

Statement: DHS Social Workers 05/9/03

Our children must be protected.

The Department of Human Services has actively recruited social workers from across the state and two social workers are headed to the coast.

With the help of the Mississippi Chapter of the National Social Worker Association, the Mississippi Employment Security Commission, and the university social worker programs, we are actively recruiting licensed social workers.

The Department will continue to recruit with job fairs and advertising to fill these positions on the coast. The recruitment efforts will continue until we find licensed social workers to protect our children.

Facts:

Harrison County as of 4/24/03 had 9 social workers and 12 vacant social worker positions.

Two new social workers are headed to the coast this week; one is a new hire and one is a transfer.

The Department of Human Services has held job fairs across the state, four job fairs have been held on the coast since January and two are planned for May.

Schools of Social Work have been contacted in Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, and Tennessee.

30 Student interns have been placed in 27 counties

The Mississippi Employment Security Commission is also working to find social workers.