

Sclerosis, Cerebral Palsy, Stroke, paralysis, Muscular Dystrophy, Arthritis and spinal cord injury.

**4. Cognitive Disabilities:** This includes person who is not able to learn, read, write or spell out things. This could include mental retardation when a person is not at all able to learn or understand

- **Disability Causes:**

There are many social, environmental and physical causes of disability, although for some a definitive cause may never be determined. Common factors causing disability include:

- Traumatic brain injury resulting from accidental causes or physical abuse (blunt force, shaken baby syndrome),
- Infection before, during or after birth,
- Growth or nutrition problems.
- Abnormalities of chromosomes and genes,
- Birth long before the expected birth date – also called extreme prematurity,
- Poor maternal diet and absent or minimal health care,
- Drug abuse during pregnancy, including alcohol intake and smoking,
- Drug – related prenatal developmental insult from prescription or over – the – counter drugs,
- Environmental toxins,
- Swvere physical maltreatment (child abuse), with may have caused brain injury and which can adversely affect a child's learning abilities and socio – emotional development.
- Road accidents.
- Work accidents.
- Wars.
- Natural and industry disasters.

- **Some required preventive programs to eliminate the causes of disability:**

- 1- Marriage guidance
- 2- Following the prevention procedures of accidents
- 3- Giving due care to pregnant mothers.

- 4- Vaccination against child diseases
  - 5- Taking care of environmental health
  - 6- Improving food situation
  - 7- Providing awareness of causes of disability
  - 8- The prevention of work-related injuries and occupational diseases.
  - 9- Caring about health education.
- **Social Work in the Field:**

Social work today is becoming more important because thousands of persons are benefiting from its services, current evidence indicates that social work is emerging, as an important profession in the modern world to stay and that in the decade ahead it will likely grow and expand its services, helping more people with personal, family, organization and community problems, especially problems related to social functioning.

The provision of social services is arranged within fields of practice that revolve around social needs or problems and that reflect a range of intervention strategies.

Many social services are organized to reflect the needs of particular age groups in society, while other needs are universal to all groups.

Social workers are employed in broad fields of practice, such as: public Welfare, corrections, health system, child care and family services, handicapped welfare schools,....

Social work has a main role in the field of handicapped welfare.

How can social workers help?

Social workers who assist people with disabilities often have varied roles. Some may provide counseling, while others will ensure that their clients have access to stable housing and employment opportunities. While the jobs of these professionals will vary depending on the issues their clients face, the resources below will give social work degree seekers a better understanding of what their positions will entail should they choose to concentrate in this area.