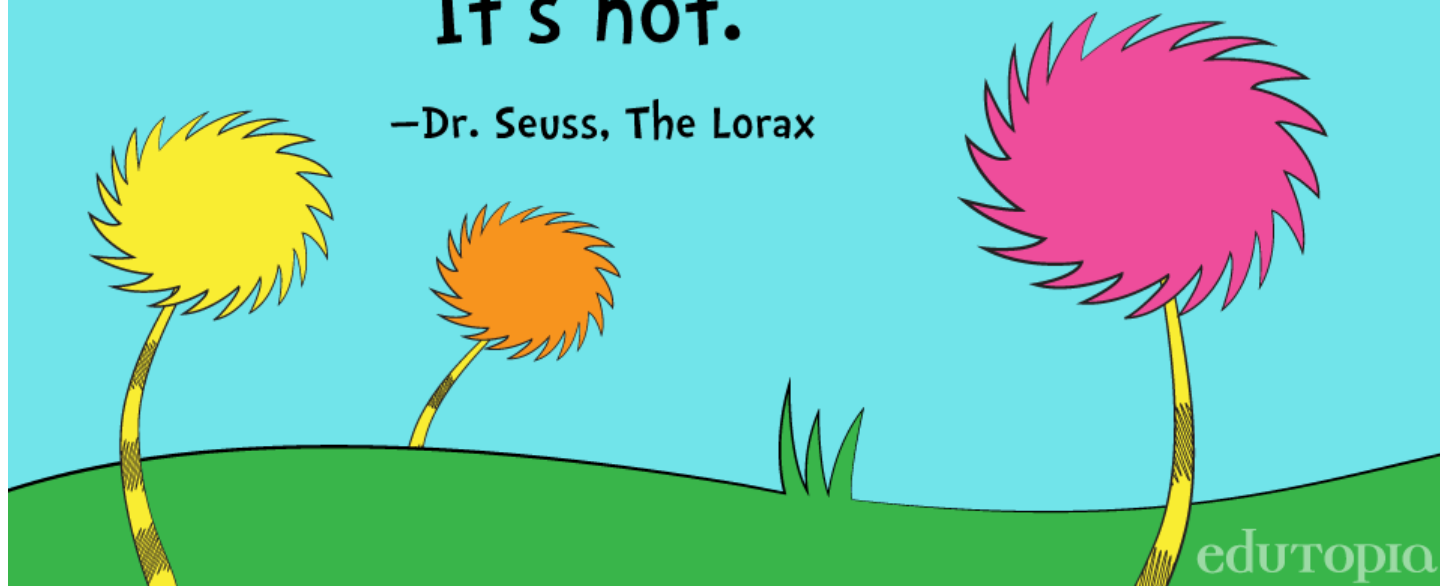


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**Unless someone like you
cares a whole awful lot,
Nothing is going to get better.
It's not.**

—Dr. Seuss, *The Lorax*



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Michelle Kenefick, LCSW, SEP
President, Connecticut Chapter

I don't know about you, but September always brings a sense of new beginnings for me. I look forward to the weather turning cooler, the anticipation of the leaves changing and feeling this pull toward re-centering and gearing up for the year ahead. I think it's still the start of the school year that resonates for me.

This September we welcomed four new Board members, a new Vice President and we have eight returning members. There is a wealth of knowledge and experience that each Board member brings and their contributions to the Chapter are invaluable. We appreciate the time, effort, energy and enthusiasm that each Board member brings to NASW CT. I encourage all of you to visit our website and to get to know your Representatives. They are always interested in hearing from our members and want to ensure that we are bringing relevant opportunities for networking and learning to each corner of our state and all the towns and cities in between.

As I look ahead, there is much to do. As you know, we are heading into November and the time to support your legislators is now. Please consider participating in this upcoming election beyond casting your ballot. We have endorsed 98 candidates and there are 9 Social Workers running! A little goes a long way— your participation can really make a difference and influence our local, state and national politics. There are opportunities across the spectrum – please contact the Chapter for ideas and ways to get involved. Your support is critical in shifting the political landscape to one that is aligned with our professional values and ethics.

We have two new committees that have recently been created: Diversity and Addictions. We are seeking members to join these committees along with all of the other committees. Being involved with a committee is a low time-intensive way to achieve big rewards in terms of connection to the Chapter. Please consider joining a committee – there are so many to choose from – surely, there is one you would find interesting and meaningful. Check them out on the website and attend a meeting to find out more.

The year ahead is going to include mobilizing the breadth of experience and enthusiasm of our newly elected as well as our returning Board members as we work toward securing Title Protection. In the coming months, you will be hearing more about our work in this direction and why it is so vitally important. Title protection in a quick nutshell offers two layers of protection. Firstly, it protects those seeking Social Work services from unknowingly receiving care from unqualified individuals. Secondly, it protects the profession and ensures that anyone being identified or self-identifying as a Social Worker has the training, education and qualifications to perform such work. Often, the profession has been brought into disrepute due to the actions taken by unqualified people labeled as Social Workers. Title protection ensures that only those with appropriate training and education can be called Social Workers. We will be offering much more information about this action as we move toward the upcoming legislative session and we will be seeking your support!

Please remember that our Annual Dinner is just around the corner in November. It will be held again this year at the Inn at Middletown - a wonderful venue. The night is filled with inspiration and celebration. Please consider attending – it is a great opportunity to practice good self-care and to be with colleagues celebrating the good work we all do every day! Consider bringing along a fellow Social Worker that may not be a member – this is a great opportunity to showcase why being a member of NASW is important – and fun!

Lastly, thank you for your membership and commitment to the organization and the profession. Your partnership makes it possible for us to continue the important work that the State and National Chapters do on our behalf as professionals and toward improving the lives of those we serve.

Chapter Committees Welcome New Participants

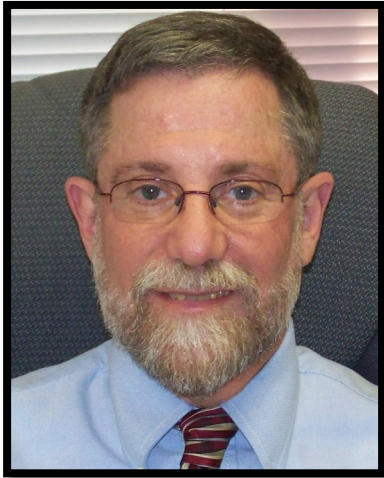
Have you thought about getting more involved with your NASW Chapter? If yes, one of the best ways to get started is by joining a NASW/CT committee. Our committees cover a variety of practice fields and interests, with nearly all open to any member to join. Here are committees open to new members:

- **Addictions:** This committee is about to launch so if you are interested in the field of addictions let us know.
- **Aging:** If you work in or are interested in social work with older adults this committee is a great resource and place to network.
- **Awards Dinner:** Help us select each year's award recipients and plan a party.
- **Clinical Social Work:** This is a Network that represents the interests of clinical social workers. Sign up for advance notice on clinical programs and resources.
- **Continuing Education:** Actually two committees. One plans the Annual Conference and the other are reviewers of continuing education applications.
- **Diversity:** A new committee that is getting started, it will be the place for discussion on diversity issues and a body that makes recommendations to the Board of Directors on programs and services of the Chapter.
- **Ethics:** This committee plans ethical forums, participates in adjudication process of ethics complaints and offers ethics training.
- **Finance:** If you like budgets and financial planning this committee assists the executive director with the financial operations of the Chapter.
- **Latino/a Social Workers:** A Network that represents the interests of Latina/o social workers, including mentoring, socials and recognition events.
- **Legislative:** Help us determine the legislative initiatives of the Chapter and get directly involved in lobbying and grassroots mobilization of members.
- **Macro Network:** Join other macro practitioners to share ideas, educate others on macro practice and plan social events.
- **Membership:** We are seeking individuals who are interested in helping the Chapter to grow through membership recruitment and retention ideas and programming.
- **Nominating:** Normally this is an elected committee however we have open appointments at this time. Perfect if you are looking to work on your own time and like speaking with colleagues.
- **PACE:** Our political action committee, the PACE Trustees endorse candidates and implement election year mobilization of members.
- **School Social Workers:** An Alliance of school social workers that advocate for school social work functions and jobs.

To learn more about a committee email info@naswct@socialworkers.org and specify which committee(s) you are interested in. Please note that some committees meet in-person at the Chapter office and others are primarily conference/web based. All in-person committees offer call-in options.



Join, Participate, Network and Make Your Voice Heard in Your Organization.



Steve Wanczyk-Karp, LMSW
Executive Director
Connecticut Chapter

30 Years and Counting

pressured to make a governor's endorsement. Whoever we chose, half the membership would be displeased, and PACE could easily sink. I convinced the Board that 1991 was a much better year to launch PACE.

A campaign for third party payment eligibility (vendorship) was under way when I arrived. Gene Hickey, Peter Kane and Maria Tupper were leading the effort. An amazing grassroots organization had been developed in the Insurance Capitol of the nation with the industry in opposition. Social workers got a quick jump on our bill and passed it on the first try. Gene Hickey was our key testifier at the public hearing and he had his infant son with him. I took charge of the stroller and as long as we walked, his son did not cry. We saw the lobby and hearing rooms over and over for several hours. I call this good staff work.

This began sort of a legislative renaissance for social work. We introduced a confidentiality bill in 1992. The bill was killed by the chairperson of the Judiciary Committee at the committee's first meeting. But opportunity rose again. The Vice Chair of the Committee, Doug Mintz, had an arrangement where one bill of his would come out of Committee. We had to be Doug's bill. He was from Norwalk, so I called every NASW member in Norwalk to see if we could find a member who knew Representative Mintz. Turned out a member was married to someone who went to law school with Mintz and the husband played on a softball team with Mintz. The rest is history. We passed the bill. Governor Weicker vetoed it (for reasons unrelated to the original bill) and the Legislature over-rode Weicker's veto.

Successes continued legislatively with minor revisions to the CISW (our pre-license regulation) and then in 1995 we introduced and passed the LCSW statute. It was a tough ride, with many potential pitfalls needing to be negotiated or avoided. We had to convince DPH not to oppose the bill and then convince them that the renewal fee had to be less than the application fee as social workers would otherwise find it unaffordable (we negotiated down from \$250 to \$150). A group of clinical members wrote an excellent scope of practice while I drafted the remainder of a proposed bill. I told Stan Peck at DPH that the licensure fees would make enough money for the Department to move to better quarters. Once again we passed our bill on the first try. Representative (now Senator) Terry Gerratana was our key sponsor and worked our bill very well in the House. When it was all over I swore I would never do a licensure bill again. As for my promise to Stan at DPH, I took a hotel piece from my Monopoly game, taped it to a note card and wrote "We never discussed dimensions".

It occurred to me the other day that this past August marked 30 years of employment with NASW. I started my NASW career as the Political Director for the New York State chapter in 1988. Coming from Connecticut I knew nothing about New York politics other than that Mario Cuomo was Governor. I did know, however, a lot about organizing social workers to advocate for issues and that got me in the door. My favorite memory from New York, besides leaving to become executive director of NASW/CT, was going to an anti-death penalty rally where Governor Cuomo, a great orator, spoke. I remember thinking to myself, wow I am being paid to be here!

My return to Connecticut NASW, where I had been an active volunteer, was October 1, 1989. We had a small staff of four in a basement level office in Rocky Hill. We had one computer, one 236 computer (any of you remember them?), two typewriters on monthly rental, a copier on its second lease, and the good news - push button phones. The desks were heavy, clunky metal ones that I believe could survive nuclear warfare. On my second week on the job the administrative assistant went to lunch, never to be seen again. We also had an outreach position that made no sense, so I offered to keep her through the holidays. Agreeing with me that the position was no longer needed, she quit. Much of my career has gone this way, finding opportunities and jumping on them. I began to build my own team.

When I had interviewed for the executive director I promised if hired to start a political action committee (PACE) in time for the 1990 governor's race. CT was one of a few chapters without a PACE. Well, Congressman Bruce Morrison was the Democratic candidate, Senator Lowell Weicker was the Independent candidate and I do not recall who the Republican was. It rapidly became clear that our membership was nearly evenly split between Morrison and Weicker and if we launched PACE in 1990 we would be

30 Years, continued

In this period of time I was responsible for the chapter's Annual Conference. We outgrew the hotel we were in, moved to a larger hotel and eventually we moved the conference again to hotels in Waterbury and Cromwell. After a few years of running the conference I hired Chris Hutton for a very part time job as continuing education coordinator. I was glad to turn over the CE reigns to staff and our CE program has consistently grown to where the annual conference is now the premier social work conference in the state. Pat Hartman is our fifth and longest serving Professional Development Coordinator, overseeing much of our growth in programming.

In 1999 I was encouraged to apply for a senior management position at the national office, so after 10 years in the Chapter, I started a 2 year stint at National. I look back at that time as the opportunity to find out that I could function well at the senior management level and that I did not enjoy that level of administration as my main job focus. Opportunity once again struck when the person who replaced me in Connecticut left. I am ever grateful to be back at the Chapter level where the action is.

Legislatively and politically the Chapter became more and more recognized for our political grassroots capacity. Legislators got to know NASW not just for guild issues, but for social justice work. We worked on all of the consumer protections on managed care, were instrumental in creating the Health Care Advocates Office, supported civil rights and reproductive rights legislation, worked on positive welfare reforms, and throughout the early 2000's I was the leader of successful efforts to kill all the bills for "bare bones insurance plans" that would have left out mental health coverage.

Indeed our chapter has been a leader in political action. We have also been a leader in working with sister social work groups and incorporating such groups into our fold. The CT Clinical Social Work Society became the Chapter's Clinical Social Workers Network. The CT Association of School Social Workers is now the Chapters' Alliance for School Social Workers. In both cases we are the first, and possibly only, NASW chapter to bring a Clinical Society or School Social Worker group into a Chapter. Likewise we have coordinated policy efforts and continuing education

programs with all of our in-state schools of social work. Partnering with social work organizations and non-social work organizations to advance our agendas has been a hallmark of the Chapter' successes.

Since 2010 this Chapter has once again undertaken significant efforts toward the professionalization of social work practice in our state. The LMSW was passed after a two year effort that ended with the successful over-ride of Governor Rell's veto. Four years later, we got the LMSW initiated, after Representative Toni Walker, MSW, got \$58,000 in the state budget to fund DPH to hire needed staff. Yes, on an 18 billion dollar budget we had to, for two years, fight for \$58,000. More recently we have defeated bills and amendments to bills that would have weakened or restricted social work practice, such as opening the LCSW to certain non-MSWs and restricting use of art in therapy to licensed art therapists. This legislative session we stopped a bill that would have weakened social work confidentiality in custody cases before the court. The bill was so bad and the backlash so severe that no legislator would admit introducing it! The fact is that every 2-3 years a bill is introduced in the Legislature that would have negative impacts on the practice of social work and almost every time this Chapter has stopped it or negotiated suitable language. Besides the above mentioned cases we have stopped a bill to eliminate

social work from home care, a bill that would have restricted the advertising of performing marital and family therapy to only LMFTs, a bill that would have eliminated social work from insurance coverage for mental health treatment, and bills over the years allowing MFTs to be hired in public schools (which eventually passed on a last minute amendment after we had stopped it for years at the committee level). Not all bills affecting social work were bad, though, on occasion a bill would be introduced without our prior knowledge that helped our profession. In such cases we jumped on board and tried to get it passed. This is how we got social work into the LLC and PC statute. A bill was introduced to allow multiple disciplines to set up LLCs. The bill was about to die but we rescued it by having the language stripped out on multiple professions and inserting social work instead, thus getting us into the LLC and PC law (a few years later a multi-disciplinary bill did pass that included social work).



30 Years, continued

Arguably the most far reaching accomplishment to date has been getting the State of Connecticut to give preference in hiring to BSWs and MSWs for the Social Worker job classification. This was something I spent 25 years working toward, on and off, as the political winds offered possibilities or not. In 2010 Malloy was elected Governor. For the first time in my tenure our endorsed gubernatorial candidate had won! So we launched a campaign to convince the Malloy administration to hire professional social workers for a position titled "Social Worker". In 2012 DCF announced they would begin requiring a social work degree; in 2013 DSS agreed to give preference to MSWs, and in 2014 the Department of Administrative Services officially put preference for the degree into the job classification. The day that happened I stopped at a liquor store and bought a bottle of wine to celebrate. Not knowing much about wine I chose one based on a really cool label. It was undrinkable!

Being this is an election year I must say something about our CT PACE, in addition to what I already wrote about starting one. We have worked on a lot of campaigns and it has paid off in terms of developing relationships with elected officials. At the height of our work in the late 1990s we had 5% of our members volunteering for a campaign. 5% may not sound like a lot, but in fact, it is huge. CT NASW began hiring PACE organizers for election cycles back in the 1990's ahead of all chapters and our national office. They followed suit years later, but paid less!

In the end it is all about membership services and I have made this a priority for 30 years. My dad was in the hardware business and from age 15 until I left home I worked in the store. It was there that I learned customer service. You could spend 15 minutes with a customer finding the right size nuts and bolts. Taking the time needed with members is a hallmark of CT NASW staff. Even in this age of phone technology a real person answers the phone about 90% of the time. I am somewhat amused when I answer a phone and the caller is surprised that the director has picked up. One of the best parts of this job is speaking to social workers throughout the state and the occasional out-of-stater.

Speaking of members, we have the best here in Connecticut. When I started we had about 2,300 members. The chapter grew over the years, peaking at just over 3,700 members. Unfortunately, we are in reverse over the past ten years, with membership at the end of August at 2,576. Almost all professional associations are experiencing membership declines and I am saddened by this trend. If you get one message out of this column I hope it is that a strong NASW has made it possible to practice social work in

our state, and to protect the gains we have made as a profession. So to those of you who are our members I say THANK YOU for all that you do every work hour for the residents of Connecticut. Using a Ronald Reagan line, "the tide rises all boats" and what NASW accomplishes in the policy arena indeed benefits all social workers. (Reagan was referring to his supply side economics that left far too many boats without water). So please ask your colleagues to join you by joining NASW. It is an investment in one's own career and ability to continue to effectively practice.

This is already the longest column I have written and I cannot add in all of my thoughts on the past 30 years with NASW. That would require the whole newsletter! I would be remiss though if I did not say something about my presidents (they're not really MY presidents but it feels that way) and the Chapter's Boards and Committees. This chapter has had terrific leadership at the committee, Board and President levels. I could not have accomplished nearly as much without our volunteer leaders, especially the Presidents who worked with me, supported me and guided me. A quick example of the Board's guidance was when DCF Commissioner Rossi, MSW, moved DCF to a criminal justice approach. I thought this was an outrage and wanted to write to Boston University's School of Social Work to ask them to retract her degree. My President and Board said no. Now that is good guidance!

In 2019 we are introducing Title Protection legislation. It is perhaps the one big legislative fight for the profession that we can achieve in my tenure. I look forward to moving on this issue, as I do with all of the Chapter's work yet to be done. I love this job.



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Meet Our Newest Staff Member

We are pleased to announce that **Elizabeth “Liz” Roberts, LMSW** has been selected for the position of **Coordinator of Membership Services**. This position plays key roles in membership recruitment & retention, development of new member services, assistance in continuing education programming and working with regional representatives on the Board of Directors to coordinate local activities.

Liz has her MSW degree from UCONN School of Social Work, with a concentration in policy practice and a certificate in International Social Work. Previously, she earned a BS degree in Interdisciplinary Studies concentrated in Sociology and an AS degree in Paralegal Studies, also from UCONN. Liz has certifications from the Inter-professional Clinical Training Program of UCONN School of Nursing and Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative.

Liz was previously employed as a policy analyst at the Partnership for Strong Communities and prior to that interned at the CT General Assembly and UCONN School of Social Work. Additional work experience includes being a fair housing investigator, substitute teacher, disability case manager and disability specialist/paralegal.

In hiring Liz, the Chapter is gaining a staff person who understands the importance of being involved in NASW/CT. Liz has served as the co-chair of the Diversity Committee and volunteered as a steering committee member for the Latino/a Social Workers Network.

In accepting the position Liz said “I am excited for the opportunity to share ideas, and develop strategies for successful outreach and engagement. I am eager to meet the needs of members by tailoring engagement strategies to the diverse populations that NASW serves, with acknowledgement that both new and seasoned social workers are our audience.”

Liz will be starting on October 10th and will be available three days per week. Please join us in welcoming Liz and feel free to contact her with your ideas for membership services and growing the membership.



Opportunities

The past few months for membership have been a bit of a roller coaster. We've fluctuated, as we normally do in the summer months, in our numbers. This fluctuation has caused us to reflect and brainstorm for new membership initiatives. We've got quite an agenda for the remainder of the year, and I am so excited about everything that is to come for NASW/CT Members!

As you may have seen in the last newsletter, we are starting a brand-new opportunity for members to network, in a fun and low-key way. We are partnering with UCONN Athletics to provide a discounted rate to members to attend a UCONN football game. On October 29 NASW members will be able to attend the UCONN Homecoming game against UMASS for \$20.00! We are doing this so that our members will have the opportunity to socialize without having to worry about work. If I've learned anything in the nine months since I graduated, it's that burn out is real, and it's easy to get there because you're often not paying attention to the red flags. It is my hope that providing this fun afternoon for members will help prevent burnout and compassion fatigue. So be sure to be on the lookout for the registration page on our website for this event, and order your tickets early! I'm excited about this and I hope I'll see you there!

Continuing a very successful membership recruitment method, with the start of the semester, we are going to be heading over to universities again and talking with students about the value of NASW membership. For those of you who don't know, I joined NASW as a student member. Being mentored by Steve and Kurt over the last three years has taught me more about myself and this profession than I ever could have expected. The

opportunities I've been given couldn't have happened if I didn't join when I did, and that's what I love about the student presentations. Sharing the benefits of being a member and explaining how joining as a student is one of the best moves you can make as a young professional is not only encouraging for me personally, but it demonstrates to students that NASW cares about the next generation of social workers.

Speaking of opportunities, I have some news to share. As of September 7, I will no longer be staff at NASW/CT. I have accepted a position at an agency

in New London and will be starting the next chapter of my career there. I have valued every moment I have been on staff here, and I am certainly going to miss my position here. I always knew that NASW/CT had an amazing staff, but I didn't quite realize how amazing they all were until I had the good fortune of working with them so closely. That being said, you can't get rid of me that

quickly. I will still be working with the Membership Recruitment and Retention committee, and I am so excited for all of the new initiatives we are going to be working on.

I want to thank the members of NASW for making me feel so welcomed and truly making my job easier. You are the heart of NASW and working with all of you has been wonderful. I have learned so much from my conversations with all of you and I am so thankful for the connections I've made. Thank you for believing in the mission of NASW as much as I do, it's been an absolute pleasure to be on this journey with all of you! Much love!

Kaitlin Binnington,
Membership and Continuing Education Associate



Members in the News



Megan Berthold, Ph.D., LCSW was a featured speaker on CT NPR's "Where We Live" program. The topic was who is helping the helpers and secondary trauma experienced by helpers, emergency responders, crisis workers and others. Dr. Berthold is an Associate Professor and Director of Field at the UCONN School of Social Work and is an internationally recognized expert on trauma.



Maria Perez-Colon, LCSW is the recipient of the Doña Sara Romany Award of the Institute for the Hispanic Family. She received the award at the Institute's September 21st special event to benefit Puerto Rican Families in the Hartford area displaced by Hurricane Maria.



Mary Fetchet, LCSW, Founding Director, Voices of September 11th, was an invited panelist for a Congressional discussion on "Addressing the Mental Health Needs of Victims of Terrorism". The panel met on August 7, 2018 in the Rayburn House Office Building, sponsored by Representative Bennie Thompson, Ranking Member of the Committee on Homeland Security.

Jillian Gilchrest, MSW won in a Democratic primary for the 18th district state house seat representing West Hartford. Jillian defeated an incumbent in office for 22 years. Jillian now is running in the general election and if elected will become the first active NASW member in the CT Legislature.



Stephanie Jacobson, Ph.D., LCSW, has been appointed the Interim Director of the MSW Program and Chair of Social Work at Quinnipiac University.

Kathleen Novak, LCSW, has been appointed as the NASW/CT representative to the Department of Public Health's Maternal Mortality Review Committee. The Committee has been formed by Public Act 18-150 of which NASW was included as having an appointment to represent social work. Kathy is the NASW/CT 2017 Social Worker of the Year.



Zero-Tolerance and Immigrant Detention in the United States

The forcible separation of more than 2000 children from their parents has been justified by the Trump administration as a “zero-tolerance” policy against a “crisis” of unauthorized entrants at the US-Mexico border. In fact, there is no border crisis—at least not as imagined by most politicians—and there hasn’t been for some time. Despite yearly increases in budget appropriations for border militarization, apprehensions along the border are at the lowest rate since 1971, reflecting an overall decrease in the flow of unauthorized entrants into the United States. The resident unauthorized population has also remained relatively stable since 2009.

The administration’s crackdown on unauthorized immigration affects three distinct populations. The first are those who entered the US without authorization and in places other than ports of entry. Today, this group—the target of a proposed border wall—constitutes the smallest portion of annual entrants to the United States. Unauthorized presence in the United States is not a crime, although some immigration violations are criminal matters (e.g., entry without inspection, re-entry after removal). First time entry without inspection is a misdemeanor, similar to public intoxication or trespassing.

The second group are those who—for a variety of reasons—overstayed or otherwise violated the terms of their visas (e.g., by working while on a tourist visa). This group also includes those who are awaiting a renewal or alteration to their visa application.

The third group are those who have applied for asylum in the United States and are awaiting a hearing. According to US Customs and Border Protection, about 80 percent of families apprehended on the border and 90 percent of unaccompanied minors are from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. These migrants are fleeing political instability and gang violence in countries where murder rates are 14 times that of the United States.

Many families who were recently separated under the Trump administration’s zero-tolerance policy actually

reported to a port of entry to apply for asylum. Since immigrant children, by law, must be held in the least restrictive setting possible, children have been separated from their parents and housed in group shelters. As family separation has drawn national condemnation, the administration has sought to expand family detention and modify restrictions to prolonged detention of minors.

The Supreme Court has consistently held that immigrant detention and deportation are civil matters; thus, immigrants in detention and deportation proceedings do not have the same constitutional rights to legal representation as people in the criminal justice system. This determination has been upheld even for very young children and despite the fact that immigration outcomes often have serious consequences.



Detention presents a host of challenges for detainees and their families. Adult immigrants may be detained for lengthy periods of time, often in the absence of a criminal conviction. Detention facilities have been complicit in the systematic abuse and punishment of immigrant detainees, including forced labor, physical and sexual assaults, denial of adequate and timely

medical services, prolonged solitary confinement, and death. (Recent lawsuits indicate that children’s shelters, too, are implicated in abuses against children, including denial of water and medical care.) Detention facilities are often far removed from immigrant communities, making it impractical for family members—even those who are US citizens—to visit. Children may be left behind with relatives or placed in shelters or foster care when parents are detained or deported.

Although the Trump administration’s zero-tolerance policy put a cruel face on family separation at the border, it is important to remember that most policies and practices that lead to the separation of immigrant families are largely unnoticed. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) operates quietly in the interior of the country, where agents engage in targeted enforcement of “immigration violators” and “criminal offenders,” as well as “collateral arrests” of those who happen to be in

Zero-Tolerance continued

the vicinity. Police-ICE collaboration, whereby local law enforcement agencies assist with immigration enforcement, means that unauthorized immigrants who are jailed on minor offenses, such as driving without a license, may face detention and deportation, sometimes with lethal consequences.

Of course, immigrant detention is not unique to the current administration. Past administrations have detained unauthorized immigrants and asylum seekers—including youth and families—who they believed would not appear for their asylum hearings or who they suspected of having criminal backgrounds. However, the Trump administration's willingness to target asylum seekers, as well as its renewed focus on interior enforcement of unauthorized residents, show that communities across the United States will be impacted by immigrant detention, deportation, and family separation.

How can social workers help?

- Educate yourself about immigration and immigration issues. Much of the public discourse on immigration is false or misleading. Find reputable sources for information and beware of anti-immigrant groups passing themselves off as non-profit research centers.
- Don't ask clients about their immigration status or the statuses of family members; your clients may interpret such questions as an implicit threat, such as a blanket denial of services or a willingness to report them to authorities. These fears keep them from pursuing needed help.
- Understand that your clients and their family members may have different immigration and citizenship statuses. Nearly 17 million people live in "mixed status" families, including nearly 6 million US citizen children with at least one family member who is unauthorized. Your clients or their family members may also have marginal status—such as DACA, TPS, or a pending asylum case.
- Identify resources and services that are available to your clients regardless of immigration status. Realize that the immigration statuses of your clients and their family members may make them ineligible for many services.
- Recognize that families with a loved one in immigrant detention or deportation proceedings have often lost their primary earner.
- Organize and host power of attorney workshops to help families make custodial arrangements for children and property in the event of a caregiver's deportation.
- Help find transportation (or money for bus passes or gas) for people in deportation proceedings. Those who are released from detention on bond are often required to report regularly to immigration check-ins or court proceedings hours from home. Failure to miss an appointment may result in an immediate order of removal.
- Connect your clients with reputable immigration attorneys. Some immigrants may be eligible for adjustment of status or cancelation of removal; others may need a qualified immigration attorney or BIA-accredited representative to help make custodial decisions in the event of deportation. Unauthorized immigrants in search of representation are often taken advantage of by notarios—people who falsely represent themselves as immigration attorneys or qualified consultants—or are misled by attorneys who "dabble" in immigration law.
- Recognize that your clients or their family members may be victims of wage theft or other abuses from employers, landlords, notarios, and others willing to exploit their vulnerable status.
- Familiarize yourself with reputable immigrant advocacy groups in your area, especially those that provide pro-bono or low-bono legal services to detained immigrants (such as the Southern Immigrant Freedom Initiative) or that help pay bond for immigrant detention (such as RAICES).
- Reject family detention as an alternative to family separation.
- Support sanctuary and other policies that keep families together and safe.

Dr. Stephanie Bohon is an Associate Professor and Dr. Meghan Conley is the Director of Community Partnerships in the Department of Sociology at the University of Tennessee. They are the authors of Immigration and Population (2015, Polity Press) and many research articles on immigration law and policy.

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Annual Awards Dinner—Save the Date!

Social Workers Rollin' on the River



SAVE THE DATE!
Annual Awards Dinner
November 29, 2018

Inn at Middletown
70 Main Street
Middletown, CT 06457

Award winners will be announced mid to late October along with the opportunity to RSVP, so keep an eye on your email and our website. We hope to see you there to celebrate our fabulous social workers extraordinaire!

At Home for the Long Term: New Alternatives for Seniors

Why is *home* so special? Home represents a lifetime of experiences. Fond memories. Family. Happy times. Hard work. Raising children. Comfort. A sense of safety and security. Most of all, our homes represent independence. In our homes we make all our own choices about how we want to live, how we want to spend our time, and who we allow into our cherished space.

For some people considering the future, selling a home and moving to a senior living community represents complete loss of independence. Even though retirement community living has been proven to increase wellbeing and longevity from many factors—including increased social interaction and a sense of belonging—having to adjust to living in a community setting and sharing amenities with others is not everyone's preferred option.



Fortunately, senior living comes in many shapes and sizes. Life Plan Communities (also known as Continuing Care Retirement Communities) offer a full continuum of care, ranging from independent living residences to assisted living, skilled nursing, rehabilitation care, and memory care, all on one campus.

Assisted Living Communities offer apartments or cottages designed for senior safety with services that provide help with daily living needs such as personal care and medication management.

Active Adult Communities (or 55+ Communities) typically offer maintenance-free apartments, condos, or villas with a calendar of activities, and some services such as housekeeping, meals, and transportation. Health care services are not included.

For those who cannot imagine leaving their home—there is a new wave of at-home programs known as Continuing Care at Home (CCaH) cropping up all over the country, allowing people to age in place and meet their health care needs at home. Not to be

confused with Home Health Care Agencies, which provide a wide range of health care services that can be given in one's home after an illness or injury, these at-home programs offer many benefits, including access to a host of amenities and health care services as they are needed.

CCaH programs are life care membership programs offering the same type of services as a Life Plan Community (or CCRC). They focus on enhancing members' ability to remain independent in their own homes, continuing to enjoy their current lifestyles as they age. Like Life Plan Communities, members pay a one-time fee upon joining and monthly fees in exchange for a lifetime guarantee of a comprehensive package of services designed to address wholistic health. Monthly fees typically do not increase as a member needs care, thus protecting members from "spending down" their assets.

Home, continued

CCaHs provide its members with care coordination, home safety evaluations, annual physicals, social and educational programs, medical transportation, meal delivery, personal emergency response systems, in-home and facility-based care and asset protection. Care and services come from the sponsoring Life Plan Community or through partnerships with vetted, established organizations. Members may gain access to offerings of social and cultural events and amenities of the sponsoring Life Plan Community as well. Besides all this, they have the assurance that the comprehensive range of long-term care services, from in-home assistance and personal care to facility-based care such as adult day care, assisted living and skilled nursing care, will be available whenever needed.

Care coordination is at the core of these programs with most offering 24/7 care coordination. Members are partnered with a care coordinator who gets to know each member personally. Care coordinators regularly assess members' health and functional status, recommend services and obtain and manage those services on behalf of members. Considering the unknowns and difficulties that people face navigating the health care system, care coordinators help alleviate the burden of care from members, their families and loved ones. Depending on the program, care coordinators can be social workers, nurses or a combination of both.

Applicants to CCaH programs are often financially and medically qualified prior to membership. Designed for those that are healthy and independent upon joining, only those not in need of immediate services and those without degenerative diagnoses are accepted. Some CCaH programs offer portability as a membership benefit. Meaning members can move to another town or out of state and the benefits of the program travel right along with them. The member's care

coordinator then manages services with health care providers local to the members' new home.


CCaH programs have existed for more than 20 years, but the majority of the 33 programs in the United States have started within the last decade. Three exist here in Connecticut. Seabury, a Life Plan Community in Bloomfield started the first CCaH program in Connecticut - Seabury at Home. In Bridgeport, Jewish Senior Services has a program called Senior Choice at Home serving southern Connecticut. Whitney Center, a Life Plan Community in Hamden introduced Thrive at Home with Whitney Center in September 2016. Thrive at Home serves members throughout New Haven County and beyond.

For those passionate about staying home, CCaH programs offer a greater freedom and adaptability than other senior living options. Continuing one's independence and remaining *home*, while having health care services provided and pre-paid, regardless of how health care requirements change, offers an appeal that may make CCaH programs a popular choice for a growing number of seniors.

For information about Thrive at Home with Whitney Center please visit www.thriveathome.org or call 203-848-2626 to learn more about membership plans and fees or to attend an upcoming informational session.


For a more comprehensive overview of at-home programs please visit www.claconnect.com - Continuing Care at Home: Evolution, Innovation, and Opportunity.

By Michelle M Pandolfi, Executive Director of Thrive at Home with Whitney Center and NASW Aging Committee Member



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**For details and registration links visit the NASW CEC calendar, <https://celestialempowerment.com>,
Or call Celeste 860-586-8700**

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The Gift of Membership

This year why not consider giving the gift of a NASW Membership? Perhaps you have a colleague or a special friend who is not yet a member of NASW and for whom a membership would represent a meaningful gift. Perhaps a student you know has graduated or is close to graduating and you would like to give them a gift that will be valuable over the years to come. Perhaps an intern has done an outstanding job and the office staff would like to chip in for a gift. Graduations, birthdays, holidays, a thank you...



...all perfect times to give the gift of a NASW membership.

Supervision Group Starting!

We are two senior clinicians offering an opportunity to mental health professionals for small group, clinical supervision. Participants will present cases and receive individualized feedback.

As leaders, we are LCSWs, each with 25 plus years experience. Having worked in a broad range of clinical settings, we bring a variety of treatment models to explore.

The group will be meeting Wednesday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for seven consecutive weeks beginning October 17th, through November 28th in Fairfield, CT.

The weekly fee per person is \$50.00.

For more information, please contact:
Karen Howitt at 203-254-2055 or email k367@aol.com or

JoAnn Zuckerbrod at 203-327-7508 or email joannzuckerbrod@icloud.com.

Title Protection Campaign Begins

NASW/CT has officially launched its campaign to **pass social work title protection in 2019**. At least 35 states have some form of social work title protection in their state's statute. It is time Connecticut joins them!

Title protection means that only those persons who hold a social work degree of BSW, MSW or DSW can use the title of Social Worker to describe themselves or have such title given thru employment. This will assure that the public is not misled as to the training of a person who holds the title of social worker. It also means that the public will not have their impression of social workers made by the media naming non-social workers as social workers based on the employee's title.

One of the questions we asked candidates who sought our endorsement for the state legislature was whether they would support title protection legislation. All 98 candidates that we endorsed expressed support, with many being surprised that title protection did not already exist. Of course not all 98 candidates are going to win their elections, so we have lots of work ahead of us to be successful.

NASW/CT has hired the lobbying firm of Gallo and Robinson to assist us and represent us on this Campaign. This is the same firm that worked on the LCSW and LMSW and has monitored the Legislature for us over many years. They are a highly respected firm that works effectively with both sides of the aisle. The Chapter has set aside funds for our lobbyist however we still are in need of additional money and will be seeking donations once the legislative session begins. We estimate that \$30,000 will be needed to cover lobbying and related expenses.

We will need to educate legislators as to why the social work degree matters, that social work is a profession (over 100 years), and why we need title protection. Education of legislators will be a huge task that is best accomplished by directly hearing from their social worker constituents. **When we email you asking for you to contact your legislators it will be critically important that you take action.** We also will be seeking members to meet in person with their legislator along with NASW staff/ lobbyist. Bringing constituents to meetings with key legislators is much more effective than going without someone from the district.

We do have many advantages going into the 2019 session. Title protection has long been sought by our members (and I assume non-members) who have the enthusiasm to see title protection bill become law. We have the knowledge of how to mobilize social workers to lobby their legislators. We have a very experienced and respected lobbying team in Gallo & Robinson. We have many "friends" amongst legislators and depending on the election there will likely be at least 5 or 6 social worker legislators. Through our political action endorsements we expect to have a significant amount of legislators who have expressed support.

Title protection is the number one professional issue that the Chapter staff and leadership get requests for from the membership. NASW/CT has passed many needed professional issues. Now is the time to get title protection accomplished. Working together, with every legislator hearing from numerous constituents, we seek to make title protection a reality in 2019!

Join NASW/CT for an engaging workshop to examine emerging knowledge

Sacred Science for Clinicians



October 16, 2018
Copper Beech Institute, West Hartford
9 AM to 12:30 PM

Followed by an amazingly delicious and healthy lunch

Approved for 3.5 CECs

Given the interest in complimentary alternative methods of treatment expressed by members of NASW/CT, we are following up on the workshop offered at our Spring Conference with this informative seminar presented by Jessica Serra, LCSW. The workshop will focus on two treatment paradigms within the realm designated as the "sacred sciences"—Ayurvedic Medicine and Botanical/ Earth Medicine.

Workshop participants will be guided through the Ayurvedic philosophy, a 5,000-year-old system of natural healing that has its origins in Northern India. How this eastern psychological and "whole self-health" framework conceptualizes anxiety, depression, trauma, and chronic stress will be explored. Attendees will learn about balancing nutrition/digestion and sample herbal and botanical supports for mental wellness and the role they play as healers while learning fundamental self-care rituals that can be adapted to clinical work with clients. Comfortable clothing is suggested as this experiential workshop may include some simple stretching and a short walk.



Facilitator: Jessica Serra, LCSW, C-IAYT, AHC, E-RYT is clinical faculty within Yale University's Department of Psychiatry as well as a seasoned integrative wellness practitioner and educator. Her work in the mental health arena of evidence-based practice and trauma informed care has spanned the last two decades. Jessica is an Ayurvedic Health Counselor through the Himalayan, Institute/National Ayurvedic Medical Association. She is trained in holistic nutrition, herbalism, somatic/energy healing, indigenous and community medicine and is an IAYT certified yoga therapist who leads workshops and retreats both locally and internationally.

Investment: \$75 Members + \$99 "Non Yet" Members * Price includes lunch

Click here to register: <http://naswct.org/events/sacred-science-for-clinicians/>

Addictions Committee Forming



The Connecticut Chapter is starting an Addictions Committee to address the needs of social workers in the addictions practice field and to provide a vehicle for a social work response to the growing addiction crisis. The Addictions Committee will provide various social work opportunities, including clinical skills development, networking and mutual support, involvement in policy initiatives, and potential conference organizing.

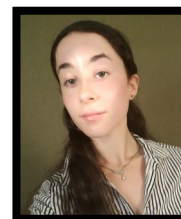
Specific Responsibilities.

- Provide a forum to discuss addictions issues in social work practice
- Develop a series of quarterly or semi-annual workshops and/or a yearly conference specifically around the issues of addiction
- Identify legislative and policy initiatives to address the growing problems of addictions
- Identify options for treatment and intervention for social workers who are struggling with their own addiction issues
- Collaborate with schools of social work on curriculum that prepares students for work in the field of addictions.
- Research other addiction committees operating through other chapters to expand the scope of the chapter

The Committee will be co-chaired by Gabriela Krainer, LCSW, LADC and Tami-Jo Lind, LCSW. The co-chairs are preparing for an initial meeting in the fall. All members are welcome to participate in the Committee. To be added to the Committee email distribution list and be informed of upcoming meetings, please email Steve Wanczyk-Karp at skarp.naswct@socialworkers.org

Meet Our Intern

We are pleased to welcome Melissa Keilty to NASW/CT for an internship during the 2018-19 school year. Melissa is pursuing her BSW from Western Connecticut State University. Melissa will be working primarily on the Chapter's policy initiatives and political/legislative action. In the fall she will be assisting the Chapter's PACE mobilization of members for candidate election and taking a lead role in the work necessary to conduct the annual Lobby Day Training in October. During the spring semester she will be following our legislative agenda and working on mobilization of members in support of title protection legislation and our social justice agenda.



Melissa has an Associate Degree in Behavioral Science from Naugatuck Valley Community College. Her work experience includes being a summer camp counselor, working in a restaurant and an animal kennel. Her affiliations at WCSU include being a member of the Social Work Club and Women's Group. She also has volunteer experience at the Bethlehem Town Fair, Flanders Nature Center, White Memorial Nature Conservancy and Protect Our Care CT.

Melissa has a strong interest in macro social work practice as demonstrated by her willingness to intern in Rocky Hill, a healthy distance from home and school. Please join us in welcoming Melissa to the NASW/CT office.

Welcome to Our New Members!

Nancy Albert
Kathryn Baller
Sarah Banks
Paige Bartels
Gianna Bavido
Lee Bowbeer
Susan Brunell
Julia Colby Cardone
Christopher Emmerson
Allison Enquist
JaLaizha Frazier-Overton
Jessica Halmeck

Lindsay Horvath
Will Ledwith
Estela Lopez-de Lara
Christine Marin
Alexia McClammy
Elena Mercier
Siobhan Murphy
Kaitlyn O'Donnell
Nancy Ann Pearce
Matthew Puzycki
Kathryn Addekim Schneider
Kathleen Turner-Purves

Save the Date! for **NASW/CT's 34th Annual Conference**

May 3, 2019
Radisson Hotel, Cromwell, CT

Join your colleagues for an amazing day of varied workshops, exhibitors with resources, networking, a student poster session, a wine and cheese reception, and great camaraderie with other social workers and those in allied mental health professions.

This is the only conference of its kind in Connecticut—eclectic in its topics but focused on the mission of social work and social work education*.

Earn 6 CECs for the day!

***With workshops that will satisfy requirements for Cultural Competency and Veterans Services.**

Registration details and the brochure describing all the workshops will be available at www.naswct.org the middle of February 2019.

Clinical Social Workers Network Open to All Members

The NASW/CT Clinical Social Workers Network is open to all members who are clinical social workers or interested in clinical social work matters. There is no fee to be part of the Network. Membership simply requires sending the chapter office your contact information, with preferred email address. Benefits of the Network include: forwarding of information on clinical resources; learning of opportunities for clinical practice; sharing ideas and questions with colleagues in the Network; and advance notice of continuing education programs that are sponsored by the Network.

The Network has a Steering Committee that determines the Network's activities and plans events, including Town Hall Meetings and clinical workshops. Members of the Network who would like to help shape the work of the Clinical Social Work Network are invited to join the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee typically meets on a Friday afternoon by web and conference call.

The Network is co-chaired by Dr. Jo Nol, LCSW and Pat Carl-Stannard, LCSW.

To have your name added to the Clinical Social Work Network email Stephen Wanczyk-Karp at skarp.naswct@socialworkers.org If you would like to serve on the Steering Committee indicate your interest in your email.

Chapter Testifies on School Social Work Services

A group of Republican state legislators have formed a School Safety Work Group to explore ways to address school safety in public schools. On September 25th the topic of discussion was mental health and NASW/CT executive director Stephen Wanczyk-Karp was asked to be a presenter. Steve was one of 6 invited speakers, 4 of whom were social workers.

Steve spoke passionately as to the essential need for every school to have school social workers, detailing the important and varied roles that school social workers perform. NASW calls for a ratio of 1 school social worker to 250 students, and Steve pointed out that for most schools that have school social workers the ratios are closer to 1 school social worker to every 600-800 students.

Given the topic was school safety NASW presented data on the percentage of students in need of mental health (above 20%), the high prevalence of anxiety in children, the importance of early detection, intervention and treatment, and how school social workers aid in helping students to cope with issues that if gone unattended can lead to suspensions, expulsions and harmful actions. Steve pointed out that brain plasticity allows anyone to change their brain at any age and that students are at a good age for such an approach, that social workers can teach students mindfulness and other brain health techniques that allow students to self-regulate how they interact with others within the school.

External influences such as poverty, hunger, parent's divorce, social media, bullying, sick a sibling or even threatening weather can keep children from best performing in school. Steve laid out how school social workers address these kind of issues with students, parents, teachers and administrators.

NASW gave several recommendations, including having school social workers in each school, increasing the educational courses MSW students should have in preparation for school social work certification, having "mini school based health clinics" that consist of a LCSW to provide therapeutic interventions within the school and expanding health classes to include teaching mental health. We also strongly recommended that the members of the work group visit with a school social worker(s) in their districts to learn from those "on the ground" as how to best address mental health and safety issues.

The meeting was broadcast on ct-n and can be viewed at <http://ct-n.com/ctnplayer.asp?odID=15640> with Steve's presentation starting at the 129 minute mark.

NASW/CT 34th Annual Statewide Conference

May 3, 2019
Radisson Cromwell, Cromwell, CT

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

NASW/CT is now accepting papers for its 34th Annual Statewide Conference to be held on May 3, 2019 at the Radisson Cromwell Hotel in Cromwell, CT. In this unique profession of ours, we strive to help people in all stages and walks of life. The professional social worker needs to acquire knowledge in numerous arenas including prevention, treatment, direct service, private practice, social policy, cultural competency, administration, community organization, and legislation.

The conference committee is seeking proposals that explore topics in varying fields of social work practice and at all levels (micro, mezzo, or macro). The workshop presentations should appeal to experienced social workers and others in allied fields.

Guidelines for Proposals

The committee recommends that one of the presenters has a BSW or MSW degree or be a social work student but this is not required for a proposal to be accepted. To make the presentation informative and rewarding for the Conference audience, the committee suggests that presenters plan to address their remarks to professionals with **intermediate** or **advanced** levels of experience and knowledge. Social Workers appreciate specific "how to" comments and relevant examples. Please do not plan to read a power point or only lecture as our participants prefer interactive programs.

Submit a copy of the Proposal which includes a description of your professional experience, the Abstract, and the Brief Summary Abstract by **December 3, 2018**. We request that you include your objectives in the Abstract as well as a few sentences regarding how the presentation incorporates social work values.

NOTE: No Personal Identification should appear in the Abstract to provide anonymity in the decision making process.

Click here for Proposal Form: www.naswct.org

Presenters attend the Annual Conference at no charge but they are asked to pay \$40 if they are joining us for lunch.

No additional presenters may be added after the Proposal is accepted.

We ask that you limit your presenters to 5 should you be planning a panel.

Conference Committee decisions and notifications will be sent mid-January 2019.

**Send Proposals to NASW/CT Annual Conference Committee
2139 Silas Deane Highway, Suite 205, Rocky Hill, CT 06067**

Or Fax to (860)257-8074 or Email to phartman.naswct@socialworkers.org

Any questions, please call Pat Hartman at (860) 257-8066

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Managing Your Private Practice

**For Social Workers Looking to Start
or Enhance a Private Practice**

Saturday, November 3, 2018

9 to 12:30 (Registration and Coffee from 9 to 9:30)

Village at East Farms, 180 Scott Road, Waterbury 06705

***Presented by Patricia Carl-Stannard, LCSW and
Ginna Swan, Founder and CEO of Med-Direct, LLC***

Are you considering going into private practice? Are you looking to improve the business functions of your current practice? This workshop will address the questions you might have at this juncture in your professional career including setting up a practice, getting paneled, maintaining good records, the “business” of billing, and developing both a clinical plan and a business plan. Learn about claim forms and billing, communicating with insurance companies, and balancing the therapy side of your business with the revenue side. A Q & A session will follow the presentation.

Patricia Carl-Stannard, LCSW, ACSW has over 20 years of private practice experience and Ginna Swan, medical claims specialist, opened Med-Direct LLC in Cromwell over 20 years ago after working for 11 years in a private mental health practice.

Fee includes morning coffee and tea, handouts, and a CEC Certificate

\$50 for NASW Members

\$80 for Not Yet Members

Approved for 3 CECs by NASW/CT

[Click here to register](#)

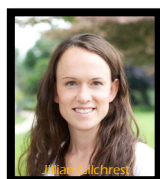
9 Social Workers Running for CT Legislature

In what may be a record breaking number, NASW/CT has identified and endorsed nine social workers running for seats in the CT General Assembly. Three candidates are running for the state senate, of which one is an incumbent, and six candidates are running for the state house, of which three are incumbents. In addition, a social worker is running for Congress in the 2nd Congressional District.



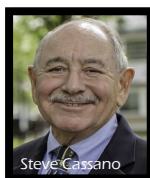
Cristin McCarthy Vahey and **Jillian Gilchrest** are NASW members. Cristin is currently in her second term in the state house representing the 133 district in

Fairfield. She serves on the Education, General Administration & Elections and Transportation Committees. Jillian won a Democratic primary in West Hartford (district 18) beating a 22 year incumbent.



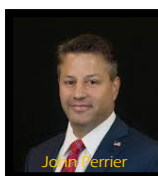
Toni Walker is the Appropriations Committee co-chair and serves on the Judiciary Committee. She represents New Haven from district 93 and is the highest ranking

legislator with a social work degree. **Rick Lopes** serves district 24 in New Britain and serves on the Education, Finance and Transportation Committees.



Steve Cassano is a state senator from Glastonbury (district 4) has served since 2012 and is the Deputy President Pro Tempore, co-chair of Planning & Development

Committee and serves on the Public Safety and Finance Committee.

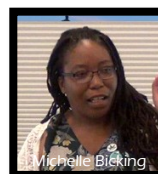


John Perrier and **Megan Cassano** are running for the state senate. John is in Stafford Springs (district 35) and Megan is running in Greenwich's district 35.



Patricia Wilson Pheanious, a former DSS Commissioner, is running for the district 53 House Seat in Tolland and

Anne Hughes is running for the House in Easton (district 135).



CT PACE, the political action committee of NASW/CT has endorsed all of the above social workers. Almost all are Democratic candidates, with **Megan Cassano** running on the Green Party. In addition, **Michelle Bicking** is running for Congress in the Second Congressional District on the Green Party ticket (NASW has endorsed Representative **Joe Courtney**, (D) for the 2nd Congressional seat).



If readers know of other social workers running for office this year please let us know.



PACE Endorsements for 2018

NATIONAL PACE ENDORSEMENTS

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 Joe Courtney – 2nd Congressional District
 Jim Himes- 4th Congressional District

John Larson – 1st Congressional District
 Rosa DeLauro – 3rd Congressional District
 (endorsement in the 5th CD is pending)

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 Julie Kushner

David Lawson
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 Carlo Leone
 Martin Looney
 Jennifer Lovett
 James Maroney

Martha Marx
 Michelle McCabe
 Marilyn Moore
 Vickie Nardello
 Christine Osten
 John Perrier

Robert Statchen
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 Ellen Beatty
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 Mary Welander
 Baird Welch-Collins
 Michael Winkler
 Phillip Young

THANK YOU TO OUR COLLEAGUES WHO HAVE PRESENTED AT REGIONAL NETWORK MEETINGS SINCE THE FALL OF 2017

Region 1 Network, co-ordinated by Joanne Leon

Trauma Informed Response to Children of Domestic Violence, Kelly Anelli, MHSV

Region 2 Network, co-ordinated by Sarah Jane Dailey, Amy Myers, Nathan Rinaldi Lipkind

That's So Gay—GLSEN/CT, Alberto Cifuentes, LMSW and Jacki Alessio, LMSW

Voices Should Be Heard, Dana Schneider, PhD, LCSW; Jill Cretella, MSW; Dan Constantino, LMSW

The Importance of Early Relationships: An Overview of Attachment, Amy Myers, LCSW & Jeanette Radawich, LCSW

Disordered Gambling Integration: Prevention, Family Issues, & Community Support, Donna Zaharevitz

Suicide Prevention & Risk Assessment in Veterans, Christina Allen, LCSW

Working With Families & Child Victims of Domestic Violence, Tracy Parks, Jane Adamik

Region 3 Network, co-ordinated by Dee Unterbach

"The Capacity to Kvetch", Social Work Interventions to Facilitate Self-Expression, Shelley Berman, LCSW

From Cinema to Insight: Movies as Modalities for Social Work Intervention, Shelley Berman, LCS

Sober Living—Extending Treatment & Options in Fairfield County, Anthony Kiniry, Pivot Ministries

Life Lessons: Life Lessons. What the Elderly Taught Me About Effective Therapeutic Interventions, Shelley Berman, LCSW

Working With the Transgender Community, Johanna Rayman, LCSW

Once School Was Only Scary on Math Test Days: Anxiety in 2018, Shelley Berman, LCSW, DCSW

The Preplanning Stage of Group Work, Dee Unterbach, DSW

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