CHAPTER # 03

Social work services

Lecture no: 10

In today's lecture we will go through the following points.

➢ **Psychiatric social work**

➢ **Medical social work**

➢ **Social work in schools**

PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORK

Through psychiatric social work the case worker deals with those individuals who are mentally or emotionally disturbed. The psychiatric social worker establishes relationship with these individuals and try to bring him back in the social functioning. Psychiatric diseases are of different type, for example anxiety disorder, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, mood disorder, psychotic disorder, dementia, depression etc.

In these kind of diseases the persons always try to reclose from the other social beings. Their interaction with the family, friends and others relatives remains very scant.

The psychiatric social worker comes in contact with these socially isolated people and establish relationship for the purpose to guide them and re-enter in the social functioning. In psychiatric social work the professional worker has the same role as it has in the case work. He tries to call the mentally disturbed person to the agency so that to guide him properly and rehabilitate him, but in case he is not ready to come in the agency the psychiatric worker treat him out side of the agency, where the client feel easy. The counseling process sustains till the client completely recovered.

MEDICAL SOCIAL WORK

In medical social work the social worker plays a role in medical treatment of a patient.

In this kind of social work activity the social work professional while utilizing his professional knowledge and skills help the individuals who are having health and medical problem. It is medically proved that physical disease has direct link with the mind and psychology of the patient. So, in this regard the social work professional helps the patient to encourage and make him capable to cope with his physical illness through mental strength. The process is usually carried out in an agency like hospital, clinic etc.

Through medical social work activity a team is formed to treat the patient. The team consists of the doctor, medical social worker and nurse. The doctor treats the patient medically, the nurse supports the doctor in the patient's treatment, while medical social worker helps the team regarding the patient's social and family background. This process makes the treatment easy and encourage the patient to get well soon. The medical social worker always in contact with the patient and team members, so that inform them about the recovery of the patient.

Medical social worker is a permanently jobber in the hospitals, and help the medical team about the familial, social history of the patient and motivate the patient for his speedy recovery.

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK

Motivating those children in the schools who are not taking interest in their studies and class is known as school social work.

This work is carried out by the social worker, who is a part of the school staff. The social worker motivates those students who come from the broken and disturbed families, and they can not concentrate on their studies. The case worker approach these students and establish rapport to motivate them and make them take interest in their studies. The professional social worker traces their families and try to know the nature of the problems which make the children disturbed. The professional worker tries to prepare a conducive atmosphere for them to study happily.

Different children have different family dynamics and issues, which have direct and indirect impact on the emotions and studies of the children. Or in some cases the children have different capabilities but their parents force them to do other then their capabilities, so, they lose their interest in the class and studies, and try to avoid the school and taunting. "Taary zamin par" an Indian movies is the perfect reflection of the social work in schools.

In this type of social work the social worker finds the students, interview them, approach their parents, develop counseling and remain in contact with them until they are recovered.

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