

SECTION 2

METHODOLOGY AND METHODS OF SOCIOLOGICAL RESEARCH

SYSTEM OF LIFE ACTIVITIES OF A PERSON AS THE SUBJECT OF SOCIAL WORK

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The development of a market economy, a sharp social stratification of society led to the emergence of a large number of disadvantaged people who appeared to be socially maladjusted because of the low level of education, psychological unwillingness to work in new economic conditions, high level of unemployment. Exacerbation of social problems together with diversification of the number of objects of human activities related to scientific, technical and social progress, led to the emergence of new economic activity – social support, which in turn led to the need to introduce professional training in social work. The rapid establishment of social work as a profession outruns scientific understanding of its theoretical assumptions, which negatively affects the efficiency of professional training and assisting customers of social services. According to a regulatory approach, it is believed that social work is aimed at helping those who are in difficult circumstances, but this understanding

does not disclose the nature and specificity of professional social work.

Therefore, the purpose of the article is to substantiate the specific subject of social work as a profession based on a systematic approach.

The author concludes that in hierarchical relation, profession is kind of labour activity, characterized by new quality due to the presence of professional training. The subject of professional social work is a system of life activities of human, which fails to function properly; the result is the acquisition of human freedom. Considering the result as a function of process conditions, it should be emphasized that the reference is made to processes of socialization and social adaptation. Absence of restrictions allows the subject to function in society, its system of social norms, values, fulfil its functions and social roles, communicate, participate in the processes of exchange and activities.