

## **A short bio of Susan Mankita, MSW, LCSW**

A proud professional social worker for over 30 years, Susan received her MSW from Barry University in 1989, and her LCSW in 1994. Susan believes that any human service professional, once given the right tools, can thrive in their work life. That's why her professional development company for social and other human service workers is called Sweet Grindstone – she sees herself as a professional tool sharpener.

She has worked across the continuum of human services as a social worker - including child welfare, health care and mental health services. She has provided clinical supervision, mentoring and case consultation to social workers as well as continuing education and training to professional and human service organizations. In addition, her company provides tutoring for social workers that need to pass their licensure exams. Her courses have helped hundreds of professionals pass the exam.

She was honored for her work and selected as NASW Miami-Dade Unit's SW of the Year for 2013, and was also the Florida Social Worker of the Year that same year. She recently stepped back after 13+ years at Florida International University's Stempel School of Public Health and Social Work, after holding several academic assignments including as a Visiting Instructor and Title IV-E Program Coordinator

In 2019, Susan was inducted into the NASW Foundation's Pioneer Program for work she did related to social work and technology. She is the President Elect of the NASW Florida Chapter – and will take office as President on July 1, 2020