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From the Executive Director



Here we are at the midpoint of 2017. The summer heat has returned and we are all trying to squeeze some in relaxation during the remaining portion of our summer. As I write my final article for an NASW-LA newsletter, I am reminded that some of you may not be aware that I am leaving my position as the Executive Director of the Louisiana Chapter effective September 30. It has been an honor and privilege to serve in this capacity since November, 2004. I want to say thank you to the Board of Directors who have been supportive of the work of the Chapter during these almost 13 years. The staff in the Chapter office is incredible and really is the engine that keeps the train on the

tracks. We are blessed to have them work on behalf of the profession every day.

As the fall approaches, the schools of social work throughout the state will be welcoming students and preparing them to enter this profession of ours. To those of you who are part of the training of these emerging professionals, thank you for the work you do to help in their development. The students of today are the professionals of tomorrow.

Our communities, state and country are facing many challenges. We need to be part of the conversations that help frame the emerging public policy that will surely evolve from these challenges. It is vital that we find our voice and embrace the ethical principle of social justice. More specifically, "Social workers challenge social injustice and pursue social change on behalf of vulnerable and oppressed individuals and groups of people" (NASW Code of Ethics, p.5). As social workers we are firm in our belief that our knowledge base requires cultural competence, that is, an understanding of power, privilege, and oppression. Our practice skills afford the opportunity to intervene with clients, community systems, and society at large and to advance human rights, racial and economic equality, and social fairness. Social justice is the beacon of the profession, and we, as association members, are bound to protect the rights and dignity of all people. We do it in our policy work, our direct practice with our clients, and community advocacy. I salute you.

You are part of the NASW family. Your commitment is expressed annually when you renew your membership. Membership in a professional association provides you with opportunities to dialogue with your peers at regional meeting, volunteer opportunities through various committees, serving on the board of directors, reviewing legislative proposals and contacting your elected officials about your concerns, enhancing your practice skills, and learning about emerging practices and issues. Thank you for being part of this organization.

As Always I Am Proud To Be A Professional Social Worker,



I am honored to serve as your new President of NASW-LA. I am following in the footsteps of many strong, capable Presidents before me. My goal is to continue to move our profession forward as we remain strong but this cannot be achieved without your input. I ask that you let me know your concerns and priorities so that we continue to meet the needs of our membership. We have a strong Executive Committee and Board of Directors. The Regional Representatives work diligently to meet your needs in their respective regions. In order to be successful as a board, we must hear your thoughts, questions, and concerns. We are stronger when we work together.

NASW-LA is in the midst of changes, as is our national association. These changes include the revitalization and modernization efforts which are ongoing. I ask that you encourage your peers to join NASW if they are not members at this time. NASW is our professional organization and exist for us! We, as an organization, are in a position to

have a positive effect on the social and economic challenges that face our state.

Lastly, but not the least important, is the retirement of Carmen Weisner. She has been not only a superb Executive Director, but a role model as a Social Worker and leader. She has been a driving force in positive changes for Social Workers and those we serve throughout the state. Carmen will be missed without a doubt, but we must continue to move forward. The exciting and lengthy process of identifying a new ED has begun but I would like to take this opportunity to publicly say "THANK YOU, CARMEN!"

I hope to facilitate the growth and development of NASW-LA in a collaborative, productive, and efficient manner. Working together we will remain strong and robust as an organization!

I look forward to hearing your thoughts and feedback during my two year tenure as we move forward together.

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 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 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

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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)

August 25 * September 29 * November 3 * December 8

Dates for 2017 LABSWE BACS ORIENTATION MEETINGS

September 23 * November 18

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

An Hour with Private Practice

For your information, the following link is to the schedule of *An Hour With Private Practice* for the second half of 2017:

<http://www.socialworkers.org/includes/newIncludes/homepage/documents/Schedule%20for%20July%20thru%20Dec%202017.pdf>

Give the Gift of NASW Membership

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 and ASWB Standards for Technology and Social Work Practice

The NASW, ASWB, CSWE, & CSWA Standards for Technology in Social Work Practice is the result of a collaboration between NASW, Association of Social Work Boards, Council on Social Work Education, and Clinical Social Work Association, which updated the previous technology standards, developed to create a uniform document for the profession. Technology has changed social work practice, offering new ways to perform services and obtain information. It is defined as any electronically mediated activity used in the conduct of competent and ethical delivery of social work services.

To access the standards, use the following link:

<https://www.socialworkers.org/practice/standards/NASWTechnologyStandards.pdf>

How Can I Help During a Disaster?

Whether it is a hurricane, flood, explosion, tornado, or pandemic flu, one cannot predict when an emergency will strike Louisiana. Yet, one knows that a multitude of volunteers - medical and non-medical - will be needed to help victims and provide for relief efforts. You can play a vital role in Louisiana's disaster response efforts!

Consider Becoming Part of the Louisiana Volunteers in Action (LAVA)

- Louisiana Volunteers in Action (LAVA) is Louisiana's approach to the federally mandated Emergency Systems for Advanced Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals (ESAR-VHP) Program. Created in 2007, this real-time, online state registry of medical and non-medical volunteers can systematically verify credentials before an emergency, thus ensuring that Louisiana has a competent, ready-to-deploy volunteer workforce.
- Upon joining LAVA, a volunteer's identity, qualifications, and experience will be verified. A volunteer's information is kept in a secure, statewide database which is only be shared with emergency management professionals. This information is used to coordinate volunteer efforts with a special emphasis on advanced credential verification and deployment based on skill set.

During a disaster, there is a need for social work services. We know social workers want to help. You may not know of a way to connect to match your skills with the identified needs. The LAVA network managed by the Office of Public Health, Department of Health knows all too well has identified that there are more behavioral health needs in times of disasters than the current system can provide. The following highlights where the services of social workers would be of great benefit:

- a. Shelters – providing psychological first aid/skills for psychological recovery, care management/connection to resources
- b. Bus Triage/Pick UP points – providing psychological first aid/skills for psychological recovery, care management/connection to resources
- c. Stress Management/Postvention for disaster responders

If you would like to volunteer/register, please go to the following site,
www.lava.dhh.louisiana.gov

Social Work Advocacy

Recently, we received a question in the Chapter office inquiring about advocacy. More specifically, the member asked, “What is NASW doing about the imminent threat to Medicaid and TrumpCare. We are going backwards in this "great" country?”

One of social work’s ethical principles is social justice: *“Social workers challenge social injustice and pursue social change on behalf of vulnerable and oppressed individuals and groups of people”* (NASW Code of Ethics, p.5). Social worker’s knowledge base requires cultural competence, that is, an understanding of power, privilege, and oppression. Social work practice skills afford professionals the opportunity to intervene with clients, community systems, and society at large and to advance human rights, racial and economic equality, and social fairness. Social justice is the beacon of the social work profession, and association members are bound to protect the rights and dignity of all people and work with populations who see equality and justice.

The NASW has taken steps to inform the membership in a few critical areas at the national level. Many members have signed up to receive action alerts from the National office about federal initiatives. Shortly after the new administration took office, the staff in the National office developed a Transition Document to the Trump Administration. It was entitled, “Advancing the American Agenda: How The Social Work Profession Will Help”. It can be found at this web location: <https://www.socialworkers.org/advocacy/issues/EX-BRO-24617.TrumpTransitionBro.pdf>

In addition, many of you received action alerts urging you to contact your Congressman and Senators about proposed changes to legislation dealing with health care, services to veterans, behavioral health services. When you get these, please do your part and send a message to your elected officials. The following documents also can give you background information on the most recent activities:

Health Care

<http://www.socialworkblog.org/advocacy/2017/06/join-nasw-to-urge-senate-not-pass-legislation-to-repeal-major-portions-of-affordable-care-act/>

Proposed Federal Budget

<http://www.socialworkblog.org/advocacy/2017/06/statement-president-trumps-full-budget-request-would-shred-nations-social-safety-net/>

We are a stronger voice when we all become part of the conversation. I urge you to become engaged and involved.

2017 Louisiana Legislative Session Summary

In the following pages you will find a listing of all the bills and resolutions NASW-LA supported, opposed, monitored, etc., during the 2017 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature that made it through the process and were eventually enrolled. There were 618 House bills pre-filled and 236 Senate bills pre-filled; the House ended up filing 692 bills and the Senate ended up filing 257 bills. In addition, there were 121 House Concurrent Resolutions and 246 House Resolutions; 125 Senate Concurrent Resolutions and 225 Senate Resolutions. In essence, a very busy “fiscal” session, but obviously not enough time to pass a state operating budget or a capital overlay budget. The legislature also failed to deal with the pending fiscal cliff that looms ahead in fiscal year 2018-19. So, they had to return for yet another special session to get the budget issues done.

To review the legislation itself, you can go to our website, www.naswla.org and search for the legislation mentioned in the summary, under the Legislation tab.. You will be able to read it in its entirety.

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National Association of Social Workers

NASW - FINAL 6/15/17 Bill Status Report

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NASW		
HB 4	Miguez, Blake(R) Cortez(R)	Provides relative to the reemployment of retired school nurses in positions covered by the Teachers' Retirement System of La.
Bill History: 07-01-17 G Effective		
HB 19	Magee, Tanner(R) Chabert(R)	Allows for the imposition of community service as a possible penalty for a violation of any parish ordinance.
Bill History: 08-01-17 G Effective		
HB 27 	Connick, Patrick(R) Claitor(R)	Provides assistance and protection from domestic abuse to all persons presently or formerly living in the same residence as spouses.
Bill History: 08-01-17 G Effective		
HB 31	Hoffman, Frank(R) Long(R)	Provides relative to the reemployment of retired school psychologists in positions covered by the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana.
Bill History: 07-01-17 G Effective		
HB 33 	Pearson, Kevin(R) Peacock(R)	Provides relative to representation of the House of Representatives on the boards of trustees of state and statewide retirement systems.
Bill History: 06-08-17 G Enrolled		
HB 44	Jenkins, Sam(D) Milkovich(D)	Provides an exception to the juvenile court's jurisdiction over adults in criminal proceedings in certain parishes.
Bill History: 06-04-17 G Enrolled		






HB 64	Henry, Cameron(R) LaFleur(D)	Provides for the ancillary expenses of state government. Bill History: 06-09-17 G Enrolled
HB 79	Foil, Franklin(R) Morrish(R)	Prohibits corporal punishment for certain students with exceptionalities. Bill History: 06-06-17 G Enrolled
HB 83	Marino, Joseph(I) Morrell(D)	Authorizes an incarcerated defendant to appear at certain proceedings by way of simultaneous audio-visual transmission. Bill History: 06-09-17 G Enrolled
HB 94 	Harris, Jimmy(D) Bishop(D)	Authorizes all district courts to establish reentry courts. Bill History: 08-01-17 G Effective
HB 110	Billiot, Robert(D) Martiny(R)	Provides relative to the procedure for designating certain crimes in the court minutes as crimes of violence. Bill History: 06-05-17 G Enrolled
HB 115	Cromer, Greg(R) Claitor(R)	Provides for the continuous revision of community property laws. Bill History: 06-04-17 G Enrolled
HB 116 	Dwight, Stephen(R) Claitor(R)	Provides relative to the registration and rights of crime victims. Bill History: 06-05-17 G Enrolled
HB 120	Jackson, Katrina(D) Barrow(D)	Provides for fees in civil matters. Bill History: 03-15-18 G Effective
HB 154 	Carpenter, Barbara(D) Ward(R)	Authorizes the disclosure of autopsy-related documents to the Department of Children and Family Services at no charge. Bill History: 06-12-17 G Effective
HB 155	Danahay, Mike(D) Morrell(D)	Adds the House and Governmental Affairs Committee as an entity eligible to receive criminal history record information. Bill History: 08-01-17 G Effective

HB 159	Miller, Dustin(D) Boudreaux(D)	Requires certain mental health providers to be licensed under the Behavioral Health Services Provider Licensing Law.
	Bill History:	06-03-17 G Effective
HB 160	Miller, Greg(R) Smith(D)	Provides relative to voting by a person who has a disability relative to voting.
	Bill History:	06-04-17 G Enrolled
HB 165	Anders, Andy(D) Smith(R)	Provides for identification of dental benefit plan coverage relative to health insurers.
	Bill History:	01-01-18 G Effective
HB 168	Carpenter, Barbara(D) Barrow(D)	Requires reporting of certain information concerning persons with a felony conviction who are released from the custody or supervision of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections.
	Bill History:	02-01-18 G Effective
HB 176	Lyons, Rodney(D) Carter(D)	Eliminates the cap on the funding formula for voluntary parish councils on aging.
	Bill History:	06-04-17 G Enrolled
HB 179	Stokes, Julie(R) Martiny(R)	Provides relative to devices authorized for use by the Right To Try Act.
	Bill History:	06-02-17 G Enrolled
HB 185	Armes, James(D) Barrow(D)	Establishes the La. Military Medics and Corpsmen Pilot Program.
	Bill History:	08-01-17 G Effective
HB 204	Billiot, Robert(D) Fannin(R)	Provides relative to the information provided to the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections when offenders are sentenced to its custody.
	Bill History:	12-01-17 G Effective
HB 205	Bouie, Joe(D) Morrell(D)	Provides relative to the length of time certain applicants are required to wait before applying for a pardon or commutation of sentence.
	Bill History:	06-06-17 G Enrolled
HB 219	Leopold, Chris(R)	Provides relative to the discharge of bail

	Martiny(R)	obligations and bond forfeiture judgments.
	Bill History:	06-05-17 G Enrolled
HB 223	Moreno, Helena(D) Claitor(R)	Provides relative to abuse among dating partners.
	Bill History:	08-01-17 G Effective
HB 225	Pearson, Kevin(R) Mills(R)	Adds certain substances to the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law.
	Bill History:	08-01-17 G Effective
HB 227	Shadoin, Rob(R) Luneau(D)	Provides relative to sealing and delivering depositions.
	Bill History:	06-08-17 G Enrolled
HB 238	Billiot, Robert(D) Mills(R)	Authorizes a request to suspend a license for nonpayment of child support to be made electronically.
	Bill History:	06-05-17 G Enrolled
HB 249	Magee, Tanner(R) Claitor(R)	Provides relative to the payment of fines, fees, costs, restitution, and other monetary obligations related to an offender's conviction.
	Bill History:	06-07-17 G Enrolled
HB 250	Pylant, Steve(R) Morrish(R)	Authorizes local needle exchange programs.
	Bill History:	06-03-17 G Effective
HB 253	Smith, Patricia(D) Colomb(D)	Revises terminology referring to the deaf and hard of hearing.
	Bill History:	08-01-17 G Effective
HB 269	Harris, Lance(R) Claitor(R)	Provides for free expression on college campuses.
	Bill History:	06-07-17 G Enrolled
HB 277	James, Ted(D) Peterson(D)	Provides relative to training of peace officers.
	Bill History:	06-04-17 G Enrolled
HB 280	Marino, Joseph(I)	Provides relative to birth certificates in certain


	Carter(D)	cases of adoption.	Bill History: 08-01-17 G Effective
HB 286	Smith, Patricia(D) Smith(D)	Provides for the payment of restitution to the Crime Victims Reparations Fund in certain cases.	Bill History: 08-01-17 G Effective
HB 293	Amedee, Beryl(R) Smith(D)	Provides relative to the limitation of liability of the state.	Bill History: 06-09-17 G Enrolled
HB 309	Moreno, Helena(D) Morrell(D)	Provides relative to rights of victims of criminal offenses.	Bill History: 06-06-17 G Enrolled
HB 317	Bagley, Larry(R) Ward(R)	Provides for the acceptance of a child surrendered for adoption by the Department of Children and Family Services.	Bill History: 06-03-17 G Effective
HB 337	Stokes, Julie(R) Erdey(R)	Provides for an individual income tax credit for improvements made to the residences of individuals with certain disabilities.	Bill History: 06-07-17 G Enrolled
HB 338	Pope, Rogers(R) Claitor(R)	Provides relative to the Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.	Bill History: 06-05-17 G Enrolled
HB 341	Miller, Dustin(D) Mills(R)	Amends laws relative to behavioral health and mental health to provide for current practice and appropriate terminology.	Bill History: 06-08-17 G Enrolled
HB 343	Franklin, A.B.(D) Ward(R)	Provides relative to termination of parental rights.	Bill History: 06-12-17 G Effective
HB 395	Miller, Dustin(D) Claitor(R)	Amends the procedures for involuntary mental health treatment.	Bill History: 06-08-17 G Enrolled

HB 398	Garofalo, Ray(R) Fannin(R)	Requires the budgeted amount and authorized positions for the current year to be placed adjacent to the appropriation and authorized positions for the next year in the General Appropriations Bill and other appropriation bills.
		Bill History: 06-09-17 G Enrolled
HB 401	Gisclair, Truck(D) Perry(R)	Provides relative to the membership of the Veterans' Affairs Commission.
		Bill History: 06-05-17 G Enrolled
HB 402	Havard, Kenny(R) Mills(R)	Provides for licensure and regulation of community-based care facilities.
		Bill History: 06-09-17 G Enrolled
HB 435	Talbot, Kirk(R) Morrish(R)	Requires disclosure to patient of out-of-network providers prior to surgery.
		Bill History: 06-05-17 G Enrolled
HB 436	Talbot, Kirk(R) Mills(R)	Requires drug manufacturers to provide information regarding prescription drug prices.
		Bill History: 06-04-17 G Enrolled
HB 439	Zeringue, Jerome(R) Martiny(R)	Provides for continuous revisions to the Code of Civil Procedure and related provisions of the Revised Statutes.
		Bill History: 06-09-17 G Enrolled
HB 452	Abramson, Neil(D) Walsworth(R)	Makes requirement for in-service training relative to suicide prevention applicable to nonpublic and charter school teachers and other employees.
		Bill History: 08-01-17 G Effective
HB 455	Abramson, Neil(D) Martiny(R)	Provides relative to sex offender registration and notification.
		Bill History: 06-05-17 G Enrolled
HB 473	Gaines, Randal(D) Smith(D)	Provides relative to P.O.S.T. certification of peace officers.
		Bill History: 06-09-17 G Enrolled
HB 481	Jackson, Katrina(D) Barrow(D)	Provides relative to law enforcement officers.

		Bill History: 06-05-17 G Enrolled
HB 486	Johnson, Robert(D) Walsworth(R)	Provides relative to the state central registry for child abuse and neglect.
		Bill History: 06-07-17 G Enrolled
HB 490	Leger, Walt(D) Mills(R)	Creates the Advisory Council on Heroin and Opioid Prevention and Education.
		Bill History: 08-01-17 G Effective
HB 499	Schroder, John(R) Perry(R)	Provides relative to the crime of stalking.
		Bill History: 08-01-17 G Effective
HB 506	Jefferson, Patrick(D) Morrell(D)	Provides relative to juvenile records and proceedings.
		Bill History: 06-08-17 G Enrolled
HB 509	Schroder, John(R) Perry(R)	Provides relative to temporary restraining orders.
		Bill History: 08-01-17 G Effective
HB 519	Emerson, Julie(R) Claitor(R)	Modifies the Provisional Licenses for Ex-Offenders Act to create the Licenses for Ex-Offenders Act.
		Bill History: 06-05-17 G Enrolled
HB 524	Schroder, John(R) Martiny(R)	Provides relative to the stay of discovery in certain proceedings.
		Bill History: 08-01-17 G Effective
HB 531	Hoffman, Frank(R) Walsworth(R)	Prohibits the use of tobacco products on school property.
		Bill History: 06-07-17 G Enrolled
HB 544	Danahay, Mike(D) Mills(R)	Makes revisions to the La. Election Code.
		Bill History: 06-14-17 G Effective
HB 556	Pearson, Kevin(R)	Provides relative to sick leave granted to

	R	Donahue(R)	school bus operators, teachers, and other public school employees in certain instances.
		Bill History:	06-04-17 G Enrolled
HB 557		Seabaugh, Alan(R) Walsworth(R)	Provides for criminal background checks relative to early learning centers, school employees, registered family child care providers and in-home providers.
		Bill History:	06-09-17 G Enrolled
HB 560		Hunter, Marcus(D) Luneau(D)	Provides with respect to legislative continuance.
		Bill History:	06-08-17 G Enrolled
HB 582	R	Smith, Patricia(D) Martiny(R)	Provides relative to the telecommunications tax for the deaf.
		Bill History:	06-07-17 G Enrolled
HB 584		Leger, Walt(D) Alario(R)	Creates a special fund for the purpose of funding early childhood education in Louisiana.
		Bill History:	06-07-17 G Enrolled
HB 615		Landry, Terry(D) Claitor(R)	Provides relative to an inmate's eligibility to participate in certain programs and relative to completion of programs prior to release on parole.
		Bill History:	08-01-17 G Effective
HB 620		Henry, Cameron(R) LaFleur(D)	Appropriates funds for the expenses of the judiciary for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.
		Bill History:	06-06-17 G Enrolled
HB 678	R	Horton, Dodie(R) Mills(R)	Provides relative to prenatal neglect and reporting thereof. Substitute for HB 479.
		Bill History:	06-07-17 G Enrolled
HB 680		Marino, Joseph(I) Martiny(R)	Provides relative to child support when a parent is incarcerated. Substitute for HB 426.
		Bill History:	06-08-17 G Enrolled
HB 681		Moreno, Helena(D) Mills(R)	Eliminates restrictions on eligibility for certain public assistance for persons with prior drug convictions. Substitute for HB 177.

		Bill History: 06-07-17 G Enrolled
HB 688	Pierre, Vincent(D) Bishop(D)	Prohibits a public postsecondary education institution from inquiring about a prospective student's criminal history, except for history pertaining to specified offenses, prior to his acceptance for admission. Substitute for HB 122.
		Bill History: 06-07-17 G Enrolled
HCR 2	Foil, Franklin(R)	Requests the Louisiana State Law Institute to study tutorship and the legal capacity of an emancipated minor.
		Bill History: 05-18-17 G Enrolled
HCR 7	Landry, Nancy(R) Thompson(D)	Provides for legislative approval of the MFP formula for FY 2017-18.
		Bill History: 06-05-17 G Enrolled
HCR 10	Dwight, Stephen(R)	Requests the Louisiana State Law Institute to study the laws governing paternity and birth certificates.
		Bill History: 06-01-17 G Enrolled
HCR 17	Hoffman, Frank(R) Mills(R)	Requests a study and recommendations concerning reporting of child abuse and neglect in military families.
		Bill History: 05-31-17 G Enrolled
HCR 18	Carter, Steve(R)	Memorializes the United States Congress to pass the Trickett Wendler Right to Try Act of 2017.
		Bill History: 05-18-17 G Enrolled
HCR 26	Moreno, Helena(D) Smith(D)	Directs the Louisiana State Police Crime Lab to study and make recommendations for the implementation of a tracking system relative to the status of sexual assault collection kits.
		Bill History: 06-07-17 G Enrolled
HCR 28	Hoffman, Frank(R) Walsworth(R)	Recognizes October 2017 as Dyslexia Awareness Month.
		Bill History: 04-19-17 G Enrolled
HCR 36	Smith, Patricia(D) Martiny(R)	Requests a study and recommendations by the La. State Law Institute concerning the prospective use of the term "d/Deaf" in law.
		

		Bill History: 05-31-17 G Enrolled
HCR 55 	Norton, Barbara(D) Mills(R)	Creates a task force to study Louisiana's current statewide system of healthcare delivery for Medicaid enrollees with serious mental illness.
		Bill History: 06-07-17 G Enrolled
HCR 56	Abraham, Mark(R) Mills(R)	Directs the Dept. of Children and Family Services to study and develop a procedure by which parents who are awaiting a criminal trial or sentencing can develop a plan of care for their child.
		Bill History: 06-07-17 G Enrolled
HCR 58	Hilferty, Stephanie(R) Appel(R)	Requests an evaluation and report concerning prospective implementation of a "baby box" program as a means of reducing infant mortality.
		Bill History: 06-05-17 G Enrolled
HCR 79 	White, Malinda(D) White(R)	Requests the Louisiana State Law Institute to study state laws governing domestic abuse, domestic violence, and stalking.
		Bill History: 06-02-17 G Enrolled
HCR 116	Norton, Barbara(D) Barrow(D)	Urges and requests the Dept. of Health to study the desirability of implementing the health home option in the medical assistance program.
		Bill History: 06-08-17 G Enrolled
HR 155	Hoffman, Frank(R)	Requests a study and report on tax-related and health-related issues associated with vapor products and electronic cigarettes.
		Bill History: 06-04-17 G Enrolled
HR 199	Amedee, Beryl(R)	Requests collaboration among the La. School Boards Assoc., La. Assoc. of School Superintendents, La. Federation of Teachers, La. Assoc. of Educators, and Associated Professional Educators of La. in ensuring equal access to union organizations.
		Bill History: 06-08-17 G Enrolled
HR 200	Leger, Walt(D)	Directs the State Law Institute to review criminal justice legislation enacted during the 2017 Regular Session and its consistency with other provisions of Louisiana law.

		Bill History: 06-08-17 G Enrolled
HR 208	Norton, Barbara(D)	Creates the Louisiana Bullying Awareness and Treatment Task Force.
		Bill History: 06-07-17 G Enrolled
SB 8	Peacock(R) Miller, Greg(R)	Provides for correction of membership and enrollment errors in the state and statewide retirement systems.
		Bill History: 06-05-17 G Enrolled
SB 14	Luneau(D) Bagley, Larry(R)	Amends the definition of "auto-injector" for purposes of emergency medical services.
		Bill History: 06-12-17 G Effective
SB 16	Claitor(R) Magee, Tanner(R)	Provides relative to certain juveniles sentenced to life without parole.
		Bill History: 06-09-17 G Enrolled
SB 28	Morrish(R) Mack, Sherman(R)	Provides relative to facilities providing housing to individuals referred by judicial agencies.
		Bill History: 08-01-17 G Effective
SB 35	Colomb(D) Jackson, Katrina(D)	Provides exemptions from arrest and prosecution to persons lawfully in possession of medical marijuana.
		Bill History: 06-06-17 G Enrolled
SB 37	Martiny(R) Stagni, Joe(R)	Provides relative to the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists.
		Bill History: 06-03-17 G Enrolled
SB 38	Morrell(D) Foil, Franklin(R)	Provides with respect to mental health counselors.
		Bill History: 06-02-17 G Enrolled
SB 41	Johns(R) Dwight, Stephen(R)	Provides for the forfeiture of currency related to the commission of certain sex offenses.
		Bill History: 06-01-17 G Enrolled
SB 42	Johns(R) Danahay, Mike(D)	Creates the Louisiana Human Trafficking Prevention Commission and Advisory Board.

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Bill History: 06-01-17 G Enrolled

SB 54 Mizell(R)
Horton, Dodie(R) Provides for the unlawful exploitation of children.

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Bill History: 06-06-17 G Enrolled

SB 55 Mills(R)
Moreno, Helena(D) Provides relative to prescribers of controlled dangerous substances.

Bill History: 06-12-17 G Effective

SB 58 Mills(R)
Hoffman, Frank(R) Provides relative to the statewide human services districts and authorities.

Bill History: 06-07-17 G Effective

SB 59 Mills(R)
Hoffman, Frank(R) Provides relative to prescription drug price information.

Bill History: 06-02-17 G Enrolled

SB 66 Barrow(D)
Jackson, Katrina(D) Provides relative to the Children's Cabinet and the Child Poverty Prevention Council of Louisiana.

Bill History: 06-03-17 G Enrolled

SB 69 Carter(D)
Leger, Walt(D) Provides for the exclusive regulation of drones by the state.

Bill History: 06-02-17 G Enrolled

SB 70 Donahue(R)
Schroder, John(R) Makes misbranding or adulteration of drugs under certain circumstances a felony.

Bill History: 08-01-17 G Effective

SB 76 Lambert(R)
Bacala, Tony(R) Provides for venue in certain criminal cases.

Bill History: 06-12-17 G Effective

SB 81 Bishop(D)
Miller, Greg(R) Provides for curatorships

Bill History: 06-02-17 G Enrolled

SB 96 Johns(R)
LeBas, Bernard(D) Provides relative to the prescription monitoring program.

Bill History: 06-02-17 G Enrolled

SB 106	Bishop(D) Bouie, Joe(D)	Requires public postsecondary institutions to develop and implement an action plan to address the prevention of unplanned pregnancies.
		Bill History: 06-06-17 G Enrolled
SB 111	Mizell(R) Hoffman, Frank(R)	Requires proof of identification from parents for an unemancipated minor child to obtain an abortion based upon parental consent and requires court-ordered counseling if it is suspected that the minor is a victim of sexual exploitation.
		Bill History: 08-01-17 G Effective
SB 121	Ward(R) Magee, Tanner(R)	Provides relative terminology of court-ordered and other mandatory examinations in civil and administrative matters and claims.
		Bill History: 06-07-17 G Enrolled
SB 128	Milkovich(D) Cox, Kenny(D)	Prohibits cutting, resection, excision, harvesting, or removing of a body part, organ, or tissue of an aborted baby for sale, commerce, transport, research, or profit.
		Bill History: 06-03-17 G Enrolled
SB 139	Martiny(R) Magee, Tanner(R)	Provides relative to criminal justice concerning alternatives to incarceration.
		Bill History: 06-07-17 G Enrolled
SB 146	Claitor(R) Mack, Sherman(R)	Provides relative to the Habitual Offender Law.
		Bill History: 06-04-17 G Enrolled
SB 152	Carter(D) Landry, Terry(D)	Provides relative to identification of Special Needs Person and law enforcement training regarding mental health.
		Bill History: 08-01-17 G Effective
SB 212	Smith(D) Gaines, Randal(D)	Provides relative to peace officer training requirements.
		Bill History: 06-01-17 G Enrolled
SB 216	Tarver(D) Miller, Dustin(D)	Provides for physician assistants executing emergency certificates relative to alleged mental illness or substance abuse.
		Bill History: 06-03-17 G Enrolled

SB 220	Alario(R) Magee, Tanner(R)	Provides relative to adopting a felony class system. Bill History: 06-07-17 G Enrolled
SB 221	Alario(R) Marino, Joseph(I)	Provides relative to the window of time for which certain prior crimes will count towards current habitual offender penalty enhancements. Bill History: 06-07-17 G Enrolled
SB 234	LaFleur(D) LeBas, Bernard(D)	Provides relative to conditions of providing a property bond for purposes of bail. Bill History: 06-12-17 G Effective
SB 236	LaFleur(D) Jackson, Katrina(D)	Provides relative to clerks of court. Bill History: 08-01-17 G Effective
SB 255	Morrell(D) Landry, Nancy(R)	Provides relative to health-related policies established by certain early learning centers. Substitute for SB 133. Bill History: 06-03-17 G Enrolled
SCR 4	Mills(R) Huval, Mike(R)	Commends the family court for the parish of East Baton Rouge for successfully utilizing litter abatement in lieu of imprisonment in certain circumstances of unpaid child support and requests courts across the state to exercise this option. Bill History: 04-17-17 G Enrolled
SCR 21	Mizell(R) Broadwater, Chris(R)	Requests Louisiana medical schools, prescriber licensing boards, and prescriber trade associations to take all necessary steps to eliminate pain as the fifth vital sign, and increase prescriber education on assessing pain. Bill History: 06-03-17 G Enrolled
SCR 31	White(R) Mack, Sherman(R)	Provides for the Louisiana Law Enforcement Body Camera Implementation Task Force. Bill History: 06-09-17 G Enrolled
SCR 120	Barrow(D) Jordan, Edmond(D)	Declares October 1, 2017, as World Peace Day in Louisiana. Bill History: 06-05-17 G Enrolled

Regional News

ALEXANDRIA REGION

By: Latonya Charles, LMSW, Chair

Check the website and Facebook for Regional Meetings in 2017-2018

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 contact the Latonya Charles, LMSW, Chair at latonya@bayoumentalhealth.com

BATON ROUGE REGION

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

Check the website and Facebook for Regional Meetings in 2017-2017

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 additional information contact: Carmen P. Williams at naswbatonrouge@gmail.com

FLORIDA PARISHES

By: Adrienne Garner, LCSW-BACS, Chair

Check the website and Facebook for Regional Meetings in 2017-2018

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

HOUMA THIBODAUX REGION

By: Jamilah Olivier, LCSW-BACS, MCJ, Chair

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LAFAYETTE REGION

By: Crystal Rodriguez, LMSW, Chair

Check the website and Facebook for Regional Meetings in 2017-18

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

LAKE CHARLES REGION

By: Phyllis Sensat, LCSW, Chair

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

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 contact Phyllis Sensat, Chair at donlygirl59@yahoo.com

MONROE REGION

By: Vacant, Chair

Check the website and Facebook for Regional Meetings in 2017-2018

For additional information contact: the Monroe Region at monroenasw@gmail.com

NEW ORLEANS REGION

By: Vacant, Chair

Check the website and Facebook for Regional Meetings in 2017-2017

All meetings are free for members and \$10 per CEU for non-members. Please email questions or RSVPs to NASWneworleans@gmail.com

SHREVEPORT REGION

By: Leesa L. Sitter, LCSW, DCSW

In May Derrick Stevenson spoke on Ethics. In June Britannia Moore spoke on ADHD vs Anxiety and MisDiagnosis. There was a good turnout for the Edith Farrell Workshop in June with speakers, John Leavitt, Melinda Smith and Jeremy Roper on "Neuro-feedback." Gary Tiemann has presented workshops throughout the state on the topic of Reincarnation and Psycho-therapy and is in the process of completing a book he has researched on this topic. Eddie Jenkins with VOA shared concerns with local TV on the effects of proposed cuts to mental health funding. The monthly local NASW meetings are now on the first Thursday of each month at Willis Knighton Rehab, 1111 Line Avenue.

NASW National and NASW-LA website access

Both websites can be accessed for information by going to www.socialworkers.org or 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.

ASI's Member Care Unit

Starting Monday, June 2nd, 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

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:

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

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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
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

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 or via the link on the Louisiana Chapter's website at 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

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 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

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, 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

The Finder connects consumers with licensed social workers quickly at 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 – and the National Social Work Public Education Campaign.

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

Members Only Legal Consultation

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

Kelly, Nakila
Mount, Lisa
Smith, La'kasha

Baton Rouge Region

Anderson, Kristen
Ehrhard, Nicholas
Fore, Tyler
Foret, Jami
Gilmore, Robyn
Keefe, Nancy
Lewis, Morgan
McDonald, Ashleigh

Florida Parishes Region

Barrera, Denise
Mingo, Danielle
Neal, Shelbi

Lafayette Region

Bernard, Bobby
Brousard, Dina
Cadwell, Elizabeth
Reed, LaKeshia
Robertson, Brian

Monroe Region

Payne, Fre'Drecia
Smith, Callie

New Orleans Region

Arata, Angelle
Blagden, Katherine
Cooper, Charlestine
Guillen, Devyn
Hausknecht, Kristen
Maazel, Tara
Newwill-Davis, Ursula
Skef-Promoslovsky, Natalia
Smith, Lauren
Woodrell, Beverly

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.

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 or
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Continuing Education Program

Karen D. Smith, Program Director

The 2017-2018, NASW-LA Continuing Education Program, "The Yellow Book", is coming together nicely. We have received a record number of Call for Proposals prior to the deadline. The CEU Coordinator reviewed them and has approved all submitted with the majority of them being clinical. Locations and dates for the workshops have been confirmed with the Host Sites. I am now working on Confirmation letters with the presenters for the dates and locations. Once I get all of those signed confirmation forms back in, then we can get the booklet completed and set up in our database and on our website.

We are really excited about this upcoming year, as we have some new presenters and topics. We believe that you all will be well pleased.

We will announce when the workshops are available for registration. Please make sure that you register early for workshops that you all want to attend, as this year toward the end of June many were looking for workshops to attend in order to obtain their CEUs.

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

Take care and we will see you in a workshop.

Annual Conference 2017

Karen D. Smith, Program Director

We have completed all of the CEU Certificates and all were emailed to attendees but 6 mailed and 6 that are pending responses from the attendee. If you have not received your CEU Certificate and our Office Manager has not contacted you regarding the 6 that are pending, then please check your Junk, Spam or Clutter folders in your email as all were emailed. A couple came back and they are the ones that are in the problems and they have been contacted to provide us with a correct email address. Also, in some instances the email address that is on file is a different one than is being used at this time. Please check all your email addresses and in the future when you are registering for a workshop or renewing your membership or creating an account, please check your email address or enter the one that you want your emails to go to. The Chapter office is using emails to send out all CEU Certificates and correspond with members and non members on NASW-LA business. Thank you.

One of the comments that we saw often was instead of providing bags to provide a USB with all of presentations included. We have tried to get the presenters to send us their presentations before the conference and that has not worked, in fact many do not want to give out their entire presentations. We ask all presenters to send their handouts to us following the conference and we will post on our website. Some have, however many have not. This is personal preference for each presenter and we will respect their wishes.

The Call for Proposal for the 2018 NASW-LA Annual Conference will be available soon. Check the website, Facebook or call or email the Chapter Office if you are interested and we will send you a copy as soon as it is available.

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

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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 or call 866-307-2325 to speak with a representative.

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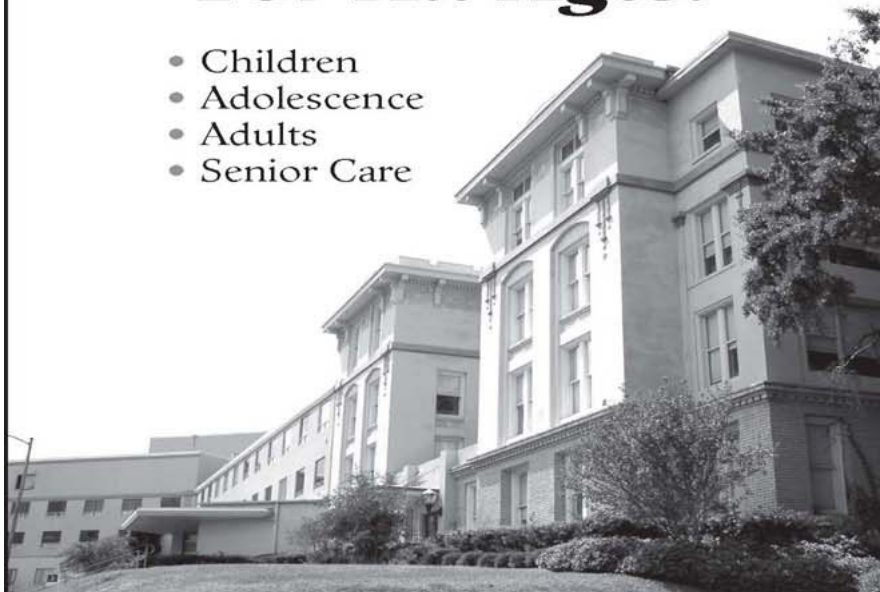
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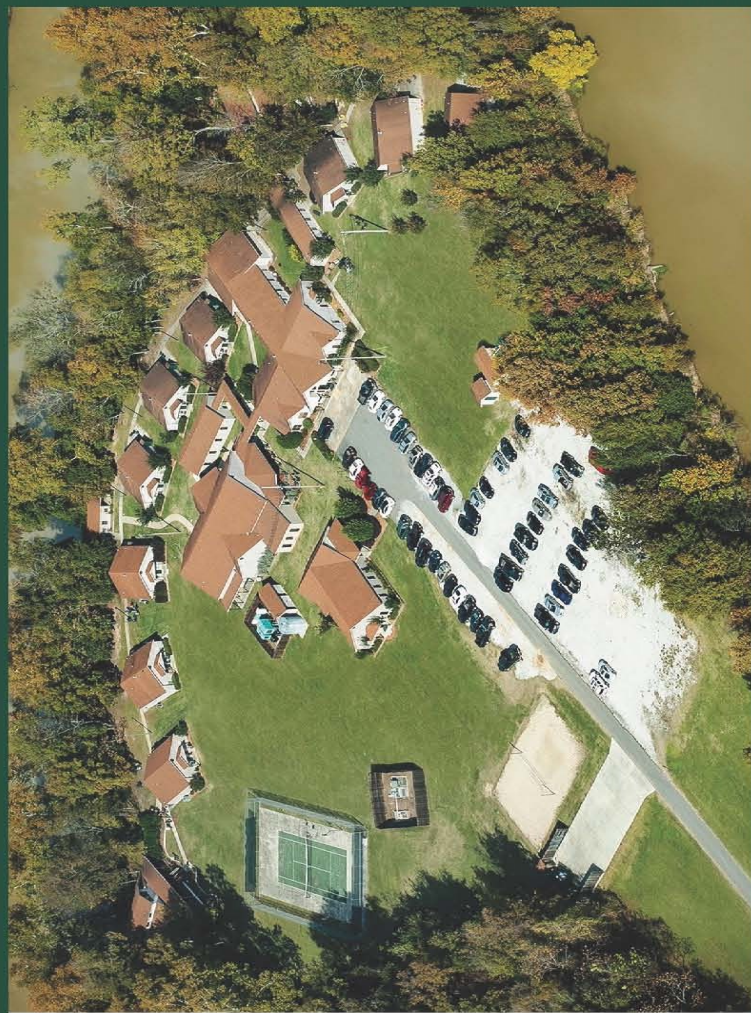


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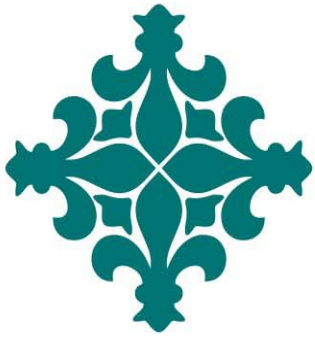
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NASW National and NASW-LA website access

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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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- 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.
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- 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.
- 12) KEEP UP TO DATE ON INFORMATION IMPACTING SOCIAL WORKERS IN TENNESSEE THROUGH REGULAR MEMBER E-NEWSLETTERS.
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- 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).
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- 33) RECEIVE ACCURATE INFORMATION ABOUT SOCIAL WORK SALARIES IN TENNESSEE.
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- 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.
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