

## WHAT DOES NASW DO FOR ME?

### 1

#### **NASW CONNECTS YOU WITH THE SOCIAL WORK COMMUNITY**

- A. Your dues payment gives you three membership levels:
- National NASW
  - Florida Chapter
- B. Local Unit
- The unit 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
  - Supervision/consultation opportunities
  - Unit and community social work events announced in Chapter newsletter, by post cards, and e-mail list
  - Participation in local Social Work Month events, supporting your profession
- C. Involvement in community service projects
- 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

### 2

#### **NASW ADVOCATES FOR YOU AND YOUR PROFESSION**

- A. Legislative
- NASW-FL 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 Florida—1981 (NASW-FL)
    - Social Work Title Protection—2008 (NASW-FL)
    - Clinical Judgment/No Liability for duty to warn—2009 (NASW-FL)

- 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 Advocacy Education Day (LEAD) event hosting 850 social work students
- B. NASW-FL and NASW PACE make contributions to federal and state legislators  
Florida Licensure Board Advocacy
- Professional staff attend all the 491 Licensure Board meetings to advocate on behalf of LCSWs
- C. Updates and changes to the licensure rules are communicated to members through the Professional consultation on licensure issues is available to members by calling the Chapter office  
Employment Opportunities and Services
- National and Chapter maintain employment listings for professional social workers
  - NASW-FL advocates with agencies and organizations to hire professional social workers
  - Unit and Chapter host job fairs each year
- D. Workforce and salary information is provided for members  
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.

# 3

## **NASW PROVIDES YOU WITH ACCESSIBLE AND AFFORDABLE CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**

- A. All members of NASW receive discounts on all continuing education events.
- B. NASW-FL's 18 local units provide over 100 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 500-600 social workers together annually. The Conference provides opportunities for all required continuing education courses including Laws and Rules and Supervision, specialized training and certification and 75-80 cutting edge workshops.
- E. LCSW Prep Courses are provided to assist social workers in obtaining licensure. NASW-FL also offers a Prep Course for those who have taken and failed the exam.
- F. Ongoing new continuing education course development is planned to meet the changing needs of social work practice.

# 4

## **NASW SETS THE STANDARD 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.