

# 100 Reasons to Join NASW

1. Support yourself and your profession through your professional association.
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 on paid professional Chapter Staff working daily for you and on your behalf.
6. Network in monthly meetings with other professional social workers in your local unit.
7. Improve public understanding of the social work profession through the Public Education Campaign.
8. Utilize the statewide toll-free information services for members.
9. Visit your own national professional website: [www.socialworker.org](http://www.socialworker.org).

## **10. Receive bi-monthly issues of the 40-page Florida Chapter Newsletter.**

11. Receive excellent malpractice insurance at the lowest rates for MSW's & BSW's.
12. Feel protected by the professional lobbying for you and your profession in the state of Florida.
13. Take advantage of discount fees for the largest and most professional statewide conference in Florida for social workers.
14. Elect PACE-endorsed candidates supporting social work issues.
15. Receive reduced rates for continuing education events.
16. Have your questions answered on licensing, ethics, and referrals.
17. Actively participate in one of 18 local units.
18. Display the frame-ready Florida Membership Certificate and Seal.
19. Support national lobbying for federal issues affecting your livelihood.

## **20. Get help finding a job when you need it.**

21. Benefit from improvements in our public image through magazine, billboard, and other ads.
22. Reference literature searches, research material, and book loans from the National library.
23. Receive the profession's premiere journal "Social Work" or access to online journals.
24. Get professional articles, student information, continuing education, legislative information, unit meeting times, and more through [www.naswfl.org](http://www.naswfl.org).
25. Be notified first about continuing education events in your area and statewide.
26. Carry the membership card issued annually.
27. Take advantage of leadership opportunities for you in local, chapter, and national positions.
28. Gain advocacy from NASW for you with employers in hiring social workers.
29. Participate in or benefit from statewide committees: aging, gay, lesbian & bisexual issues, managed care, professional standards, legislative, PACE membership, etc.

## **30. Develop new skills through volunteering.**

31. Participate in Florida's only professional social work employment services.
32. Get help in getting licensed through telephone assistance, prep courses, laws and rules courses.
33. Get assistance maintaining and updating your license through NASW-FL's offering required courses, supervision courses, and continuing education.
34. Join 80,000 other members in the Academy of Certified Social Workers (ACSW).

35. Have your clinical skills noted by obtaining the Diplomate in Clinical Social Work (DCSW).
36. Learn about your rights and responsibilities through legal briefs available to assist members in understanding legal issues that impact the profession.
37. List your name, qualifications, and credentials in the NASW Register of Clinical Social Workers or online at [www.helpstartshere.org](http://www.helpstartshere.org).
38. Publish free ads to hire social workers in the Chapter Newsletter and [www.naswfl.org](http://www.naswfl.org).
39. Save money with Alamo, Avis, and National car rental discounts.

## **40. Advocate to protect a social worker's right to practice.**

41. Get credentialed as an Advanced Certified Social Work Case Manager (MSW) or a Certified Social Work Case Manager (BSW).
42. Gain credit through personal and business credit cards with NASW logo and other financial services offered through Bank of America.
43. Be recognized and recognize outstanding social work practice through local, state and national social worker of the year awards.
44. Receive a discount on Therapist Helper practice management billing software.
45. Obtain the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs (ATOD) Certification.
46. Get discounts on Pennywise office supplies
47. Save on dental service discounts through the Signature Dental Plan of the NASW Insurance Trust.
48. Join the special practice section on aging.
49. Get discounts on Florida's attractions.

## **50. HAVE FUN with others in your profession.**

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51. Join the private practice section for networking, idea-sharing, and additional information.

52. Obtain the school social work specialist certification.

53. Gain the Qualified Clinical Social Worker (QCSW) credential.

54. Celebrate a local, state, and national public citizen of the year.

55. Help support our accredited schools of social work.

56. Join the school social work section for practice connections.

57. Network statewide with members working on Medicare/Medicaid.

58. Protect your practice through advocacy for social work licensure on your behalf.

59. Advance your career by presenting at local workshops or the annual conference.

## **60. Participate in grassroots legislative advocacy at local, state, and national levels.**

61. Get your required courses covered conveniently and at low cost through NASW-FL's homestudy program.

62. Receive accurate information about social work salaries.

63. Use the library/video services from the chapter office.

64. Purchase discount movie tickets from AMC.

65. Access specific information about standards for your field of practice.

66. Submit articles for publication in the chapter newsletter or website.

67. Advertise your own services and workshops to other social workers at low cost.

68. Benefit from NASW's efforts to define what social work is and does to the public, the media, and the legislature.

69. Sign up for e-mail updates from the state office.

## **70. Help dispel myths about social work.**

71. Receive special discounts for students in membership and activities.

72. Be referred by NASW when your qualifications have been validated.

73. Use contacts for social work information in all 50 states, New York City, the District of Columbia, International, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Guam.

74. Participate in private practice and managed care listserves at National to voice opinions about pressing issues.

75. Get assistance with jobs and licensure wherever you relocate.

76. Receive local NASW unit web pages and e-newsletters.

77. Purchase t-shirts, coffee mugs, and other items that celebrate your profession.

78. Participate in social work month.

79. Advance professionally by putting NASW membership on your resume.

## **80. Receive up to the minute information about legislative and political issues that affect your practice.**

81. Sign up for specialty journals health in social work and social work and education.

82. Support international social work.

83. Join the Black, Latino, American Indian, Asian, or Pacific Islander Caucuses.

84. Shop NASW Press's Virtual Bookstore: [www.naswpress.org](http://www.naswpress.org).

85. Participate in the statewide network for disaster relief training.

86. Stand up for civil rights with the state task force on diversity.

87. Participate in community service projects through local units.

88. Follow up with managed care companies limiting access and reimbursement for social workers.

89. Benefit from NASW's follow up and networking on Medicare payment denials.

## **90. Advocate for protections of our clients.**

91. Support the Florida Chapter in various legislative coalitions for you and your clients' issues.

92. Get educated through the #1 location by internet, print, and phone for all continuing education opportunities in Florida.

93. Use "Social Work Speaks" to find policies on major human services issues.

94. Get group insurance for term life, disability, hospital daily cash, and accidental death.

95. Take one of several online courses that are free to members at [www.socialworkers.org](http://www.socialworkers.org).

96. Become a qualified supervisor using our guidelines and workshops on clinical supervision.

97. Have a voice in how NASW is run and help select NASW's priorities.

98. Help protect the public from unethical social work practice.

99. Learn about policy and politics through political and advocacy trainings.

## **100. Join with thousands of social workers across the nation to form one voice: THE POWER OF SOCIAL WORK!**

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