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- Healthcare, social assistance and public administration and safety.
- Social assistance, healthcare, education departments, voluntary organisations and community-based groups.
- Nursing homes, residential care and community care.

**POTENTIAL JOB TITLES**

- Community Development Officer; International Aid Worker.
- Community Care Worker; Social Worker; Personal Care Worker; Case Worker/Case Manager.
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