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National Association of Social Workers



SocialWorkers.org

Policies, positions and services for members and stakeholders

SocialWorkPortal.org

Online search tool for hundreds of social work Web sites

Workforce.SocialWorkers.org

Current data about the social work labor force

HelpStartsHere.org

Consumer tips and resources, plus a Social Worker Finder

Helping Social Workers
Serve the Nation





The National Association of Social Workers

supports the professional development and growth of the nation's social workers, and advocates for sound social policies that improve life for all people. Our members are accomplished practitioners, educators, researchers and policy makers, who are employed in a wide range of settings in rural, suburban and urban communities. Approximately 150,000 of the country's trained social work professionals* are active members.



NASW provides its members:

- Chapter and National Membership
- Charitable Foundation Programs
- Code of Ethics and Practice Standards
- Conferences and Continuing Education
- Legal Consultation and Representation
- Legislative Advocacy and Political Action
- Liability and Group Life Insurance
- Monthly Membership Newspaper
- Partner Organization Networks
- Professional Credentials and Certifications
- Public Education Tools and Outreach
- Scholarly Journals and Publications
- Specialty Practice Section Membership
- Student Scholarships and National Awards
- Volunteer Leadership Opportunities

**There are nearly 600,000 degreed social workers (BSW, MSW or PhD/DSW) in the United States.*

The primary mission of the social work profession is to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic needs of all people, with particular attention to the needs of those who are vulnerable, oppressed and living in poverty.

Social Work Core Values:

SERVICE: Social workers are committed to helping people in need and addressing social problems.

SOCIAL JUSTICE: Social workers challenge social injustice of all forms.

DIGNITY AND WORTH: Social workers value and respect every person, no matter their differences.

RELATIONSHIPS: Social workers recognize the central importance of relationships in human well-being.

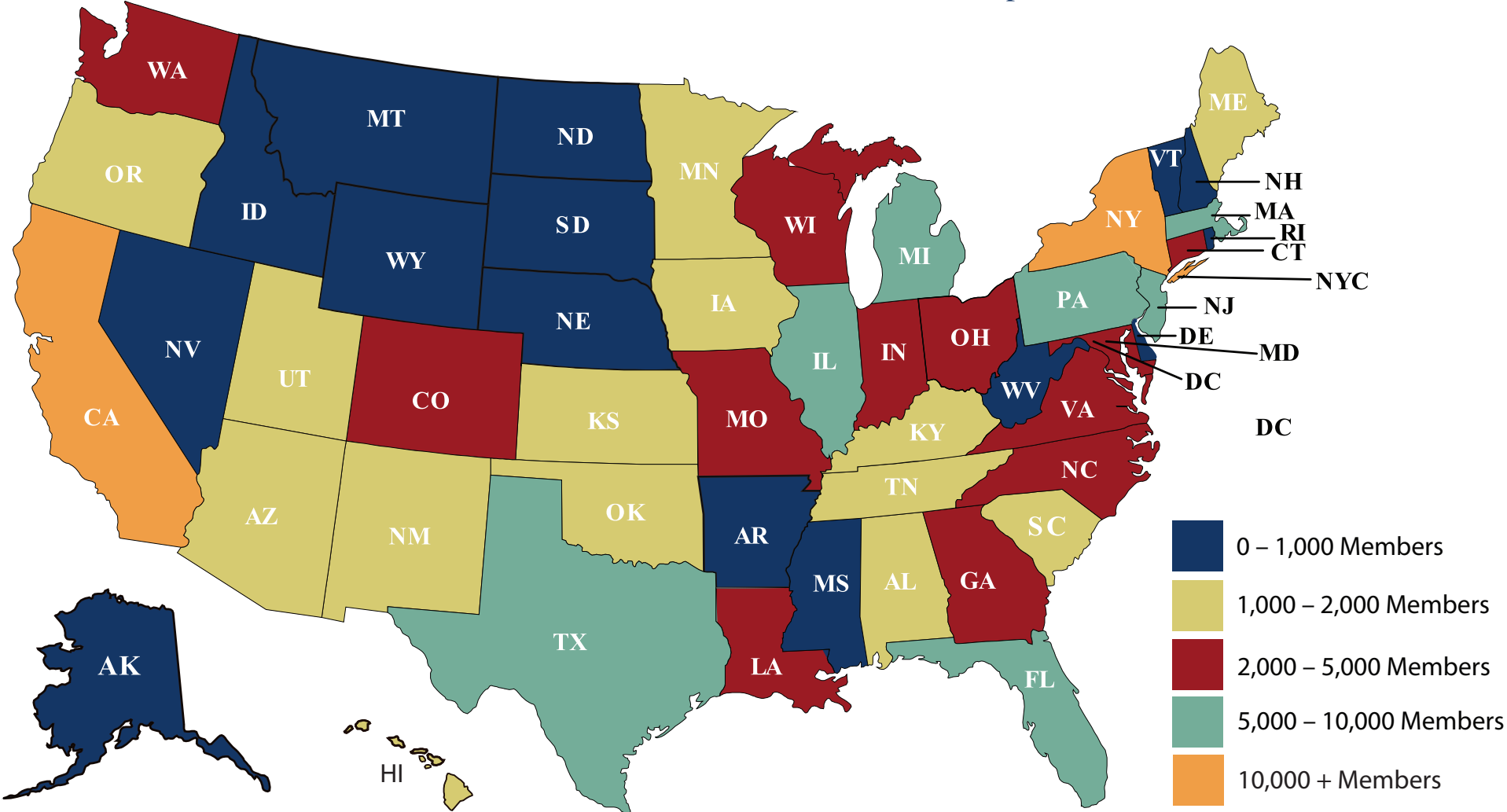
INTEGRITY: Social workers value and protect the trust they earn with clients and communities.

COMPETENCE: Social workers practice within their abilities and work to enhance their professional expertise.

Source: *NASW Code of Ethics*. www.socialworkers.org/pubs/code

The Power of Social Work

National Association of Social Workers Membership



International
Guam

Puerto Rico
Virgin Islands

150,000 Members
in 56 chapters



Whenever and wherever help is needed, social workers are there.

SOCIAL WORKERS REACH EVERY PART OF THE COMMUNITY. NASW members are employed in schools, hospitals, shelters, senior centers, universities, social service agencies, clinics, corporations and the military. They can be found in all levels of leadership in the non-profit, for-profit and government sectors, including state and federal elected office.

Social workers focus on improving individual well-being in the context of family and other social structures, such as work and community. According to government sources, clinical social workers are the largest group of professionally trained mental health providers in the United States, rendering the majority of counseling and psychotherapy services.

Other social workers promote social change to improve the conditions in which large groups of people live. Since the profession was formed more than 100 years ago, social workers have been instrumental in pushing institutions to value and support labor rights, civil rights and children's rights, while making health and mental health care services more accessible for all.

Social work contributions enable our nation to live up to its true promise.

“Social work expertise helps the global community protect and advance the well-being of all people, at every stage in life.”

– 2005 Social Work Congress

Our members care for people across the lifespan, from children to the elderly, and help millions respond to life's most difficult challenges:



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| Abuse | Disability | Immigration |
| Addiction | Disasters | Mental Illness |
| Adoption | Discrimination | Parenting |
| Anxiety | Divorce | Poverty |
| Bereavement | Domestic Violence | Racism |
| Caregiving | Eating Disorders | Rape |
| Chronic Illness | Foster Care | Relationships |
| Corrections | Gambling | Sexuality |
| Crisis | Grief | Stress |
| Death | Health Care | Suicide |
| Delinquency | Hospice | Trauma |
| Dementias | Housing | Unemployment |
| Depression | Human Rights | Violence |

NASW helps shape legislation that affects the health, welfare and education of all people. NASW works with hundreds of allied organizations to promote causes and services that improve society.