42.2% —annual growth

104 jobs— large annual openings

Nationally, men make up % of the labor force.

Source: US Dept of Labor (2007)

Regardless of Gender Human Service Technicians Must:

- Refer clients to community services for assistance.
- Monitor group activities of residents in institution.
- Monitor and maintain case records on clients. Report progress to supervisors and care managers.
- Interview clients and family members to assess their needs.
- Meet with youth groups to tell them about the consequences of certain actions.
- Visit clients at home or in group meetings. Provide information on community services.
- Provide or arrange transportation for elderly clients.
- Advise clients on food stamps, money management, and sanitation.
- Explain rules to clients about their housing, such as parking regulations.
- Provide clients with new ideas for preparing meals.
- Demonstrate proper use of equipment.
- Review problems with supervisors or medical support personnel.
- Monitor food programs for cleanliness and compliance to eligibility guidelines.
- Advise clients on budgeting and shopping for well-balanced meals.
- Inform clients of nearby facilities, such as laundries and playgrounds.
- Help parents locate child care.
- Assist in locating housing for clients.

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