

## When you join NASW, you are joining two organizations for the price of one...

As a member you belong to the National NASW with over 150,000 members and the NYC Chapter (NASW-NYC) with 10,000 in the five boroughs. Both organizations are engaged in advocacy in support of human service programs and public education about the profession. NASW is the one organization whose primary purpose is to support and strengthen the profession itself.

### Selected Benefits from National NASW

**Malpractice Insurance:** Every social worker must have this protection, regardless of whether they are in private practice. Social workers in all settings face possible legal risk. Experience shows that sole reliance on an agency's insurance policy may not be in the employee's best interest.

**NASW Code of Ethics:** Every social worker should be familiar with the Code of Ethics for the profession. Membership means a pledge to adhere to the Code.

**Social Work Practice Sections:** To stay current and connected to a national network of social workers, members may choose to belong to specific sections of NASW.

- Aging
- Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs
- Child Welfare
- Children, Adolescents and Young Adults
- Health
- Mental Health
- Private Practice
- School Social Work
- Social and Economic Justice & Peace

**Credentialing:** Specialty credentials are offered to social workers who meet specific qualifications.

- Academy of Certified Social Workers (ACSW)
- Diplomate in Clinical Social Work (DCSW)
- Qualified Clinical Social Worker
- Certified Social Worker in Health Care
- Certified Clinical Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs Social Worker
- Certified School Social Work Specialist
- Certified Advanced Children, Youth and Family Social Worker
- Certified Social Work Case Manager

**Professional Standards:** Be informed about what is expected for quality social work practice. NASW has standards in the following areas:

- Long-Term Care Facilities
- Adolescents
- School Social Work Services
- Continuing Professional Education
- Technology & Practice
- Genetics
- Cultural Competence
- Clients with Substance Use Disorders
- Health Care Settings
- Clinical Social Work
- Child Welfare
- Palliative and End of Life Care

### Selected Benefits from NASW-NYC

- **Information about Licensing in NY State:** The "Members Only" web page provides background and links to applications and the most important regulations – eliminate the confusion and stay up-to-date.
- **Updates on Loan Forgiveness:** Chapter members are the first to know when applications became available and participate in advocacy to increase funding.
- **Access to the NASW-NYC Salary Standards for MSW's and BSW's**
- **Continuing Education Program:** Many high quality workshops focusing on skill development are offered each Fall; registration fees are substantially lower for members.
- **Networking Opportunities:** Gatherings of NASW members, such as at our Annual Meeting, create the perfect environment for meeting other social workers, possibly your next employer.
- **User Friendly, On-line Child Abuse Course:** meets the requirement for licensing, for only \$20.
- **Committees:** Membership allows participation in Chapter committees
- **Currents:** Members receive the Chapter newsletter and have access to special issues on social work in:
  1. Mental Health
  2. School Social Work
  3. Hospital Social Work
  4. The World of Work
  5. Child Welfare
  6. Homeless Services
  7. Settlement Houses
  8. Communities of African Descent, and the Asian and Latino Communities.
- **Social Work Marketplace:** Find announcements on employment opportunities, training institutes, conferences, workshops, and office space.
- **Chapter Elections:** All NASW-NYC members are eligible to run for leadership positions and to vote.