



2011 Spring Continuing Education Conference for Social Workers

April 13, 14 & 15, 2011
Charleston (WV) Civic Center

General Information

Welcome to the 27th annual *Spring Continuing Education Conference for Social Workers!* We've planned an exceptional conference and educational experience for you: from Wednesday's opening **Keynote Address** by one of our most popular presenters, **Jim Harris**, MSW, EdS, to the **102 workshops offered** over three days, to a special appearance by NASW National President **Dr. Jim Kelly** on Thursday, to **Specially Selected Speakers and Sessions** followed by great closing **Networking Sessions** on Friday afternoon!

Social workers, mental health clinicians, and health and human services professionals are essential to the optimal functioning of everyone in society, including individuals, families, groups, communities and organizations. Good training is essential if we are to keep our skills honed to be most effective in our important work. The *Spring Conference* offers essential skills and knowledge to enhance your ability to meet the challenges of today and the future. Timely, skill-building workshops, exhilarating speakers, informative exhibits, a nurturing atmosphere, and *much* more await you. *We look forward to seeing you there!*

The West Virginia Chapter's *Spring Conference* is the largest annual conference in the NASW family. Sponsored by the National Association of Social Workers, West Virginia Chapter, it is a favored resource for professional continuing education and an unparalleled value. We are humbled by the confidence you place in us by registering to attend the conference, and work hard to earn your trust!

Last year's *Spring Conference* was attended by over 1,800 people. Please register early to secure your preferred workshop selections. Registration instructions are included here and on the Registration Request form, when available (online in mid-February; in print in early March). Please read carefully.

Substantial savings are available for early registration, new NASW membership and group registrations. Join your colleagues at the *Spring Conference* for learning, fun and a celebration of our wonderful 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.

See also *Note on ADA Accommodations* below.

Exhibit Hall Gala Reception

Get connected and enjoy live music, food and fun with colleagues. 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.

Optional Fees and Services

Attendance Certificate

To order this attractive optional certificate: add-on the \$10 fee at the time of registration and complete and return the *CE Record Accounting Form* (which you will receive in your registration packet) to verify accuracy. Allow 8 weeks for delivery. *Note:* Attendance Certificate fee payment cannot be made online. If you register online and wish to order an Attendance Certificate after the conference, send a written request, a copy of your completed *CE Record Accounting Form* and your check for \$10 to: NASW WV, 1608 Virginia Street East, Charleston, WV 25311.

NASWAC Fundraising Reception, Thursday, April 14, 5:00 – 7:00pm

Our collective voice as Social Workers can be POWERFUL! We can influence how social and health programs are viewed and funded in West Virginia, and enact sound social policies that assist more people in need, by working together to elect leaders who care and will listen to our expertise! NASWAC, the **National Association of Social Workers Action Committee**, does this by encouraging and supporting social workers to run for office, evaluating incumbents and candidates, and supporting the campaigns of deserving candidates. NASWAC is the political action arm of the NASW West Virginia Chapter. *Donations are not tax-deductible. Public employees and non-members may disregard.*

Donation to NASW Foundation WV Chapter Fund

Tax-deductible donations to the **NASW Foundation** designated to the **WV Chapter Fund** help ensure the future of YOUR professional association in West Virginia. The fund is designed for use only for educational purposes, such as to enhance the quality of the Spring Conference. Please be generous!

Note: *To make a tax-deductible donation submit a separate check made payable to ‘NASW Foundation’ and note ‘WV Chapter Fund’ on the memo line. Donations made via the Registration Request form are not tax-deductible. Donations may also be mailed directly to NASW Foundation are. Make checks payable to “NASW Foundation WV Chapter Fund” and mail to: NASW Foundation, 750 1st St NE, Suite. 700, Washington, DC 20002-4241.*

Registration Information & Policies

TO REGISTER: Please use the *Registration Request* form in the registration brochure or downloadable from this site when it becomes available. Use only one form per registrant please. Follow the instructions on the form to successfully register. You may also register online using the secure Acteva registration service. *See also important info elsewhere in these pages, in the printed Registration brochure, Registration Request form, and online at www.NASWWV.org.* Full payment must accompany the registration. Fees include admission, registrant packet, refreshments and exhibit hall admission. Optional services may be purchased as desired.

WORKSHOP SELECTIONS: Visit www.NASWWV.org and click on “2011 Spring Conference Information” to access links to the workshop descriptions when they become available. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis and workshop seating capacity may be limited by the presenter’s preference or by room capacity fire codes. Register early to increase the likelihood of getting the workshops of your choice. Select 3 workshop choices in each time period on the day/s you will attend. If your initial choice is filled we will assign you to your 2nd or 3rd choice, as available. If all your choices are filled you can make an alternate selection when you arrive at the conference.

NOTE ON ADA ACCOMMODATION: If you require ADA accommodation to facilitate conference participation, please provide a written request at the time you submit your completed conference registration and payment. Please register by March 14 to specify accommodation requests. Requests received after this date may not allow adequate processing time to arrange accommodation.

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Please pre-register no later than **Friday, April 1st**. You may also register at-the-door during the conference. We must return registrations received after April 1st in order to make final conference preparations.

CONFIRMATION: Register by **April 1st** to receive a postcard or email confirmation which should arrive by April 7th. Call (304) 345-6279 on April 8th or 9th if you have not received confirmation and wish to confirm by phone.

Registration Request Information

BY MAIL:

Complete the *Registration Request* form. Follow the instructions on the form or elsewhere in the registration brochure, enclose full payment and mail so as to be received by **April 1st** to:

**NASW Spring Conference
1608 Virginia St. E.
Charleston, WV 25311**

BY FAX:

(Available only with payment by VISA/MC or Authorized Agency Purchase Order Form) Fax completed *Registration Request* only if paying by VISA/MasterCard or authorized agency purchase order (attach PO form) by **April 1st** to **(304) 720-3766**.

AT-THE-DOOR:

Register at-the-door on April 12 (4 - 6pm) or April 13 - 15 (beginning at 7:30am) by visiting our Registration Desk in the lobby of the Charleston Civic Center. *Great workshop selections will still be available when you register at the door!*

ONLINE: Download and Mail Form, OR Register via our Secure Online Service

Visit www.NASWWV.org to register online or download a registration form. We utilize the Acteva secure online payment system for those wishing to [register online](#). Non-refundable credit card and Acteva processing fees apply.

PAYMENT POLICIES: Make checks payable to: NASW-WV. We also accept payment by VISA/MasterCard or by authorized agency purchase order (with approved PO form accompanying the registration form). Our online registration system can accept other credit cards. Full payment must accompany registration. Incomplete registrations will be returned. Underpayment, insufficient funds notices and/or credit card denial constitute incompleteness. If your registration is returned you may re-register if paying by cash or money order; adding any bank charges incurred by NASW. Online registration is subject to processing fees and if verification of registration category status (NASW member, student, retired, etc). *See also additional policies and procedures on our website at www.NASWWV.org, printed in the registration brochure and/or on the Registration Request form itself.*

CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICIES: Cancellation/refund requests must be received in writing (fax accepted). Processing fees apply. Processing fees: \$5 if written request is received prior to March 20th; \$20 if received March 21st through April 8th. No refunds are available after April 8th. Please allow 4 - 6 weeks to receive refund. Refunds for online registration do not include credit card processing fees or Acteva service charges and refund may be made by check or to your credit card account at our discretion.

Fine Print: *Conference schedule subject to change without notice. Conference registration and/or participation imply you have read and agree with all terms and conditions appearing in this online and/or the printed registration brochure, on the Registration Request form itself, or elsewhere as instructed, you agree to hold harmless NASW and its WV Chapter from loss or liability experienced as a result of your registration and/or participation, and you release NASW and its WV Chapter, their officers, directors, employees, volunteers,*

agents and insurers from liability for injuries or claims that may result from your registration and/or participation.

Reading the Workshop Descriptions

Brief descriptions of each workshop are provided elsewhere on this site. Abbreviations at the end of each description offer important information about what to expect if you attend that workshop. See also *Topic Codes* below.

Attendance Limits: Many workshop presenters limit audience size to enhance the learning environment. Meeting room fire safety regulations limit the size of all sessions. Room selections are based on session attendance trends noted 10 days prior to starting date. Please observe set limits.

Topic Codes: The following codes identify specific practice areas: ADO: Adolescence; ADT: Addictions/Dependency/Substance Abuse; AGE: Aging/Geriatrics; CC: Cross-cutting topics of interest to many settings/populations; CLN: Clinical Mental Health/Therapeutic; CO: Community Organization/Advocacy; CYF: Children, Youth & Families; DD: Developmental Disabilities; DIV: Diversity/Cultural Competence; DOM: Domestic Violence; EDU: Social Work Education; ETH: Social Work Ethics; HTH: Health Care; MH: Mental Health; MGT: Management/Admin/Supervision; PATH: Psychopathology; POL: Social Policy; RES: Referral Resources; SCH: Schools; SLF: Self-Care Strategies for the Client and/or Professional.

Level of Practice Codes - ENT; INT; ADV; ALL. These codes indicate the level of practice experience to which each session is geared. ENT: Entry; INT: Intermediate; ADV: Advanced; ALL: All practice levels.

Notes in *Italics* offer special information or requirements about the workshop, including applicability to ethics, prerequisites, clothing suggestions for exercises and activities, sponsorship credits, etc.

Example: *CLN, CYF. INT. Limited enrollment:* Is related to work with children, youth & families in therapeutic settings. Enrollment is limited by the speaker and participants should have 2 or more years of experience.

Conference Enjoyment Tips

Weather

April in Charleston is beautiful but can also bring rain, mild daytime temperatures and cool evenings. Pack accordingly.

Attire

Most participants dress in casual business attire. We recommend that you wear comfortable shoes.

Courtesy

Please:

- Turn off or silence cell phones and beepers when in sessions.
- Avoid perfumes/colognes as they can cause respiratory reactions.
- Refrain from conversations with colleagues in sessions, or take the conversation in to the hallway to respect others' desire to learn.
- Check with the Registration Desk before switching sessions to be sure seating is available. Seating capacity is often based on the presenter's preference to promote the optimal learning environment.

Follow Up

Please complete workshops and overall conference evaluations. We really do read them and incorporate your suggestions for speakers and improvements!

Thank you for making this a conference everyone can enjoy!