



2009 Spring Continuing Education Conference for Social Workers

April 29, 30 & May 1, 2009
Charleston (WV) Civic Center

Welcome to the 25th Annual *Spring Continuing Education Conference for Social Workers!* We've planned a unique and rewarding experience for you, and we hope you'll join us! Special events, timely, skill-building workshops, exhilarating speakers, informative exhibits, colleagues and friends, and a friendly, nurturing atmosphere await you. *We look forward to seeing you there!*

Social workers, mental health clinicians, and health and human services professionals are vitally essential to society, insuring the optimal functioning of people, families, groups, communities and organizations. The *Spring Conference* provides essential skills and knowledge, enhancing your ability to meet the challenges of today AND the future.

As the largest NASW Chapter annual conference in the nation, the Spring Conference is excellent source of professional continuing education offered at an unparalleled value. It is sponsored by the National Association of Social Workers West Virginia Chapter. Please know that we are humbled by the confidence you place in us by attending the conference, and will work hard to earn and maintain your trust.

Last year's *Spring Conference* was attended by over 1,700 people. Registration information will be available about March 1, 2009. Join your colleagues at the *Spring Conference* for learning, fun and a celebration of our profession!

Who Should Attend

Social Workers and related health and human services professionals practicing in clinical, health, mental health, social agency and public welfare settings, those engaged in administration, management and supervision, those enrolled in the WVU Nonprofit Management Certificate Program, those providing direct services, treatment, case management and/or advocacy services to at-risk and vulnerable populations, as well as staff and leadership of non-profit community, religious and social service agencies and organizations.

Location and Accessibility

The Charleston Civic Center, conveniently located within easy walking distance of local shops, restaurants and hotels, is fully accessible to persons of differing abilities.

Exhibit Hall

Get connected, enjoy special events, and view informational exhibits by resources and organizations of interest to you and your clients. *Exhibit Hall* access is limited to conference registrants, presenters, exhibitors and registered guests.

Continuing Education Information

West Virginia licensed Social Workers may earn over 20 approved contact hours for attending workshops in each time slot, two networking sessions, two plenary sessions and the NASW Membership Meeting. You must attend sessions/events to earn hours. The number of hours earned by related

disciplines and/or social workers from other states will vary due to CE regulations in effect in these jurisdictions and/or for professions other than social work.

NASW, WV is a recognized provider of continuing education for Social Workers in WV and OH, and is also recognized by the WV Certification Board for Addiction Professionals and the WVU Nonprofit Management Certificate Program. Hours offered by NASW and earned by social workers in MD, KY, PA and VA are generally accepted. See local CE regulations as events such as the Membership Meeting may not apply.

Applications are in process for Licensed Nursing Home Administrators (NCERS), WV Licensed Professional Counselors and Attorneys. Check online at www.NASWWV.org for CE approval updates.

Ethics Hours for WV 'Temporary License' Social Workers

West Virginia temporary license holders must earn 8-hours in Social Work Ethics every 2 years. Workshops applying to this requirement include: **A5, A19, B6, B9, B17, C7, C18, E4, F8 and G8**. To increase seating capacity for others needing ethics hours, please register for a few hours this year, then attend the *2010 Spring Conference* to earn additional hours.

Ethics Hours Approved for WV Licensed Professional Counselors

WV Licensed Professional Counselors must earn 3-hours in Counselor related ethics every 2 years. Workshop **C17** applies to this requirement will be offered at the Spring Conference. *Note: This workshop will be extended by 15-minutes to provide the required three full hours of instruction.*

Optional Events:

25th Anniversary Dinner

Wednesday, April 29th • 6:00 - 8:00pm
To reserve your seat, add fee on page 19.

Celebrate 25 years of Spring Conferences at an elegant dinner honoring all social workers; especially those who helped make this the largest NASW Chapter annual conference in the nation! Reserve your seat by adding on the \$25 fee when you register.

There will be music, good food and more! Donations from the Social Work programs at Bethany College, Concord University, Marshall University, Shepherd University, West Virginia State University and West Virginia University, and from Delegate Charlene Marshall of Morgantown, have helped make this event possible. Thank you!

NASWAC Fundraising Reception

Thurs., April 30th • 5:00 - 7:00pm • \$15*
Charleston Marriott Hotel

Help NASW WV's registered political action committee elect good candidates who enact good social and health policies and laws! Add your donation at the time you register or at-the-door!

** \$15 suggested donation. This is an optional event for NASW members. Not tax deductible. Public employees & nonmembers please disregard this solicitation.*

Participant *Bill of Rights*

A. You have the right to a focused learning environment.

1. If people disrupt the learning environment with unnecessary conversation, bring the discourtesy to their attention and respectfully ask that they continue their conversation outside the workshop or meeting room.

2. As a courtesy to others, arrive on time & ready to learn. If you would prefer a different workshop, come to the Registration Desk for help facilitating another good selection from the available workshops remaining.

3. Workshop seating capacity is limited by the presenter's request (to optimize learning) or by fire safety regulations. An empty seat is not an invitation to attend. Check with the Registration Desk for workshop options. Gate crashers disrupt the attendance honor system, create dissatisfaction and could result in stricter controls at future conferences.

B. You have the right to express your opinion in writing.

1. We really do read, learn from and make improvements based on your evaluations. Please complete the workshop and overall conference evaluation forms. Leave workshop evaluation forms in the workshop room.

2. Drop your completed Overall Evaluation at the Registration Desk as you leave the conference. Drop off your name badge and plastic cover to be entered into a drawing for free admission next year!