National Social Work Month
March 2026

Suzanne Tuttle & Katherine Kreager-Pieper
Deputy Directors, Social Services

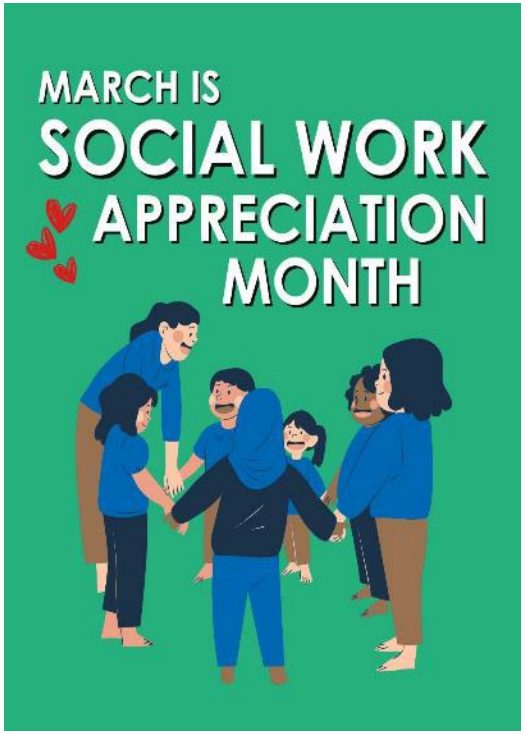
National Social Work Month: 2026 Theme

Dakota COUNTY

SOCIAL WORKERS

UPLIFT.
DEFEND.
TRANSFORM.

National Social Work Month: Background



Dakota County Social Workers

367

Children & Family Services: By the Numbers

2025 Dakota County Social Workers: Children & Family Services

Child Protection, Family Assessment, and Family Investigation

1248 Families

Children's Mental Health

690 Families

Child Protection and Adoption/Guardian Case Management

282 Families

Parent Support Outreach Program

250 Families

Community Well-Being Services: By the Numbers

Dakota COUNTY

2025 Dakota County Social Workers: Community Well-Being Services

Individuals Served in Adult Mental Health

1036

Crisis Assessments by our Crisis Response Team

1,459

Investigated in Adult Protection

898

Case Management in Aging and Disability Services

9,864

Individuals in Substance Use Disorder

749

Individuals Served in Housing

2,567

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Dakota County Board of Commissioners recognizes National Social Work Month in March 2026 to honor and recognize Social Workers for their service and dedication to serving our Dakota County residents.

Dakota COUNTY

Thank You

for your support