

Abstract

The purpose of this research is to explore the roles social workers play in supporting families who have a child or children with developmental disabilities. This research will aim to gain more insight on family dynamics to see if services provided are assisting individualized needs of the family system. This research will also investigate if social workers are meeting the diverse needs of the families and individuals with whom they work and the types of services and supports that are provided. This qualitative study will use in-depth interviews with four parents, who have a child or children with a developmental disability. These families will be recruited through the Vermont Family Network, which is an organization that offers support and services to children with disabilities and their families.