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**From the Executive Director**



Well, what a start to the year. We even had a weekend of harsh winter temperatures. Now we have moved into spring like temperatures and the blooms of spring have emerged. Taking long walks in this environment and enjoying the scenery is part of self-care. Life as a social worker can be very stressful. I so encourage you to practice self-care techniques. As we are told when we are beginning a flight, if the oxygen mask drops down, put the mask on yourself first before you help others.

I must admit that sometimes I do not necessarily practice what I preach. I have seen myself to be like a moth to a flame since the swearing in of the new President of the United States. Every day brings us such troubling headlines that it is important for us to sometimes reduce our exposure and just turn off the

nightly news for a while.

Our national office has been proactive in stating the issues that are important to the social work community in terms of maintaining the social safety net for those who are in need. I would encourage you to read the document entitled "Transition Document to the Trump Administration, Advancing the American Agenda: How the Social Work Profession Will Help" <http://www.socialworkers.org/advocacy/issues/EX-BRO-24617.TrumpTransitionBro.pdf>

This document is powerful and details the leadership that the profession has demonstrated over the years. As the association for social workers, NASW is resolute in its position that it is the time to remind our national leaders that we been engaged for over 60 years seeing that the dignity, worth and potential in all people, regardless of their circumstances, beliefs, ethnicity, or who they love. The narrative describes our position on these topics:

- Ensuring Child & Family Well-Being
  - Safeguard Healthy Development for All Youths
  - Provide High-Quality Health Care to All
  - Addressing the Needs of Older Adults
  - Caring for Our Foster Children
- Fortifying the Social Fabric
  - Serve America's Veterans and Their Families
  - Improve Access to Mental Health Treatment
  - End Homelessness
  - Promote the Rights of Individuals with Disabilities
- Building a Just Society
  - Achieve Equality for All
  - Improve the Criminal Justice System
  - Reform Immigration Policy
  - Reduce Extreme Economic Inequality
- Strengthening the Social Work Profession
  - Foster a Skilled, Sustainable, and Diverse Workforce
  - Invest in the Social Work Profession
  - Secure Safety for Social Workers

With these items delineated, I want to restate the conclusion of the document that reenergized me for the work ahead of us,

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It is with somewhat of a heavy heart that I write my final article as the Board President for NASW-LA. I first became a member of the Board of Directors representing the Alexandria Region. The opportunity to interact with our colleagues from throughout the state has been a highlight of my professional life. When I became President, my opportunities for interaction were expanded. I have met students at our schools of social work, interacted with members at the Annual Conference, and embraced my opportunity to advocate and lobby for issues that are important to our profession and the clients we serve at the state and national level.

My term also provided me with the opportunity to represent the other board presidents from throughout the country at national board meeting. I now have a lens of organizational governance from a national perspective. As the NASW moves forward with Modernization, we will be adjusting our association to a more member focused approach at the national and local level. I encourage you to keep up with this evolving process. Stay engaged and become active in the NASW at the regional and state level. You will greatly benefit from the opportunity for individual and professional growth.

At this juncture, I want to thank my family that supported me during my term as President. They are aware of my passion for this profession and encouraged me to help move the needle for recognition of the value of this profession. I also want to thank my fellow board members for the time and energy they commit to this association. You are the best. The staff in the Chapter Office has supported me in many aspects of my role. I am indebted to them.

## NASW-LA is seeking input from the membership

in regards as to what is happening in your community.

Send in articles that would be of interest to your fellow social workers around the state. Perhaps someone in the social work field was featured in the local news or was singled out for helping in the community.

Send that information to the Chapter Office at [admin@naswla.org](mailto:admin@naswla.org) with contact information so that approval for re-printing the information can be obtained.

There are so many of us out there doing the little things each day to make this a better place to live and we need to tell their stories. By doing this we not only are acknowledging their service, but it could possibly help someone else in their community.

Let us hear from you.

## Message from your Regional Chairs:

The regions have begun to make plans and arrangements for the upcoming years regional meetings.

Interested members that would like to help in their region, please contact your regional chair for further information.

Anyone interested in presenting at their own regional meeting or another region, please contact the respective regional chair.

Continue to check the NASW-LA website at [www.naswla.org](http://www.naswla.org) under Regional News to see the most updated information on your regions meetings. You will note that many of the regions do not hold regional meetings in the summer months.

Thank you to all of our regional chairs for their hard work and the support that they give all of us.

Dear Colleagues,

“Career Protection” is having a professional association with the resources to protect the practice of social work. Why is malpractice insurance not enough? Because your malpractice insurer will not do the following - but NASW at the national level and through the Louisiana Chapter will:

- ◆ Provide highly discounted quality Continuing Education programs that are presented at regional locations and an outstanding Annual Conference.
- ◆ Provide consultation on ethical, practice, and career issues.
- ◆ Deliver critical, up-to-date information on laws and regulations that affect your practice.
- ◆ Continue to be a vigilant voice for Social Work practice and the profession at the Louisiana State Capitol and in Washington, DC.
- ◆ Work with stakeholders that have similar focus on issues that are important to the social work profession.
- ◆ Serves as a key resource for the profession of social work on issues and practice concerns.

I know that for some of you there has been concern regarding professional liability insurance and at least one carrier has suggested that social workers only need their liability policy to have practice protection. I do not know if your decision on joining or renewing membership is based on this issue but if that is the case keep in mind that no matter where you get your malpractice coverage, no insurer will advocate for you at the Legislature or with the executive branch. Protecting your career is more than having liability coverage; it requires having an organization that is working to protect the social work profession.

Without a strong NASW, our profession will lose ground, our jobs and practices will slowly erode, taken over by “related degrees” because everyone thinks they can do social work. As a practicing social worker “Career Protection” comes with joining and maintaining your NASW membership.

When your NASW renewal comes due, remember you are not just renewing a membership – you are buying yourself “Career Protection” from the best available source! Your NASW membership assures a strong Louisiana Chapter and a strong Louisiana Chapter assures that we are here to support you.

Sincerely,

Carmen D. Weisner, LCSW, ACSW  
Executive Director

## Licensing Board Information

### LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

18550 Highland Road, Suite B, Baton Rouge, LA 70809 \* 225-756-3470 or 1-800-521-1941 (Louisiana Only)

#### Dates for 2017 LABSWE Board Meetings

(All meetings are held at the Baton Rouge Board Office - Call the Board Office for times of the meetings)

May 19 June 16 \* July 21 \* August 25 \* September 29 \* November 3 \* December 8

#### Dates for 2017 LABSWE BACS ORIENTATION MEETINGS

May 20 \* July 28 \* September 23 \* November 18

[Click here to visit the Licensing Board's website at www.labswe.org](http://www.labswe.org)

# Certification of Preliminary NASW-LA Slate 2017-2018

As President of the Louisiana Chapter of NASW-LA, I hereby certify that the following preliminary slate contains all the positions that are scheduled to become vacant on June 30, 2017 and that all possible combinations of candidates receiving the largest number of votes in the election will enable the chapter to meet its affirmative action goals and representational mandates and all attempts to double slate the Statewide positions have been done.

The Board of Directors reviewed this slate at the March 15, 2017 Board Meeting.

*Latonya Charles, LMSW, President*

If you are interested in being considered for the Nomination Slate, the process is as follows:

The petition process allows members to add their name to the slate by submitting a petition to the CCNLI Committee within 30 days of the announcement.

## NASW-LA BOARD SLATE 2017-2018 STATEWIDE POSITIONS:

Secretary	Derrick Stevenson
Treasurer	Worlita Jackson Williams
BSW Student	Kadasjah McMillian
MSW Student	Fa'Tonia Beaudoin

## Regional Positions:

New Orleans Regional Chair	Vacant
New Orleans Regional Rep	Vacant
Baton Rouge Regional Rep	Edgar Guedry
Alexandria Regional Chair	Latonya Charles
Monroe Regional Chair	Vacant

## CCNLI - (Chapter Committee on Nominations & Leadership Identification):

New Orleans Region	Vacant
Baton Rouge Region	Vacant
Alexandria Region	Vacant
Lafayette Region	Vacant
Shreveport Region	Wyonnice Perry

- For a statewide position, the petition must include signatures from at least 2% of the total number of chapter members. Of that total, 2% must come from each of a majority of the branches in the chapter.
- For a branch position, the petition must include signatures representing 2% of the total number of branch members.
- The CCNLI must verify that petition signers are members of the Association, the chapter, and in the case of branch positions, the appropriate branch.
- The CCNLI must verify that the petition contains the number of eligible signatures required for the specific position for which it has been submitted.



Congratulations to all of the social work graduates this year. We are very proud of you and look forward to you becoming a member of NASW-LA and becoming a part of your professional organization. If you would like to become involved with NASW-LA as a volunteer, please contact us for information on what positions are open.

Congratulations again, great job!



## Louisiana Red Cross seeks mental health professionals to serve as volunteers

When a major disaster or emergency occurs, the American Red Cross knows that the people affected not only need food and shelter, but also emotional support. They are anxious; they may be stressed or worried at their current situation and what they face in the days and weeks ahead.

When the Red Cross responds, part of the relief effort includes providing mental health services. Licensed mental health specialists deploy to assist victims with the new reality they are facing, and offer support to Red Cross staff (volunteers and employees).

Disasters during 2016, including the March and August floods, touched 92 percent of Louisiana parishes. Our neighbors and family know too well the personal effects of such disasters. In addition to the more than 83,000 overnight stays at shelters and nearly 1.6 million snacks and meals served to Louisiana residents during the large disasters of 2016, Red Cross volunteers also provided more than 57,000 health and mental health contacts.

And it's through everyday support, for example after home fires and for support of military families, and response during large-scale disasters that licensed mental health professionals like you are needed to serve in our community.

Mental health professionals serve in a wide variety of roles within the Red Cross. They serve in management and supervisory positions, as employees and volunteers, as providers of direct care services to those affected by disasters, as teachers and as representatives of the Red Cross with local and national community partners.

Among the key volunteer opportunities:

**Client Casework (CC)** volunteers evaluate needs, provides services and maintains records for clients. Volunteers provides direct assistance to individuals affected by man-made or natural disasters, ranging from single family home incidents to larger events such as tornadoes, floods, hurricanes, and catastrophic incidents. Assistance can be issued in two forms: hard assistance and soft assistance. Examples of soft assistance include listening, providing information, advocacy, counseling and referral. Hard assistance includes mass sheltering, feeding and the bulk distribution of personal care items and cleaning materials, as well as emergency financial assistance to all clients in order for them to be able to purchase items that are needed immediately in order to begin their recovery.

**Disaster Mental Health (DMH)** volunteers provide crisis interventions, mental health screening and assessment, emotional care and support, referrals, advocacy, mediation, consultation, psychosocial education and mobilization and psychological triage. On critical incidents spiritual care and child care will provide services as a component of disaster mental health. Must be licensed.

Through these roles and others, such volunteers:

- Respond to Disaster Action Team calls;
- Provide emotional support to families concerning disaster-related death or injury;
- Teach courses such as Disaster Mental Health Fundamentals, Psychological First Aid or Coping with Deployment;
- Maintain a list of local mental health resources for referrals and large-scale operations;
- Groom volunteers for leadership positions in Disaster Mental Health;
- Provide Disaster Mental Health coverage at disaster shelters, service centers and outreach teams;
- Provide emotional support to military families through Services to Armed Forces (e.g. accident, serious illness, death or other emergency);
- Attend Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) meetings, participating on Disaster Mental Health committees.

Red Cross Disaster Mental Health workers are not required to obtain their own professional liability insurance coverage to participate in Red Cross activities. When Disaster Mental Health workers are engaged in assigned disaster relief activities (i.e., performing their official duties as agents of the Red Cross), they are covered by the Red Cross corporate insurance program for their liability when the following conditions are met:

- The Disaster Mental Health worker engaged in the activity while under the control and supervision of an authorized Red Cross employee or volunteer.
- The Disaster Mental Health worker adhered to Red Cross and Disaster Mental Health policy and procedures when engaged in the activity.
- The Disaster Mental Health worker did not act in an illegal, unethical, or grossly negligent manner.

By volunteering with your local Red Cross chapter, you will make an important contribution to the millions of people in our state who rely on the Red Cross. You can make a difference.

If you would like to apply to become a Red Cross volunteer, please sign up through our [Volunteer webpage](#), easily found via [tinyurl.com/RCvolunteer](http://tinyurl.com/RCvolunteer). Fill out the right side of the page titled “Create a Red Cross ID,” and the system will walk you through the rest of the steps. If you need help, please contact Mandy Jacobs at [Amanda.Jacobs2@redcross.org](mailto:Amanda.Jacobs2@redcross.org) or (225) 456-5501.

*The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission.*



## Executive Director's Column Continued

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“Social workers play a significant role in addressing these social challenges and advancing the American Agenda. With a unique blend of education, experience, and expertise, professional social workers can help our country through this historic transition in leadership. There is a moral imperative in our nation to take care of not only our at-risk and underserved populations, but to ensure that every person has the ability to live a healthy and productive life free of the encumbrances of oppression and discrimination. Social work provides the answers to many of our most troubling societal and social justice issues and is the profession that has historically led efforts to transform and advance the American Agenda.”

*Proud to be a social worker,  
Carmen D. Weisner, LCSW, ACSW  
Executive Director*

## Three New Practice Updates

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For your information, I am providing the following links to three new practice updates on coding for clinical social workers.

*ICD-10-CM Changes for Clinical Social Workers,*

<http://www.socialworkers.org/includes/newIncludes/homepage/PRA-NL-31417.ICD-10CM-PP.pdf>

*ICD-10-CM Guide for Clinical Social Workers,*

<http://www.socialworkers.org/includes/newIncludes/homepage/PRA-NL-31617.ICD-10CM-Guide-PP.pdf>

*Place of Service Codes for Clinical Social Workers in Private Practice,*

<http://www.socialworkers.org/includes/newIncludes/homepage/Place%20of%20Service%20Codes%20202017.pdf>

## New NASW Health Documents on Medicaid & Smoking Cessation

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Two new health resources, a practice perspectives on smoking cessation and a practice alert on proposals to change Medicaid to a capped funding model. They are available on the NASW Practice Tools page ([http://socialworkers.org/practice/practice\\_tools/index.asp](http://socialworkers.org/practice/practice_tools/index.asp))

## Give the Gift of NASW Membership

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Share your appreciation for NASW and its benefits with your family, friends and colleagues. Give the gift of membership! Your gift recipient will enjoy:

- Free and discounted Continuing Education programs
- Personal assistance with Licensing and social work practice questions
- Consultations for Legal and Ethical dilemmas
- Advocacy for social workers and their clients
- And much more!

NASW Membership includes National, State and Local affiliation, all for the same price:

- Information from the National office on Ethics, Legal issues, insurance reimbursement,
- Specialty Practice Sections of Social Work, Medicare and Medicaid

- Information from the State Licensure

- Continuing Education programs,

- Advocacy with the state legislature

- Activities with Local Units including networking events, educational programs,

Give the Gift of NASW Membership for Christmas, Hanukkah, Birthdays, or Graduation.

Go to <http://www.socialworkers.org/join.asp> or contact NASWLA for more information. It may be the best gift you'll ever give.

# NASW Statement on North Carolina *Piro v McKeever* Case

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For Immediate Release  
January 25, 2017

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**North Carolina social workers get positive outcome in *Piro v. McKeever***  
*Case centered upon statutory immunity for social workers who must report suspected child abuse*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – A recent court decision issued by the North Carolina Supreme Court is a positive outcome for social workers in North Carolina.

In *Piro v. McKeever*, Ms. McKeever, LCSW, fulfilled her duty to report suspected child abuse when she reported sexual abuse allegations to authorities against her client’s father. The allegations were not substantiated by the Department of Social Services (DSS), and the father sued Ms. McKeever.

He alleged that Ms. McKeever improperly conducted therapy sessions with his son, which resulted in a Child Protective Service (CPS) child abuse report being made against him and deprived him of contact with his children.

Mr. Piro filed a complaint for negligent infliction of emotional distress; intentional infliction of emotional distress; and requesting punitive damages.

The trial court dismissed the complaint because it determined that the social worker’s alleged conduct was not ‘extreme and outrageous’ and the harm caused was not foreseeable. The Court of Appeals affirmed the trial court’s dismissal of the case and the father filed for review with the North Carolina Supreme Court.

In its review, the North Carolina Supreme Court was evenly split in its decision, which automatically resulted in the prior decisions being affirmed and the appellate court dismissing the case against Ms. McKeever.

Ms. McKeever was insured through NASW Assurance Services, Inc., and its panel attorney Jake Epstein provided her defense. She was further supported by the NASW Legal Defense Fund (LDF) with an amicus brief prepared and filed on her behalf by the North Carolina Chapter of NASW and the National NASW office.

Kathy Boyd, Executive Director of the North Carolina Chapter of NASW, stated that she “greatly appreciated the support and assistance of the NASW Legal Defense Fund in the preparation of a friend of the court brief. The issue of social worker immunity from liability to third parties for statutorily required child abuse reports is extremely important to social workers in North Carolina and throughout the country.”

Both the Legal Defense Fund and the North Carolina Chapter expressed their gratitude for the pro bono legal work provided by the McGuire Woods law firm in drafting the NASW amicus brief.

The amicus brief filed in this case is an example of the advocacy and support offered through the NASW Legal Defense Fund on legal issues of importance to the social work profession.

In the amicus brief, NASW discussed the importance of protecting the child abuse reporting process; the need for immunity for mandated reporters and why it is statutorily recognized; and the reasons that no duty is owed to third parties, such as the father in this case.

It was NASW’s position that because the father was never treated by Ms. McKeever, the social worker owed no legal duty to him. Imposing third party liability on social workers who are mandated reporters of suspected child abuse would jeopardize effective treatment and have serious and detrimental consequences in preventing child maltreatment.

This case serves as a reminder that social workers need to comply with the child abuse reporting requirements in their jurisdiction, keep adequate documentation of the information relating to the CPS report; and maintain adequate professional liability insurance.

Although this case can be considered a victory, this issue is not fully resolved, because a tie decision is not a precedent for future cases. Since the North Carolina Supreme Court was equally divided, this ruling can be challenged in the future. Advocacy efforts on both a local and state level must continue in order to achieve, preserve, and advance the gains that have been made thus far.

For more information about the *Piro v. McKeever* amicus brief, go to <http://www.socialworkers.org/assets/secured/documents/ldf/briefDocuments/Piro%20v%20%20McKeever.pdf>.

To learn more about NASW LDF, go to <http://www.socialworkers.org/ldf/default.asp>.

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*The [National Association of Social Workers](http://www.socialworkers.org) (NASW), in Washington, DC, is the largest membership organization of professional social workers with more than 125,000 members. It promotes, develops, and protects the practice of social work and social workers. NASW also seeks to enhance the well-being of individuals, families, and communities through its advocacy.*

# Regional News

## ALEXANDRIA REGION

By: Janice Hill, LMSW, Chair

**June 7, 2017**

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

*"Hospice Services/Philosophy The Role of the Social Worker in Hospice"*

Jenny Moreau, LMSW

1.5 General CEUs

Province Library, Alexandria, LA

For more information contact the Janice Hill at

[alexandrianasw@gmail.com](mailto:alexandrianasw@gmail.com)

## BATON ROUGE REGION

By: Carmen P. Williams, Ph.D., LMSW, Chair

Check the website and Facebook for Regional Meetings in 2017

For additional information contact:

Carmen P. Williams at

[naswbatonrouge@gmail.com](mailto:naswbatonrouge@gmail.com)

## FLORIDA PARISHES

By: Adrienne Garner, LCSW-BACS, Chair

Check the website and Facebook for Regional Meetings in 2017

There will be a \$10.00 per CEU charge for non-members wishing to receive CEU's. Any non-member not wanting CEU's may attend free of charge. For more information, please contact Adrienne Garner, Florida Parishes Regional Chair at [floridaparishes.sws@gmail.com](mailto:floridaparishes.sws@gmail.com)

## HOUMA THIBODAUX REGION

By: Peggy Bowers, LMSW, Chair

**June 23, 2017**

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

3 Sessions on Alzheimers

Katherine Schilling, LCSW; Ronnie

Gros; Danielle Chauvin; Katie

Godshall, LCSW; Melissa Ledoux,

LMSW; John Sirois, Attorney; and

Gina Rossi, LCSW

The Claiborne, Assisted Living

Center, Thibodaux

1.5 Clinical and 3.75 General

Peggy Bowers, LMSW, Chair at

[midnight\\_1019@yahoo.com](mailto:midnight_1019@yahoo.com)

## LAFAYETTE REGION

By: Crystal Rodriguez, LMSW, Chair

Check the website and Facebook for Regional Meetings in 2017

There will be a \$10.00 per CEU charge for non-members wishing to receive CEU's.

Any non-member not wanting CEU's may attend free of charge. For more information, please contact Crystal Rodriguez, LCSW at

[c.l.rod@hotmail.com](mailto:c.l.rod@hotmail.com)

## LAKE CHARLES REGION

By: Phyllis Sensat, LCSW, Chair

**June 2, 2017**

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

*"American Red Cross in*

*Your Community"*

Mandy Jacobs

1.5 General CEUs

Meeting are the first Friday of each month from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm in the conference room of Heritage Square.

For more information contact

Phyllis Sensat, Chair at

[donnygirl59@yahoo.com](mailto:donnygirl59@yahoo.com)

## MONROE REGION

By: Antoinette Hoard, RSW, Chair

Check the website and Facebook for Regional Meetings in 2017

For additional information contact:

Antoinette Hoard at [monroenasw@gmail.com](mailto:monroenasw@gmail.com)

## NEW ORLEANS REGION

By: Mallory Lafargue, LCSW, Representative

**June 14, 2017**

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

*"Your Reality Is Not Mine: Effective Ways to Work with Individuals*

*Diagnosed with Schizophrenia"*

Dr. April Johnson-Dumas, LCSW-BACS

2 Clinical CEUs

East Jefferson General Hospital

All meetings are free for members and

\$10 per CEU for non-members.

Please email questions or RSVPs to

[NASWneworleans@gmail.com](mailto:NASWneworleans@gmail.com)

## SHREVEPORT REGION

By: Leesa L. Sitter, LCSW, DCSW

In January, Dr. Kelly M. Tyner spoke on Working with Combat Veterans and their Families. In February Kay Asher spoke on Mourning and Living Here and After. The annual Social Work Banquet will be held in March. Congratulations to the Shreveport Region 2017 Awardees:

### Social Worker of the Year

Mary Fontenot-Young

### Lifetime Achievement

Andrew Comeaux

### Dorothy Schenthal Leadership

Carol Phillips

### School Social Worker

Worlita Williams

### Outstanding MSW Student

Fa'Tonia Beaudoin

### Public Official of the Year

Mayor Ollie Taylor

### Public Citizen of the Year

Lueburda Myers

The monthly local NASW meetings are held the first Thursday of the month. For suggestions on topics and speakers contact Tina Prewlow at [tinaprewlow@va.gov](mailto:tinaprewlow@va.gov) or any chapter officer.

In March Lady Carlson spoke on Industrial Tax Exemption/Work Place Development. In April Mary Alice Roundtree spoke on Understanding How To Navigate the Complex System. Shea Wilkes spoke with Channel 3 on wait times in the VA Healthcare System for Veterans. Those interested in contributing to the Kathie Troquille Memorial Endowment Fund can contact LSUS at 318-797-5257, Attention: Laura Perdue, One University Place, Shreveport, LA 71115.

**June 1, 2017**

12:00 N - 1:00 pm

*"ADHD vs Anxiety and the Misdiagnosis"*

1 Clinical CEU

Willis Knighton Rehab Institute

## NASW

### National and NASW-LA website access

Both websites can be accessed for information by going to [www.socialworkers.org](http://www.socialworkers.org) or [www.naswla.org](http://www.naswla.org). However, some information and registering for workshops requires you to be a member and you must log in.

You have a separate log in for the National Office and the NASW-LA Office. You can contact the National office by calling 1-800-742-4089 and you can contact the NASWLA Chapter Office by calling 1-800-899-1984.

### JUNE DEADLINE FOR CEUs is Fasting Approaching

Registered Social Workers, Graduate Social Workers, and Licensed Clinical Social Workers are required by law to collect at least twenty (20) hours of continuing education in approved programs each year with three (3) hours of ethics every two years. For the LCSW, ten (10) of the twenty (20) hours must be of clinical content including diagnosis and treatment. The current collection period is July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Beginning July 1, 2008, first time Board Approved Clinical Supervisors (BACS) must complete six and one half (6.5) hours of LABSWE approved clinical supervision education. All other Board Approved Clinical Supervisors (BACS) must complete three (3) hours of continuing education in clinical supervision every two years. Workshops are designated as ethical, clinical, general and supervision in content and meet the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiner requirements for licensure renewal.

## **New Practice Perspective on Professional Will**

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For your information, a link to a new practice perspectives, *Preparing a Professional Will for Your Practice: Important Factors to Consider*, <http://www.socialworkers.org/includes/newIncludes/homepage/PRA-NL-22517.Wills-PP.pdf>. NASW has received a large volume of calls and emails from members who have requested information on this subject.

## **New Coding Practice Perspectives**

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For your information, there is a new practice perspectives available to members at the following link, "Most Frequently Used CPT Codes by Clinical Social Workers," <http://www.socialworkers.org/includes/newIncludes/homepage/PRA-NL-27117.CPT-Codes-PP.pdf>

## **ASI's Member Care Unit**

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Starting Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will bring to our headquarters in Frederick, MD., the call center operations for our Professional Liability Insurance, now called ASI's Member Care Unit.

Our phone number will remain the same (1.855.385.2160), however there will be a few changes that will add great value to our phone operations:

- ◆ Our members will now be able to be transferred directly to a Licensed Insurance Specialist for additional assistance, or to one of our policy administrators for group insurance information.
- ◆ Our hours of operation will be Monday thru Friday from 8:30 am- to 5:00 pm Eastern Time, and members who need after-hours assistance will have the option to email us for urgent matters.

## **Ethics Questions & Dilemmas**

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As a service to members, the Office of Ethics and Professional Review (OEPR) provides ethics consultations for current NASW members. Ethic consultations are a resource for members who are experiencing an ethical dilemma. We do not provide advice or tell members what to do. However, we do guide them through the Code and point them to the areas of the Code that address their concerns. We provide dialogue and considerations that allow members to make ethical decisions. We may also refer members to the appropriate areas if their questions do not appear to be related to ethics but are more related to legal issues or standards of practice.

Hours & Contact Info  
(800) 638-8799 ext. 231

Beginning Monday, January 5, 2015, ethics consultations will be provided as follows:

Mondays & Wednesdays  
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm (ET) Ext 223

Tuesdays & Thursdays  
10:00 am - 1:00 pm (ET) Ext 231

## **RENEW ONLINE! Fast, Easy, Convenient**

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NASW members can renew their memberships online. If your membership expires within the next three months, you are eligible for online renewal.

1. Go to [www.socialworkers.org](http://www.socialworkers.org)
2. Click on "Member Log In."
3. Enter your NASW username and password.
4. Click on "Member Center."
5. Click on "Renew your NASW Membership Online."

You can also renew by phone at 1-800-742-4089.

## New Member Application and Renewal Notice Changes

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Recently the National Office made changes to the mailing address and fax number on the New Member Application form. A new application is available on the National website at [www.socialworkers.org](http://www.socialworkers.org) or via the link on the Louisiana Chapter's website at [www.naswla.org](http://www.naswla.org). The new address is: P.O. Box 791343, Baltimore, MD 21279-1343 and the fax number is 888-551-6096. Please note that membership applications must be mailed to the National Office at the address above.

## NASW National Member Center

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Your Membership Information Is Important to Us! Help us better serve you by keeping your contact information up-to-date.

If there are address, telephone, or e-mail changes you need to make, designations you need to add, or you need to list your specialty practice, go to the National NASW webpage: [www.socialworkers.org](http://www.socialworkers.org) and make the changes online.

How can an NASW Member update their Membership Information On Line?

The national office of NASW has announced that an NASW member can update their membership information on line and help to keep your information up to date and current.

The steps are as follows:

Go to [www.socialworkers.org](http://www.socialworkers.org)

Click on "member's login" and log in.

Click on "update your member profile".

Click on "edit" to update.

Make the changes and click "submit" to complete the process.

By each member making the necessary changes to their information, this will not only make sure that they receive the information from the National office in a timely manner, but from their Chapter office also as we receive your address information from National on a monthly basis.

If you have any problems with the online update, please contact the National office at 1-800-638-8799 and ask for Membership.

If you do not have access to a computer to update your information online you can call the Louisiana Chapter office at (225)346-1234 or (800)899-1984 or email them at [info@naswla.org](mailto:info@naswla.org), with the information that needs to be changed or fax the information to (225)346-5035.

Please act now! We need to know how to find you!

Thank You, The Staff and Board of the Louisiana NASW Chapter

## National Social Work Finder – Important Update

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The Finder connects consumers with licensed social workers quickly at [www.HelpStartsHere.org](http://www.HelpStartsHere.org). The Finder is free to the consumer and is an excellent opportunity for licensed social workers to promote their services, practice and organization. Listings cost \$25.00. This fee is waived for social workers with a current Qualified Clinical Social Worker (QCSW) credential - another benefit for NASW members.

It is important that Licensed MSW and BSW social workers register on the [National Social Worker Finder](http://www.NationalSocialWorkerFinder.org) online search tool and take advantage of the benefits. The success of the Finder will help ensure the success of the new consumer Website – [www.HelpStartsHere.org](http://www.HelpStartsHere.org) – and the National Social Work Public Education Campaign.

**The public benefits. Social workers benefit. Your chapter benefits.**

## Members Only Legal Consultation

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The Office of General Counsel in the NASW national office has created a new members-only consultation phone line.

Members-Only Legal Consultation Calls: Calls are answered Monday through Thursday from 11:00 to 4:30 ET. All members should be referred through Member Services (800) 742-4089, or directly to the Consultation Line at (202) 408-8600, ext. 592. The member can leave a message, and the call will be returned from the Office of General Counsel. The member can also leave an email address so that resources can be provided if appropriate.

# NASW-LA Welcomes New Members

## Alexandria Region

Chance, DeAnna  
Drumgoole, KaDaria  
Foshee, Teresa  
Walsh, Shannon  
Weinzettle, Eric

## Baton Rouge Region

Anthony, Alice  
Barker, Sarah  
Branscum, Jessica  
Butler, Lakeshia  
Charles, Tabitha  
Chinwoh, Zelina  
Fernandez, Danielle  
Forrest, Rayven  
Grant, Karen  
Harper, Valerie  
Harris, LaChanda  
Herbert, Racheal  
Hollins, Chalonda  
Lally, Amanda  
Maranto, Nathan  
Marcello, Sarah  
Masinter, Blaine  
Mullenix, Rochelle  
Murphy, Hayley  
Passman, Brant  
Richard, Laura  
Savoy, Jacqueline  
Sewell, Kimberly  
Smith, Assyria  
Smith, Savanna  
Tewell, Jennifer  
Thomas, Katherine  
Thomas, Kelsea  
Williams, Andjoua  
Wilson, Roxie

## Florida Parishes Region

Coner, Deonne  
Crockett, Lakan  
Domino, Terry  
Hicks, Christina  
Netters, Wilma  
Ortego, Savannah  
Ribando, Kristin  
Rideaux, Mikaylie

## Lafayette Region

Hebert, Gregory  
Mathews, Sherry  
McConnell, Kathryn  
Soileau, Dusti  
Wilridge, Delise

## Monroe Region

Andrews, Thomika  
Fletcher, Ashleigh  
Emerson, Finitra  
Pollard, Vonthisha  
Stuckey, Ericka

## New Orleans Region

Alley, Julie  
Bailey, Tazya  
Barnes, Krystie  
Bastian, Catherine

Blatcher, Shawanda  
Bridges, LaTaisha  
Buckles, Keiera  
Connor, Kelsey  
Cooley, Irajuan  
Daigle, Shelvela  
Dill, Christina  
Durante, Isabel  
Fezekas, Robert  
Frank-Ridgeway, Joyce  
Goudeau-Allen, Valerie  
Johnson, Chelcy  
Jones, Cathryn  
Laurent, Lauren  
Matthews, Megan  
Saville, Robert  
Seawell, Ruth  
Simms-Isom, Deirdre  
Temple, Janelle  
Turner, Brendan  
Winters, Twilah  
Wright, Benjamin  
Wynne-Wilson, Abigail  
Zenon, Vanice

## Shreveport Region

Comeaux, Peyton  
Swafford, Rachel  
Toliver, Tiffany  
Williams, Brittney

## Welcome to all of our new members.

We look forward to meeting you at our regional meetings, sponsored workshops and the annual conference.

Check the NASW-LA website out at [www.naswla.org](http://www.naswla.org).

Attend the regional meetings and get involved. Volunteer opportunities are available, check with your Regional Chair.

## Benefits of NASW-LA Membership

- Be a part of the largest organization of professional social workers in the United States. We have over 130,000 in U.S. and Louisiana has 1,800 members.
- Since we are accessible on more of a local level, there is more opportunity to go to educational and networking meetings and conferences.
- Great way to build your network of colleagues and friends.
- Plus, for members only, you get many discounts and services, such as workshops and annual conference, car rental, hotel, credit cards, etc.
- NASW has a liability insurance that can cover you if there should ever be a time that a client may file a grievance.
- There is also other insurance offered including group term life, long-term liability, hospital daily cash, or accidental death & dismemberment.
- NASW gets involved in legislative issues that affect their members and the member's clients. We also, have PACE (Political Action Candidate Election) to help elect people to political office that has the same type of values that the social work profession needs.

Join NASW On-Line at [www.socialworkers.org](http://www.socialworkers.org) or call 1-800-638-8799 for a mailed application.



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## **Continuing Education Program**

*Karen D. Smith, Program Director*

The 2016-2017 Yellow Book is in its last month of workshops. The deadline of June 30 is fast approaching for licensed social workers to obtain their continuing education hours. The NASW-LA workshops that are being held throughout the state in May and June all still have openings. Get your pre-registration form fax, mailed or emailed to us ASAP or go online and register.

Work has begun on the 2017-2018 NASW-LA Continuing Education Program "Yellow Book". Call for Proposals are going out to our presenters from this year's workshops and the annual conference. If you or someone you know wants to submit a Call for Proposal, contact me in the Chapter Office and I can email you or them a copy. It will be posted on the website later in May.

Thank you all for your continued support of NASW-LA and especially the Continuing Education Program.

NOTE: All CEU Certificates from any of the workshops throughout the year are emailed to the attendees as soon as we receive the packets from the workshops. In any case we will have all CEU Certificates emails out by the end of June 30, 2017, if not before.

Take care and thanks,

## **Annual Conference 2017**

*Karen D. Smith, Program Director*

Thank you all for a great 2017 Annual Conference. Overall the evaluations that you turned in were very favorable. The comments regarding the temperature in the hotel and the noise in the ballrooms following the luncheons have been addressed with the hotel management and staff. In regards to the food served we work with the budget that we have with the hotel to provide the best that they have to offer for the value. In the 16 years that this staff has been working on the Annual Conference, we have tried other options of food such as beef and/or fish. The comments were overwhelming with the number of attendees that do not eat beef and fish or are allergic to seafood. Chicken is the safest choice for the majority and it is cost effective. The cost of the lunch has gone up in the 16 years, however, we have not increased the lunch fees for nonmembers at this time. Each year we review the comments and especially the ones regarding the luncheons and the refreshments with the hotel staff and work to incorporate additional suggestions from the evaluations. We will continue to work with the hotel to ensure that we receive the best quality for the cost for our attendees.

We have begun work on the 2018 Annual Conference and will be posting and sending out the Call for Proposal in early July. If you or someone you know would like to present let us know and we will send you one when they are ready.

Once again thank you for your continued support of NASW-LA and the Annual Conference. See you in 2018!

# **SAVE THE DATE**

## **2018 NASW-LA ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

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## WHAT DOES NASW DO FOR ME?

### NASW Connects You With The Social Work Community

- A. Your dues payment gives you three membership levels:
- National NASW
  - Louisiana State Chapter
- B. Local/Regional Unit

### The Regional Units Offers Monthly Meetings Where You Will Find

- Opportunities to connect with other professional social workers in your community
- Local employment opportunities announced at the meetings
- Resource networking – sharing information about existing and new community resources you can use in your social work practice
- Free or low cost continuing education events at most monthly meetings
- Unit and community social work events announced in Chapter newsletter, Chapter website and Facebook postings
- Participation in local Social Work Month events, supporting your profession

### Professional Social Work Information And Resources On The Chapter And National Web Sites Including:

- Reimbursement information
- Licensing information/updates
- Professional social work credentials
- Social work resources
- Workforce and salary information
- Legislative Update
- Continuing education announcements

- Social work practice information
- Practice standards
- Social work research

### **NASW Advocates For You Any Your Profession**

- A. Legislative
- NASW-LA employs a lobbyist to provide legislative service for members
  - NASW maintains an annual legislative agenda to promote and move forward legislation which benefits professional social workers and the clients we serve. Past successes include:
    - Social workers eligible to be Medicare providers—1989 (National)
    - LCSW licensure in Louisiana —1972;1999; and 2000 (NASWLA)
    - Social Work Title Protection—1999 (NASW-LA)
    - Clinical Judgment/No Liability for duty to warn—1999 (NASW-LA)
  - Legislative networks on the National and Chapter level provide NASW members the opportunity to advocate with policy makers using informed and professional communication
  - Provide support for an annual Legislative Lobby Day event hosting social work students from state universities
- B. NASW-LA and NASW PACE make contributions to federal and state legislators as well as other leadership positions
- C. Louisiana Licensure Board Advocacy
- Professional staff attend Licensure Board meetings to advocate on behalf of social workers
- D. Updates and changes to the licensure rules are communicated to members through the Chapter’s Newsletter and through professional consultation on licensure issues is available to members by calling the Chapter office
- E. Employment Opportunities and Services
- National and Chapter maintain employment listings for professional social workers
  - NASW-LA advocates with agencies and organizations to hire professional social workers

- F. NASW provides the very best professional liability insurance tailored just for professional social workers. Disability insurance, auto, home, and renters insurance is also available for members.

### **NASW Provides You With Accessible And Affordable Continuing Education Opportunities**

- A. All members of NASW receive discounts on all continuing education events. The NASW-LA develops and provides face to face CEUs throughout the state in its annually produced "Yellow Book".
- B. NASW-LA's Regional units provide continuing education workshops annually at no cost for members or substantial savings on registration costs including those for required courses
- C. Online courses and home studies are available to members.
- D. The NASW Conference is the largest social work in the state, bringing 750-800 social workers together annually. The Conference provides opportunities for all required continuing education courses.
- E. LCSW Prep Courses are provided twice a year to assist social workers in obtaining licensure.
- F. Ongoing new continuing education course development is planned to meet the changing needs of social work practice.

### **NASW Sets The Standards For Ethics And Accountability**

- A. When you join/renew your NASW membership, you commit in writing with your signature to uphold the Code of Ethics. NASW maintains an ethics review process where a consumer can file a grievance against a member for violation of the Code of Ethics.
- B. Members have access to National and Chapter resources for ethics consultation at no cost.
- C. National and Chapter offer ethics training workshops.
- D. Members are provided connection to legal resources by the Chapter through the National/ASI offices.



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“I think this is a terrific new benefit for our members”, said Carmen Weisner, NASW-LA Executive Director. “Participating in EAPrefer can provide an excellent opportunity for our members to build their private practice or supplement their existing income, with a program tailored to fit their schedule.”

EAPrefer has made it easy for members to participate by prescreening and negotiating with select EAP network providers in Louisiana to provide fair compensation. EAPrefer has also reduced much of the paperwork and administrative burden by creating an easy system for members to sign up and begin receiving referrals.

To learn more about EAPrefer, requirements for participation, and to sign up please visit [www.eaprefer.org](http://www.eaprefer.org) or call 866-307-2325 to speak with a representative.

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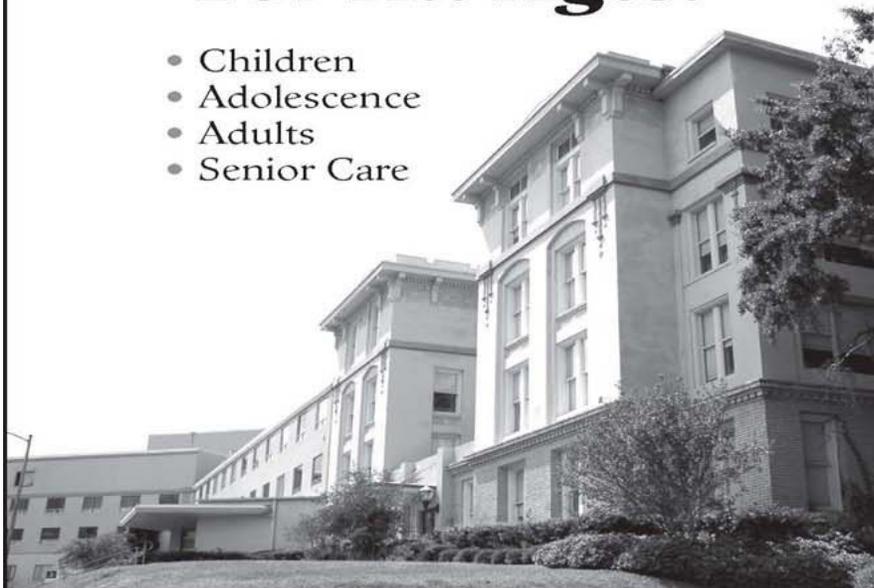
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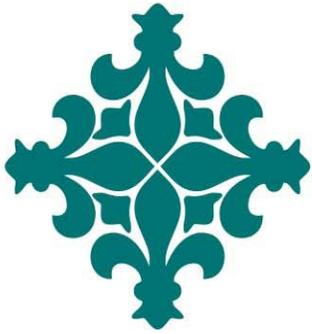
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## NASW National and NASW-LA website access

Both websites can be accessed for information by going to [www.socialworkers.org](http://www.socialworkers.org) or [www.naswla.org](http://www.naswla.org). However, some information and registering for workshops requires you to be a member and you must log in. You have a separate log in for the National Office and the NASW-LA Office. You can contact the National office by calling 1-800-742-4089 and you can contact the NASWLA Chapter Office by calling 1-800-899-1984.

The National Office updated their system at the beginning of July 2014. There was a small group of users whose logins/passwords caused an error during the process. These were passwords that were less than 6 characters. If you had a password with less than 6 characters or are having problems logging into the National website, then please contact call the National Office number listed above.

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- Provided an evaluation from an approved supervisor;
- Provided a reference from an MSW colleague;
- One of the following: current ACSW, DCSW, current state exam-based social work license, current state exam-based school social work license/certification, or passing score on ASWB exam;
- and Agreed to adhere to the NASW *Code of Ethics*, the NASW *Standards for School Social Work Practice*, and the NASW *Standards for Continuing Professional Education*, and are subject to the NASW adjudication process.

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## Membership in NASW is an Investment in Your Career

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- Multiple opportunities throughout the year to take free webinars and earn CE credit
- Free NASW WebEd online courses that offer CE credit
- Specialty sections for practice-specific information and resources, member-to-member networking, and opportunities to earn additional free CE credit
- Professional credentials that can energize your career and increase your marketability
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## 50 THINGS YOU CAN DO AS A MEMBER OF NASW

- 1) SUPPORT YOURSELF AND YOUR PROFESSION THROUGH *YOUR* PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION.
- 2) AFFIRM YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE NASW CODE OF ETHICS.
- 3) RECEIVE THREE MEMBERSHIPS FOR ONE PRICE: NATIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL.
- 4) RECEIVE 10 ISSUES ANNUALLY OF THE AWARD-WINNING ***NASW News***.
- 5) DEPEND UPON PAID PROFESSIONAL NATIONAL AND CHAPTER STAFF WORKING DAILY FOR YOU AND ON YOUR BEHALF.
- 6) NETWORK WITH LOCAL SOCIAL WORKERS AT REGULAR BRANCH MEETINGS.
- 7) MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY JOINING WITH OTHER SOCIAL WORKERS IN ADVOCACY EFFORTS TO PROTECT VULNERABLE POPULATIONS AND NEEDED SERVICES.
- 8) LEARN THE LATEST INFORMATION ABOUT SOCIAL WORK LICENSURE IN TENNESSEE.
- 9) GAIN PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION FROM THE SOCIAL WORK PUBLIC IMAGE CAMPAIGN.
- 10) UTILIZE NATIONAL AND STATEWIDE TOLL-FREE INFORMATION LINES FOR MEMBERS.
- 11) ACCESS "MEMBERS ONLY" SECTIONS OF YOUR OWN NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL WEBSITE: [WWW.SOCIALWORKERS.ORG](http://WWW.SOCIALWORKERS.ORG).
- 12) KEEP UP TO DATE ON INFORMATION IMPACTING SOCIAL WORKERS IN TENNESSEE THROUGH REGULAR MEMBER E-NEWSLETTERS.
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- 18) RECEIVE INTERNET ACCESS TO THE PROFESSION'S PREMIERE JOURNAL, ***SOCIAL WORK***.
- 19) TAKE ADVANTAGE OF LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN LOCAL, CHAPTER, AND NATIONAL POSITIONS.
- 20) PARTICIPATE IN, OR BENEFIT FROM, STATEWIDE COMMITTEES INCLUDING CONTINUING EDUCATION, ETHICS, LEGISLATIVE AND MEMBERSHIP SERVICES.
- 21) DEVELOP NEW SKILLS THROUGH VOLUNTEERING.
- 22) ATTEND QUALITY CONTINUING EDUCATION ACTIVITIES ORGANIZED BY THE CHAPTER AND AT YOUR LOCAL BRANCH LEVEL. FREE ON-LINE CEUs ARE ALSO BEING PROVIDED ON THE NATIONAL WEBSITE.
- 23) LEARN ABOUT WORKSHOPS OFFERED BY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE RECEIVED CEU APPROVAL FROM NASW.
- 24) JOIN OVER 50,000 MEMBERS IN THE ACADEMY OF CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKERS (ACSW).
- 25) HAVE YOUR CLINICAL SKILLS NOTED BY OBTAINING THE DIPLOMAT IN CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK (DCSW).
- 26) LEARN ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES THROUGH LEGAL BRIEFS AVAILABLE TO ASSIST MEMBERS IN UNDERSTANDING LEGAL ISSUES THAT IMPACT THE PROFESSION.
- 27) USE "SOCIAL WORK SPEAKS" TO FIND NASW POLICIES ON MAJOR HUMAN SERVICES ISSUES.
- 28) USE THE SOCIAL WORK FINDER ON [WWW.HELPSTARTSHERE.ORG](http://WWW.HELPSTARTSHERE.ORG) TO RECRUIT NEW CLIENTS AND LOCATE SOCIAL WORKERS AROUND THE NATION.
- 29) OBTAIN CERTIFICATION IN YOUR SPECIALTY AREA.
- 30) BE RECOGNIZED AND RECOGNIZE OUTSTANDING SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE THROUGH LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL "SOCIAL WORKER OF THE YEAR" AWARDS.
- 31) JOIN A SPECIALIZED PRACTICE SECTION FOR NETWORKING, IDEA-SHARING, AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.
- 32) PARTICIPATE IN GRASSROOTS LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY AT LOCAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL LEVELS ON SOCIAL JUSTICE AND PROFESSIONAL ISSUES.
- 33) RECEIVE ACCURATE INFORMATION ABOUT SOCIAL WORK SALARIES IN TENNESSEE.
- 34) USE THE LIBRARY/VIDEO SERVICES FROM THE CHAPTER OFFICE.
- 35) ACCESS SPECIFIC INFORMATION ABOUT STANDARDS FOR YOUR FIELD OF PRACTICE.
- 36) ADVERTISE YOUR OWN SERVICES AND WORKSHOPS TO OTHER SOCIAL WORKERS AT LOW COST.
- 37) BENEFIT FROM NASW'S EFFORTS TO DEFINE WHAT SOCIAL WORK IS AND DOES FOR THE PUBLIC, THE MEDIA, AND THE LEGISLATURE.
- 38) RECEIVE REGULAR LEGISLATIVE UPDATES ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION IMPACTING SOCIAL WORKERS AND OUR CLIENTS.
- 39) HELP DISPEL MYTHS ABOUT SOCIAL WORK.
- 40) USE CONTACTS FOR SOCIAL WORK INFORMATION IN ALL 50 STATES.
- 41) GET ASSISTANCE WITH EMPLOYMENT AND LICENSURE WHEREVER YOU RELOCATE.
- 42) PURCHASE T-SHIRTS, COFFEE MUGS, AND OTHER ITEMS THAT CELEBRATE YOUR PROFESSION.
- 43) PARTICIPATE IN SOCIAL WORK MONTH AND 'SOCIAL WORK DAY ON THE HILL' ACTIVITIES.
- 44) ADVANCE PROFESSIONALLY BY PUTTING NASW MEMBERSHIP ON YOUR RESUME.
- 45) SIGN UP FOR SPECIALTY JOURNALS OR A SPECIALITY PRACTICE SECTION WITH INFORMATION AND CEUs IN YOUR AREA OF PRACTICE.
- 46) GET MEMBER DISCOUNTS ON RENTAL CARS, HOTELS AND OFFICE PRODUCTS.
- 47) SHOP NASW PRESS'S VIRTUAL BOOKSTORE: [WWW.NASWPRESS.ORG](http://WWW.NASWPRESS.ORG).
- 48) GET GROUP INSURANCE FOR TERM LIFE, DISABILITY, HOSPITAL DAILY CASH, AND ACCIDENTAL DEATH.
- 49) HELP PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM UNETHICAL SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE.
- 50) ... AND THE LIST COULD GO ON AND ON AS THOUSANDS OF SOCIAL WORKERS JOIN TOGETHER FOCUSED ON OUR CORE VALUES OF *SERVICE, SOCIAL JUSTICE, DIGNITY AND WORTH OF THE PERSON, IMPORTANCE OF HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS, INTEGRITY AND COMPETENCE.*

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