

Linkedin will be a useless tool to you unless you actually utilize it. There are many features that will help you in your job search in addition to finding and connecting with people.

Here's a checklist to make sure you're maximizing what Linkedin has to offer.

Make sure your profile is complete (A complete profile increases your visibility on
Linkedin)
 Education
 Experiences with bullet points
Summary (as needed)
Skills & Expertise
 Ask people to 'recommend' you
(These are the main sections; there are options to add other sections)
Find and connect with alumni (Under the 'Network' tab)
 Conduct informational interviews
Join Groups (Under the 'Interests' tab, then do a keyword search)
Recommended Groups:
 Alumni Associations for your undergrad and grad schools
 Network of Professional Social Workers (NPSW)
 NPSW Jobs
o NASW
 NASW - CA (Select your respective state)
 Social Work Network
Be involved in the group discussion (e.g. post comments, start a
discussion, ask questions)
Follow 'Channels'
(Get news and updates on particular topics/industries)
Follow 'Companies'
(Be current on what's going on with companies)

