In 1999 when Vytautas Magnus University started to organize social work master studies, in Lithuanian Classifier of Professions there was no such thing as social work profession. In the Soviet Union, from which dependency Lithuania just has been liberated, charity and other social activities were forbidden. Nowadays in Lithuanian social services institutions about 10,700 persons work as social workers. Most of them (7600) work in budgetary social services institutions. Social workers prepare 6 colleges and 6 universities. Implementing the Low on Social Services, since 2011 the first of July the right to work as social worker has only those persons who has high social work education diploma. Since 2011 Social Work Council was established by Ministry of Social Security and Labour. This report reviews how social work profession appearance affected Lithuanian Social policy: the identity of the profession and social services and infrastructure development, structural changes, how some political acts influenced social work profession development in Lithuania.

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