



CAREERS IN NONPROFITS, HUMAN & SOCIAL SERVICES: MAKE AN IMPACT

If you want to make a difference, you're in the right place. A career in nonprofits or social services lets you turn your values into action — whether you're helping individuals, shaping policy, or supporting global causes.

If you'd like help planning your path, use Handshake to set up an appointment with your Career Development Coach.

KEY THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

- **Start early.** Government and nonprofit hiring can take time, so begin applying well before graduation.
- **Embrace differences.** You'll work with people from all backgrounds, perspectives, and experiences. Stay open and curious.
- **Prioritize wellness.** These roles can be emotionally demanding. Build habits that help you recharge and stay balanced.

JOB SEARCH TOOLS

- [LinkedIn](#) – Grow your professional network and follow organizations that match your interests.
- [Idealist](#) – Find nonprofit jobs, internships, and volunteer opportunities worldwide.
- [SocialService.com](#) – Search listings in human and social service fields.
- [UN Careers](#) – Explore international work with the United Nations and affiliated NGOs.
- [USAJobs.gov](#) – Federal government positions, including social programs and public service roles.
- [TogetherSC Job Bank](#) – Nonprofit jobs across South Carolina.
- [VolunteerMatch](#) – Volunteer opportunities that build experience and connections.
- [Catchafire](#) – Skill-based volunteering projects for nonprofits.

EXPLORE EMPLOYERS AND ROLES

- **National programs:** AmeriCorps, Peace Corps, Teach for America, HealthCorps, United Way.
- **Community organizations:** Local nonprofits, advocacy groups, and human service agencies.
- **Research tools:** Use [Glassdoor](#) for salary and workplace insights.

FINAL TIPS

- Learn the structure of nonprofit work — from direct service to fundraising, policy, and administration.
- Use informational interviews to understand different roles and career paths.
- Keep your enthusiasm grounded in strategy — helping others is meaningful, but sustainability matters too.