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the social worker.

...the power of social work



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ABOUT NASW

The National Association of Social Workers (NASW), founded October 1, 1955, is the largest and most recognized membership organization of professional social workers in the world. Representing 150,000 members from 56 chapters in the United States and abroad, the Association 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 work and advocacy for social justice.

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

To visit the NASW Web site:

www.socialworkers.org

For general membership or member benefit questions:

Member Services 800-742-4089

For professional liability & group insurance questions:

NASW Assurance Services 800-355-3869
or visit www.naswassurance.org

To order NASW publications:

NASW Press 800-227-3590
Online Journals. www.naswpressonline.org
or visit www.naswpress.org

To order social work apparel and NASW merchandise:

NASW Merchandise 800-468-4332
or visit www.socialworkers.org

To enroll in a Specialty Practice Section (SPS):

SPS 202-408-8600 ext. 476

For professional credentials:

Credentialing Center . . 202-408-8600 ext. 447

ENHANCE YOUR PROFESSIONAL PROTECTION



NASW Assurance Services insurance programs are overseen by a Board that includes social workers with your needs in mind.

NASW Assurance Services gives members access to valuable insurance benefits, offering excellent rates on professional liability (malpractice) insurance for members, partnerships and corporations, students, schools, and agencies. NASW Assurance Services also offers members term life, long-term disability, hospital daily cash benefit, and personal accident insurance.

NASW Assurance Services Offers Risk Management Education

NASW Assurance Services offers Risk Management Workshops (CEUs) and online resources to help reduce your risk and exposure to an ethics complaint, licensing board complaint, or malpractice lawsuit. Take the free online course “Understanding Malpractice Risk: What Social Workers Can Do” and earn 2.0 free CEUs.

Visit www.naswassurance.org or call 800-355-3869 for applications and introductory information.

ENHANCE YOUR PROFESSIONAL CAREER

TWO MEMBERSHIPS IN ONE

Join NASW and you immediately become a member of your NASW state chapter as well—at no additional cost!

You will be connected to local continuing education events, relevant information through your state chapter newsletter, and a network of colleagues where you live and work.

GAIN PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY WHEN YOU COMMIT TO THE NASW CODE OF ETHICS

By joining NASW you agree to abide by the NASW *Code of Ethics* and the NASW *Procedures for Professional Review*. The *Code* identifies core values on which social work's mission is based, summarizes ethical principles that reflect the profession's core values, establishes a set of specific ethical standards that guide social work practice, and provides the basis on which the public can hold a practitioner accountable. The *Code* is available online at www.socialworkers.org/pubs/code.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

NASW's Continuing Education (CE) Approval Program connects you with state and national CE programs that give you the information, skills, training, CE contact hours, and networking opportunities you need for professional and personal development. Go to www.socialworkers.org/ce. Take advantage of NASW WebEd FREE online courses and earn FREE social work CEUs at www.NASWebEd.org.

EARN ADVANCED CREDENTIALS AND PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

NASW professional credentials show you have met the highest national standards of experience, advanced skill, ongoing professional development, and leadership. NASW members who hold the QCSW can register FREE in the National Social Worker Finder online referral directory. For more on the National Social Worker Finder, visit www.naswfoundation.org/socialworkfinder.asp.

CREDENTIALS

- Academy of Certified Social Workers (ACSW)
- Diplomate in Clinical Social Work (DCSW)
- Qualified Clinical Social Worker (QCSW)

SPECIALTY CREDENTIALS FOR THE MSW

- Advanced Certified Hospice and Palliative - Social Work (ACHP-SW) **NEW**
- Clinical Social Worker in Gerontology (CSW-G)
- Advanced Social Worker in Gerontology (ASW-G)
- Certified Advanced Children, Youth, and Family Social Worker (C-ACYFSW)
- Certified Social Worker in Health Care (C-SWHC)
- Certified Clinical Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs Social Worker (C-CATODSW)
- Certified School Social Work Specialist (C-SSWS)
- Certified Advanced Social Work Case Manager (C-ASWCM)

SPECIALTY CREDENTIALS FOR THE BSW

- Social Worker in Gerontology (SW-G)
- Certified Children, Youth, and Family Social Worker (C-CYFSW)
- Certified Social Work Case Manager (C-SWCM)

For more information, visit www.socialworkers.org/credentials or call 202-408-8600 ext. 447.

BENEFIT FROM RESOURCES

The award-winning NASW *NEWS* and premier journal *Social Work* are significant member benefits. NASW is committed to environmental stewardship and now delivers these publications electronically to all members. Regular active members receive 10 issues of the *NASW NEWS* print edition each year.



Member discounts are available for print and online subscriptions to NASW's four specialty journals — *Health & Social Work*, *Children & Schools*, *Social Work Research*, and *Social Work Abstracts*. *Social Work Abstracts* online contains more than 35,000 journal articles and citations of social work literature from 1965 to the present (available through Ovid and EBSCO). Members also have access to a wide variety of scholarly books and reference materials.

Visit the NASW Press online bookstore at www.naswpress.org or call 800-227-3590 to request an NASW Press publications catalog.

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

Student Members Pay Just \$48/Year— 75% Off the Full Membership Rate!

The National Association of Social Workers is your best connection to the ideas, information, resources, and people who will work with you to achieve your full potential as a student and as a future social work professional.

After graduation, NASW continues to subsidize dues for student members. If you maintain continuous membership, you will be able to take advantage of the transitional category of membership after graduation. BSW student members who maintain *continuous* membership after graduation automatically enter a two-year transitional period with reduced dues of \$94 each year. MSW student members who maintain *continuous* membership enter a three-year transitional period with reduced dues of \$94 in the first and second years, and \$143 in the third.

NASW Student members and eligible Transitional members may apply for discounted professional liability insurance for student field placement and/or for the first two years of professional practice.

NASW RESOURCES FOR STUDENT MEMBERS

NASW is an important element in the pursuit of a career in social work—a rich resource for those interested in finding out more about the practice areas in the social work profession and for those students who have already chosen social work as a career.

Careers in Social Work

- **Social Work Profession Overview:** People looking for a career with meaning, action, diversity, satisfaction, and an abundance of options are often drawn to social work. Social workers are highly trained professionals who care about people, want to make things better, and want to relieve suffering. There are more than a half-million professional social workers in the United States who have all committed their lives to making a difference.

- **Professional Credentials:** NASW credentials were created and developed by social workers based on principles, procedures, and standards for social work practice. They signify specialized experience, skills, and qualifications.

Resources

- NASW Web Site – www.socialworkers.org
- NASW Social Work Portal – www.socialworkportal.org
- NASW Student Center – www.socialworkers.org/students
- NASW Student Starter Toolkit – www.socialworkers.org/students/starterkit.asp
- NASW State Chapter – Annual conferences, newsletters, and a local connection to the profession
- Scholarship Information
- FREE NASW WebEd Online Courses
- NASW NEWS and *Social Work* journal online
- National Social Worker Finder Online Search Tool
- Continuing Education Opportunities
- NASW *Code of Ethics*
- Student/School Social Work Liability Insurance
- *Social Work Speaks: NASW Policy Statements*
- Government Relations Action Alert e-mails
- Licensing: All states require practicing social workers to be licensed, certified, or registered, although standards vary. Contact your state regulatory board directly.

Getting Involved

- NASW Chapters
- Advocacy
- Lobby Days

Publications of Interest to Students

Books

- *The Social Work Dictionary*, 5th Edition
- *Encyclopedia of Social Work*, 20th Edition
- *Social Work Speaks*
- *Ethical Standards in Social Work*, 2nd Edition, by Frederic G. Reamer
- *Social Work Career Development*, 2nd Edition by Carol Nesslein Doelling
- *What Social Workers Do*, 2nd Edition, by Margaret Gibelman

Journals

- *Social Work* (student members receive online)
- *Children & Schools*
- *Health & Social Work*
- *Social Work Research*
- *Social Work Abstracts*

Brochures & Videos

- Choices: Careers in Social Work (B)
- Your New Career in Social Work (B)
- Baccalaureate Social Workers (B)
- Professional Choices: Ethics at Work (V)

10 SMART REASONS TO JOIN NASW

- 1 National & State Chapter Membership:** Join NASW today and you immediately become a member of your NASW state chapter as well—at no additional cost! You will be connected to local continuing education events, relevant information through your state chapter newsletter, and a network of colleagues where you live and work.
- 2 Career Opportunities:** Start, grow, and manage your career at the NASW Social Work Career Center. From an interactive social work job bank, career-coaching, and résumé critiquing and writing, to professional development and training opportunities, and more, the Social Work Career Center has the tools you need to excel in the profession.
- 3 Specialty Practice Sections:** Keep up-to-date on practice-specific topics, trends, and policy issues. One of the top resources in the profession for your practice area, SPS offers members multiple opportunities throughout the year to earn free CEUs.
- 4 Insurance Protection:** NASW Assurance Services gives members access to valuable insurance benefits, offering excellent rates on professional liability (malpractice) insurance, term life, long-term disability, and accident protection insurance for eligible members. NASW Assurance Services also offers Risk Management workshops and an online course with FREE CEUs, as well as articles and other resources.
- 5 Professional Credentials:** NASW's Credentialing Center establishes and promotes the standards and credentials required for excellence in the practice of social work. Current holders of the QCSW credential can register FREE in the National Social Worker Finder online search tool and will receive premier placement in search results.
- 6 Advocacy for You & Your Clients:** NASW is instrumental in assuring that the social work perspective is incorporated into pending legislation before Congress and in state legislatures. Receive free Action Alert e-mails detailing current issues on Capitol Hill and in your state legislatures.
- 7 Networking Opportunities:** NASW activities provide an excellent opportunity for social workers to exchange ideas and information with colleagues and build professional relationships.
- 8 Continuing Education:** NASW fulfills its mission of advancing the professional knowledge base of social workers by delivering state-of-the-art continuing education through the NASW Lunchtime Series teleconferences and the online WebEd courses. Topics cover a variety of social work issues relevant to the profession.
- 9 Publications:** Stay connected to best practices in social work. The award-winning *NASW NEWS* and premier journal *Social Work* are significant member benefits. NASW is committed to environmental stewardship and now delivers these publications electronically to all members. Regular active members receive 10 issues of the *NASW NEWS* print edition each year. Member discounts are available for print and online subscriptions to NASW's four specialty journals —*Health & Social Work*, *Children & Schools*, *Social Work Research*, and *Social Work Abstracts*.
- 10 Discount Programs:** Take advantage of NASW's many other member benefits, including affinity credit cards, financial services, rental car discounts, and much more.

"NASW members have access to a wide variety of benefits and special offers that range from business services that save you time and money to publications and programs that can help advance your career."

Elizabeth J. Clark, PhD, ACSW, MPH
Executive Director, NASW

START, GROW, AND MANAGE YOUR CAREER AT THE SOCIAL WORK CAREER CENTER

careers.socialworkers.org

The NASW Career Center offers social workers a broad range of career development and management services, including an extensive database of job postings and other helpful resources for career advancement.

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THE SOCIAL WORK CAREER CENTER



TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SPECIALTY PRACTICE SECTIONS

Customized Services:

- Free CEUs through practice teleconferences and annual bulletin
- Practice-specific newsletters
- e-Alerts
- Members-only Web site
- Specialty Practice Section Blog
- Special Section discounts

NASW Specialty Practice Sections link you to the key information, resources, and expertise you need to stay at the forefront of your practice specialty. NASW currently offers these specialty practice sections: **Aging; Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs (ATOD); Child Welfare; Children, Adolescents & Young Adults (CAYA); Health; Mental Health; Private Practice; School Social Work; and Social and Economic Justice & Peace.**

Section membership is available at a nominal fee in addition to your membership dues. For more information, visit the NASW SPS Web site at www.socialworkers.org/sections or call 202-408-8600 ext. 476.

ENHANCE YOUR PROFESSIONAL IMPACT MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

NASW works to assure that the social work perspective is incorporated into federal and state legislation and regulations. The Social Work Reinvestment Initiative encourages federal and state governments to invest in the social work profession. Each NASW state chapter has a reinvestment plan, and there are a number of other initiatives at the national level, including the Dorothy I. Height and Whitney M. Young, Jr. Social Work Reinvestment Act (H.R. 5447/S. 2858).

Join NASW's Legislative Advocacy listserv for timely updates and action alerts at www.socialworkers.org/advocacy. NASW Political Action for Candidate Election (PACE) works to elect officials who best represent the social work mission. PACE has supported the election of several social workers to state and federal offices, as well as to the U.S. Congress.

THE NASW CENTER FOR WORKFORCE STUDIES

The NASW Center for Workforce Studies conducts research studies and collects data on the social work labor force to determine employment trends, training needs, and barriers to quality service delivery, and to advance the role of the profession in multiple systems of care. Use the results of the National Study of Licensed Social Workers to shape your practice and services.

GAIN ACCESS TO VALUABLE LEGAL RESOURCES

Established by NASW in 1972, the NASW Legal Defense Fund provides financial assistance and support for legal cases and issues of concern to NASW members and the social work profession. LDF also supports educational projects and programs to improve the legal status and knowledge of the social work profession. Legal Issue of the Month articles and General Counsel Law Notes provide an overview of specific legal topics of relevance to social workers.

For more information, visit www.socialworkers.org/ldf

SET AND MAINTAIN PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS



NASW standards set specific guidelines for practice in a variety of settings.

NASW promotes the quality and effectiveness of social work practice. NASW reviews and resolves complaints of ethical violations and unfair practices that could be detrimental to

this mission. To meet this responsibility, the Association has implemented the *NASW Procedures for Professional Review*.

ENHANCE THE ADVANCEMENT OF SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE



The NASW Foundation is a charitable organization created to enhance the well-being of

individuals, families, and communities through the advancement of social work practice. The Foundation conducts and supports research in a variety of policy and practice specialties, provides training and resources to social work professionals, preserves the history of social work and NASW, and honors the achievements of outstanding social workers and those who have helped the social work profession. It also offers scholarships and fellowships to NASW members pursuing graduate study in a variety of social work specialties and brings social work information to the public through the National Social Work Public Education Campaign.

For more information, visit www.naswfoundation.org

EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF SOCIAL WORK



The National Social Work Public Education Campaign is a nationwide program spearheaded by NASW to increase awareness of and enhance the image of social workers like you and tell the public about

the crucial work you do in today's society. HelpStartsHere.org, a vital component of the campaign, is a full-access Web site providing the public with resources to help them cope with problems they face every day and features a free national directory of licensed social workers. Register with the National Social Worker Finder online referral directory and submit Web site articles and content at www.HelpStartsHere.org.

For more information, visit www.HelpStartsHere.org

BENEFITS AND OTHER DISCOUNTS NASW MARKETPLACE

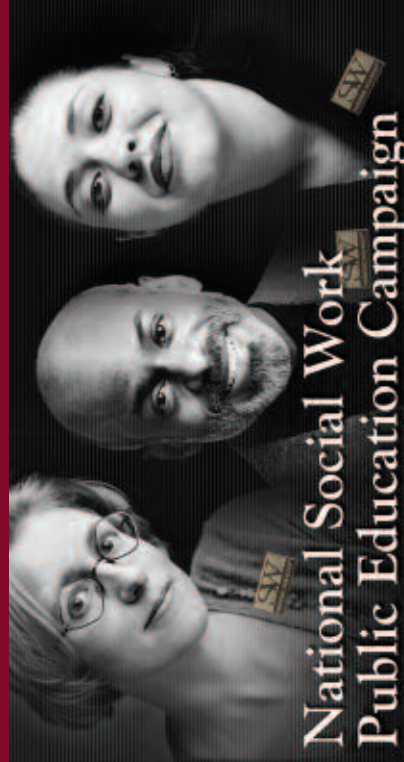
NASW offers a wide variety of specialty items promoting social work. NASW merchandise items show pride in the profession and are an excellent way to celebrate Social Work Month. Please call 800-468-4332 to order merchandise. To shop online, visit us at www.socialworkers.org.



MORE GREAT MEMBERS-ONLY DISCOUNTS, SERVICES & OPPORTUNITIES!

- In addition to offering personal and business credit cards, Bank of America is now offering checking/debit card services to NASW members, including the Keep the Change™ program at an exclusive, members-only 10% matching rate. For more information, call 800-523-7666.
- Benefit from an increased awareness and image of the profession through the National Social Work Public Education Campaign.
- Take advantage of leadership opportunities at the state and national levels on NASW boards, committees, and task forces.
- Take pride in knowing that NASW is working toward advocacy for and advancement of the social work profession through representation on Capitol Hill and in state legislatures and the Social Work Reinvestment Initiative.
- Participate in continuing education opportunities through the state chapters and national programs.
- Car rental discounts

Alamo	Hertz	Budget
Avis	National	
- Get discounts on Pennywise office supplies.
- Enjoy discounts at participating Clarion, Quality, Comfort Suites, Comfort Inn, Sleep Inn, Main Stay Suites, Econo Lodge, and Rodeway Inn hotels worldwide.



Celebrate your education and experience.

Donors of \$25 or more will receive a limited edition silver-plated Professional Social Worker pin. Donors of \$50 or more will receive a gold-plated pin. When you donate \$1,000 or more, you will receive a 14kt. gold pin. This pin recognizes social workers as educated, experienced, and ethical. Wear it to show your commitment to the social work profession.

You can also contribute online at www.naswfoundation.org.

Yes, I support the Public Education Campaign. Donate \$25 today to show your pride in the profession.

Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution of: \$50 (suggested donation)
 \$25 \$100 \$250 \$1,000 (limited edition 14kt. gold pin for \$1,000 donation or more)
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