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I am proud to say our first virtual conference Wellness Warriors the Fight Calls for Social Work ACTIONS July 15 – 16, 2021, was a success!!! Thank you to the more than 350 conferees who joined us for this historical experience. For over 53 years at the NABSW annual conference, we have showcased best practices in Social Work Practice and Education. Due to COVID 19, we had to cancel our 2020 conference for the first time in our organization’s history. The financial impact resulted in a loss of over 70% of projected revenue.

In true Black Social Work fashion, we came together from all over the country via the internet to continue our annual tradition. The conference featured Keynote addresses by Dr. Melissa Harris-Perry, Congresswoman Cori Bush, and Principal Salome Thomas. Over 30 Workshop speakers and panelists addressed issues that will help with required Social Work ACTIONS for liberation. The NABSW recognizes that Social Work is a verb. It is about what we do for and with our communities exemplified in our Code of Ethics. We encourage you to continue the following ACTIONS throughout your practice:

- Accountability
- Collaborations
- Transformation
- Innovations
- Outcomes
- Networking
- Solutions

I want to thank the Donors, Conference Committee, Executive Committee, National Office Staff, Chapter Leaders, Members, and Friends. We could not have done this without your support and commitment to the organization. I greatly appreciate it and invite you to join us in Chicago from March 9- 11, 2022. In the spirit and joy of Harambee!

Melissa
Follow NABSW on Social Media for the latest updates
“We’ve got a responsibility to live up to the legacy of those who came before us by doing all that we can to help those who come after us”

-Michelle Obama
This conference afforded the opportunity for individuals to grow and prosper in a deeper understanding of who you are and your rich African heritage. Empowered, you can return to your community ready to build coalitions.

Remember, we do not stand alone but on the shoulders of our ancestors. The hope of the future is in our hands and the responsibility to ensure safe passage for all Black families is our goal.
“Wellness Warriors The Fight Calls For Social Work ACTIONS”
Virtual Conference Highlights (continued)

U.S. CONGRESSWOMAN EPHRAT I. BARKER (D-CA)

"Building our Legacy"

August
Black Business Month

September
Building our Legacy

October
Breast Cancer / Alzheimer Awareness Month

November
Jazz Authors Cafe

December
Kwanzaa
R.E.A.L Radical Empathic Acceptance of Life: How to Live and Serve Abundantly

REAL is a call to action for anyone overwhelmed and over it! Khadijah shares her journey of self healing from the perspective of a child in chaos, generational trauma, social systems, and the ‘isms’.

Lead from the Outside: How to Build Your Future and Make Real Change

Lead from the Outside is a necessary guide to harnessing the strengths of being an outsider by Stacey Abrams, one of the most prominent black female politicians in the U.S.
Houston Chapter honors:

Dr. Gloria Batiste Roberts for her outstanding leadership, efforts and service to the local Chapter, the Houston community and to NABSW in being honored with Howard University’s 2021 Inabel Burns Lindsey Award... Harambee!!!

“I am excited to accept this high honor and sincerely grateful for your consideration in presenting me such a distinguished award. I acknowledge your message of good wishes and thank you wholeheartedly for the many tributes you shared with me. The number 10 has played a significant role in my life.

I was the 10th President of the Houston Chapter of Black Social Workers and the 10th President of the National Association of Black Social Workers and now the 10th recipient of the Isabel Burns Lindsey Award. Again, thank you so much for your consideration. I accept this award with pride but also with a sense of humility.”

Respectfully,
Dr. Gloria Batiste Roberts

Recently hosted another Membership outreach...Houston now @ 83 members strong!!!

Installation of 2 Officers: VP Dr. Tina Hooper and Corresponding Secretary, Cynthia Johnson.

Happy Birthday!

During this last Quarter, the Houston Chapter celebrated one of our faithful members on her 99th birthday!

“Momma” Herman Glynn....

God has been good and faithful. Praising God for her!!
On Friday, April 9, 2021, both the Chapter’s President, Larry Hayes, and Social Action Committee Chairperson, Wes Johnson, represented the Chapter in a Voter Registration Drive. The drive was the Senior’s Day, at the Frederick Douglas Sr. High School, where the chapter representatives, met and greeted students with information for registration or pre-registration as voters in Orleans Parish. Along with NOABSW, there were Military branches and Continued Education booths were available for the students to visit. NOABSW was able to solicit approximately 30-40% of the nearly 100 High School Seniors participating in the event. This was an excellent opportunity for the NOABSW organization to interact with the youth community, through Outreach, one of the organization’s vital missions.

Following a traumatic loss of a family member of one of the Chapter’s members due to gun violence, several of the Chapter’s members, came together in support of that member and family, by attending a Vigil (candlelight balloon release). As in the spirit of Harambee, we pulled together to say, “Enough” to the violence, as well as Thou Shall Not Kill”. Change must occur to “END THE VIOLENCE”.

On April 29, 2021, representatives of the chapter, participated in a COVID vaccine event, for an under-representative African American COVID vaccinated population of New Orleans (East New Orleans). The walking procession departed St. Maria Goretti Church, accompanied by the All For One Brass Band, handed out flyers to the neighborhood, and promoted the Friday April 30, 2021 COVID Vaccine administration event. Our Warriors were at their best.
GREATER TULSA CHAPTER

THE GREATER TULSA CHAPTER, TULSA, OKLAHOMA DEDICATES OUR ENTIRE NEWSLETTER TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK SOCIAL WORKERS; AND TO THE TULSA RACE MASSACRE AS THE TRUTH WILL BE TOLD NOT A STORY BUT THE TRUTH.

Tulsa Chapter continues to re-build this Chapter as the Greater Tulsa Chapter ABSW coming from the lineage and building on the foundation in which the Founders began. It does not matter of the pseudo titles of Baby Boomers, Generation X, millennials. We are the Association of Black Social Workers, Inc. So often we buy into the terms designated by other races. We are an Afrocentric organization making no apology to anyone. We were established by our Founders in 1968 at Glide Memorial Church in San Francisco, CA. No apologies were made when the Founders walked out on ideologies in which did not address the needs and conditions of our Communities! No, we stand firm on the adage- We must stand for something, or we will fall for anything. As we embark upon our 52nd National Association of Black Social Workers, Inc. Conference (Virtual) “Wellness Warriors: The Fight Calls For Social Action.” We continue to stand ready with our Code of Ethics directing our path in the Spirit of Harambee. In the Spirit of Harambee the Greater Tulsa Chapter has been active in Support of the JUSTICE for GREENWOOD Destruction 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre for the three living Survivors.

MS. VIOLA FORD FLETCHER AGE 107 SHE WAS AGE 7 AT THE TIME

MR. HUGHES VAN ELLIS AGE 100 MS. FLETCHER’S BROTHER

MS. LESSIE BENNINGFIELD RANDLE AGE 106 SHE WAS AGE 6 YEARS AT THE TIME

WE ARE SEEKING:
1. Financial compensation for the victims of the 1921 Massacre and their descendants:
2. Accountability for the perpetrators of the 1921 Massacre
3. Document and publish stories of the 1921 Massacre victims and their descendants; and
4. Tell the truth about what happened during and after the 1921 Massacre and its continued effect on victims and their descendants.

IF OUR HISTORY is not told it is evitable to REPEAT ITSELF, WE DARE NOT have it REPEATED NOW, NOR IN THE FUTURE OR EVER! ASE’!

Submitted by Sister Linda C. Thomas, President Pioneer Member of NABSW, Inc.

JUSTICE ON GREENWOOD FOUNDATION:
https://www.justiceforgreenwood.org

Greater Tulsa Chapter of the National Association of Black Social Workers
RACE MASSACRE 1921-2021

The Northwest Louisiana Chapter of the Association of Black Social Workers are so very proud of our very own Dr. Grace Tatem who was nominated for the Lifetime Achievement Award conferred upon her by the National Association of Social Workers on June 21, 2021.

Dr. Tatem is a former professor and founding member at Grambling State University as well as a pioneer and change agent in the social work community for the past three decades. She has been instrumental in helping dozens of first and second year students attend NABSW National Conferences and promoting participation to local chapters. Her work in the field of social work on behalf of people of color has been monumental and will forever be chronicled in the annals of African American history.
6/17/21 The Marion County Department of Child Services hosted its 1st annual Tennison Ellison Day event! The event was held at the IUPUI Campus Center and featured a variety of vendors, music, art shows, basketball tournament, children’s education corner, and more. Pictures were taken. A huge thank you to all who attended this virtual event.

6/21/21 Central Indiana ABSW celebrated 36 years as a Chartered chapter of NABSW! Happy Charter Day CIABSW!!!

6/15/21 The Central Indiana ABSW chapter contributed a total of $1000 to the SIYAZIGABISA Home of Hope (Atlanta, GA). This is an annual International giving campaign led by chapter member Dr. Andrea Manning-Dudley. Awardees will share their experiences and discoveries about African Centered practice in a virtual Chapter roundtable on July 29th at 7pm ET.

5/21/21 The Central Indiana ABSW hosted our monthly chapter meeting/CEU event. The subject matter was in honor of Mental Health Awareness Month and the title of the presentation was “Get Your Mind Right: Black Churches & Mental Wellness”. Our dynamic panelists included: Dayvid H. Brown, MS, MA, BA; Nu Birth Behavioral Services. Dr. Charles Johnson, MSW was a featured Panelist. During the Event the Central Indiana ABSW Chapter President-Catina Anderson presented the June CEU Scholarship Awards. The recipients were Joy Boyd, La Tonya Brown, and Jessica Cofield! Awardees will share their information in the social work field in order to stay current in field practice. Around 50 people attended this event in several sessions.

5/19/21 The Marion County Department of Child Services hosted it’s 10th annual Trauma Informed Care Conference titled “Reflections”. The conference was held at the IUPUI Campus Center and featured renowned experts and leaders in the field of child welfare, education, and juvenile justice. The June session included Indiana Legislative Updates presented by Representative Brandon Sh brook, The law of the generation now, the Marion Boys of the Central in Community Foundation presented by Board Chair Ryan W. Carlyle. The recipients of the Award of Excellence in Social Work Practice are: Patricia H. K. Johnson, Dr. Theresa Roberts, Dr. Marion Royson and Ms. Christ Rhinesear. The award was presented by President-Catina Anderson.

5/17/21 The Central Indiana ABSW hosted a June CEU/Awards night event. The event was held at the IUPUI Campus Center and featured a variety of vendors, music, art shows, basketball tournament, children’s education corner, and more. Pictures were taken. A huge ASANTE SANA to Tranicia Hankins who organized the Trivia night and raised over $1200! Most of the funds were used towards sponsoring members to attend the National Virtual Conference.

5/10/21 The Central Indiana ABSW chapter partnered with the Indiana Bicentennial Commission and presented a virtual meeting titled “Pioneers & Pioneers”. The event was held at the IUPUI Campus Center and featured a variety of vendors, music, art shows, basketball tournament, children’s education corner, and more. Pictures were taken. A huge thank you to all who attended this virtual event.

5/6/21 Our Chapter hosted a Movie and Game Night. We watched the short film on Netflix called Two Distant Friends starring Missy Peregrym and the movie The Water Road starring Robert Pattinson. The central theme of the night was Juneteenth, and the movie. We awarded prizes to the 3 winners which were Dr. Theresa Roberts, Ms. Mariah Chino Associates, and Yolonda Lewis! Pictures were taken. A huge ASANTE SANA to Tranicia Hankins who organized the Trivia night and raised over $1200! Most of the funds were used towards sponsoring members to attend the National Virtual Conference.

4/15/21 The CIABSW Chapter President Catina Anderson participated in a virtual Career Day Event at Crispus Attucks High School sponsored by the Junior Achievement Organization. The session provided an opportunity to connect with the Junior Achievement Organization and learn about career opportunities in the social work field. Around 50 people attended this event.

3/25/21 Our Chapter attended the National Virtual Conference. Renee Vaughn represented CIABSW chapter and Participated in the COVID 19 Impact Response Project hosted by Dr. Patricia Talley, Clinical Director of Affairs for the American Hispanic Social Work Association. Renee Vaughn also moderated a panel discussion for the session titled “Understanding the Impact of COVID-19 on the Health and Human Services Delivery System”.

2/25/21 Our Chapter hosted a trivia night and Game Night. We watched the short film on Netflix called One One Two Three starring David Cross and the movie Grief Counselling starring Michael Caine. The central theme of the night was Juneteenth, and the movie. We awarded prizes to the 3 winners which were Dr. Theresa Roberts, Ms. Mariah Chino Associates, and Yolanda Lewis! Pictures were taken. A huge ASANTE SANA to Tranicia Hankins who organized the Trivia night and raised over $1200! Most of the funds were used towards sponsoring members to attend the National Virtual Conference.

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Freekie Johnson has been representing the chapter for the past few months in a virtual platform. The chapter is currently seeking sponsors to support the Summer 2021 graduate for a career day. The chapter is currently fundraising to support the conference.

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Cleveland, Ohio had a growing year in membership and activities! Members traveled to Washington, D.C. to participate in the Get Your Knee off our Neck March and locally participated in the Cleveland Women’s March.

The annual Black Doll project gave over 100 dolls and toys to children in two shelters for Christmas and volunteering at the Greater Cleveland FoodBank established ongoing monthly outreach for members. The pandemic prevented us from a day of collective service on MLK Day so the Chapter served by collecting 120 pairs of socks for residential young adult men and delivered 25 handwritten notes to seniors in a black nursing home.

Online events include President Melissa Haley to celebrate and motivate us for social work month, and trainings on implicit bias among black social workers and mental health and advice for the next generation of black social workers.

Our Juneteenth celebration was in collaboration with the African American Cultural Garden.
Looking forward to 2021-2022!
Juneteenth Celebration Highlights 2021

Mural painting in collaboration with 6 Points Innovation Center
The Hampton Roads ABSW presented a host of events throughout the past few months. Like a hunter that is stalking its prey, Hampton Roads Association of Black Social Workers (Hampton Roads ABSW) has struck again! Check out what the chapter has been doing within the community:

Sankofa Mentorship Hampton Roads ABSW has been in partnership with students from Norfolk State University through our mentorship efforts. Spearheaded by Dr. Quincy Dinnerson and Dr. Sandra Williamson-Ashe, opportunities have been presented where chapter members have participated in mentorship activities. Such includes mock interviews and professional development activities that have sought to educate students on professionalism, interview skills, and assessment skills. In addition, Norfolk State students supported the chapter in their African Center Book Drive with kindly donations.

African Center Book Drive Hampton Roads ABSW facilitated a book drive during the spring where books were collected throughout the community. Further collaboration with social work students from Norfolk State University provided additional resources. A pre-school center located at Enoch Baptist Church in Virginia Beach was the recipient of the book donations made by the chapter. The books were presented on May 23, 2021, in front of the congregation. Books that were donated by the chapter promoted positive self-image of African heroes and characters. This drive aimed to promote positive self-identity among Black children and encourage literacy.
Congratulations to the Eastern North Carolina Regional Association of Black Socialworkers (ENCR-ABSW)!

It has been an incredible journey this year. As we continued to persevere through very turbulent times ENCR-ABSW rose to the challenge of increasing the capacity of a social worker’s responsibility to ensure that people with lived experience did not fall through the cracks. Collective win after win elevated ENCR-ABSW theory to macro level practice gained local, state, and national celebration for its strategies of distinction in the region. Leaders embarked upon three focal areas for strategies of distinction to address the wellbeing of our community amidst a pandemic: 1) the expansion of our roles as social worker’s at a mezzo level; 2) capacity building from our place of influence to the voice in the room; and 3) be impactful in building healthier communities amidst a pandemic.

The wellbeing of our community required equitable solutions for marginalized populations. We target all the social determinants of wellbeing with the understanding that health is the highest form of equity to include: economic stability, access to quality education;access to quality healthcare; social and community context; and safe neighborhoods and communities to thrive.

ENCRAWS highlights its member strategies of distinction...

Say Yes Covid Test Pitt County community collective: Mildred A. Council, Dr. Eveangel H Savage, Curtis Best, Dorothy Roberson, Lauretta Lewis & Veronica Streeter from ENCR-ABSW, 10-local municipalities and their elected officials, alongside representatives from more than 60-social care organizations, health department, churches and community leaders discussed models of sustainability in the aftermath of the as home covid tests to stop the spread of COVID. The ABSW team provided education, more than phone banking, home visits, and veterans hosted an outdoor health fair with representatives from out at level one trauma center Vidant Medical Center to provide vaccine clinic, food giveaway, PPE, and so much more. Special thank you to our community champion and historian Mildren A. Council for leading the way as our Community Organizer. This was a nationally recognized effort published in 30+ media outlets, news, and magazines.

Members (Thela Ellis, Lauretta Lewis, Ann C. Speight, Dorothy Roberson, Sylvia Taylor, Jeanette Taft, Veronica Streeter, Rev Lillian Jenkins, Curtis Best, Dr. Eveangel Savage, Mildren A. Council) actively supported the education and scheduling of COVID 19 testing and vaccine clinics throughout the east. Mildred Atkinson Council, Founding Member & Former President (1975) was selected to represent ENCR-ABSW as Co-Convener with Dr. Annell Primm during the Ali-Healers Mental Health Alliance.

Celebrated the installation of our 2020-21 officers during Black History Month, Greenville Museum of Arts exhibit of “The Hanging Tree Guitars by Freeman Vine” were celebrated during a community appreciation luncheon assisted by Mildren A. Council, Community leader of the “Say Yes Covid T est Pitt County” and other members participated in the annual march on Greenville and 2nd Annual Juneteenth Celebration, Greenville, NC, Dr. Eveangel Savage and other member participated in the annual march on Greenville and black business popup providing a finale for the say yes campaign; voter education and registration;

Asisted by Mildred A. Council, Community leader of the “Say Yes Covid Community” were celebrated during a community appreciation lunches and their joined by leaders from Campus Community Health Partners and Duke University Research Institute. Certificates and Awards were presented. Pitt County partners received commendation for the success of the project. Several organizations were mentioned including Eastern NC Regional Association of Black Social Workers (ENCRAWS). Dr. Eveangel H. Savage, Curtis Best, Dorothy Roberson, Lauretta Lewis & Veronica Streeter from ENCR-ABSW, 10-local municipalities and their elected officials, alongside representatives from more than 60-social care organizations, health department, churches and community leaders.

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Virtual & Face-to-Face Recruitment Drive to maintain our membership and recruit new members. Some have paid dues but some have not met them yet because of COVID 19. We have communicated electronically by phone.

2nd Annual Juneteenth Celebration, Greenville, NC, Dr. Eveangel Savage and other member participated in the annual march on Greenville and black business popup providing a finale for the say yes campaign; voter education and registration;
"Courageous Conversations" This was our Juneteenth event to have a candid discussion of issues in our community and ways we can address them as Social Workers.
After a rough year of COVID 19, political unrest and racial conflict the ABSW-NYC’s Mental Health & Counseling Committee wanted to know how our members were doing. On May 22, 2021 we had our first Virtual Check in for all our members and healers. Participants used the event as an opportunity to express how they felt and remember it’s ok to ask for help. People expressed, connected and provided support through our virtual medium. The check in demonstrates how important ABSW is to our community.
Nassau Suffolk ABSW sponsored our third annual Juneteenth celebration by lifting the NABSW theme, Wellness Warriors! As Black Social Workers, we recognize the importance of liberating ourselves, families and communities from the multiple threats to our well-being. This community event featured the following wellness related activities and dialogue groups:

**Morning Glory**: we began the day reflecting on culture, creativity, healing and inspiration

**Drum Call**: African drumming centered us as we offered a tribute to the ancestors

**Dancing Across the Diaspora**: an inter generational audience moved to African, Caribbean and Hip-Hop dance styles

**Nutrition & Wellness**: included conversations on meal alternatives, diet vs lifestyle changes and strategies to achieve health goals

**Yoga**: beginners session on breathing techniques and meditation

**Financial Literacy**: shared information on promoting financial well-being

**Social Justice Warriors**: a community conversation addressing issues of equity and justice

**Stress and the Body**: explored the impact of stress and trauma on the body, chair yoga moves, sound healing, Real talk on racial disparities: a multi-cultural dialogue group brought together chapter members, community members and an interdisciplinary mobile health clinic team affiliated with a local college.

The event was held at a community center operated by our very own chapter member Dr. Zodelia Williams. Silas Kelly, our resident e-journalism social work advocate was on scene interviewing participants for an upcoming podcast episode.
On June 22, 2021, the Association of Black Social Workers-Columbia University held its first e-board meeting for the new school year. Columbia University joins the Association of Black Social Workers as a newly founded chapter during this 2021 calendar year. Currently at 18 members, the chapter is excited to grow with the coming of a new school year.

The e-board consist of: Seyi Segun (She/Her | President), Ashley Cole Jr. (He/Him | 1st Vice President), Ms. Ashley Penny-Diaz (She/Her | 2nd Vice President), Brielle Stovall (She/Her/They/Them | Treasurer), Deidra Brooks (She/Her | Secretary), Jasmine Rivera-Hackley (She/Her | Social Media Director), and Errica L. Williams, MPH (She/Her | Parliamentarian).

The team is fueled by the passion to see Columbia University's Black community empowered and believe in Black health, peace, prosperity, and excellence—by any means necessary.
The NJABSW has continued to grow as a chapter by providing beneficial services to the community throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

The chapter organized two mental health symposiums. **The first**, Black Wellness Matters, was a 3 part virtual forum discussing mental health in the black community and managing the impact of COVID19 in September 2020. **The second** forum was a 3 part series held in Feb 2021 aimed at normalizing mental health amongst black men.

Both symposiums were heavily attended and received positive feedback from attendees.

On June 26, 2021 we hosted our annual scholarship luncheon where awardees from both 2020 and 2021 were honored with monetary gifts.

We also held an installation ceremony for our newly elected Chapter officers.

The chapter is accepting new members and always looks forward to our upcoming events. Join us anytime!
June was Men’s Health Awareness Month. Our Wellness Warrior, Sister Deanna posted daily to bring awareness to our community.

Men’s Health Month is an annual awareness aimed at raising awareness of preventable health problems and encouraging early detection and treatment of diseases among men and boys.

Across the country of health fairs and other health education and outreach activities, the focus of this month is encouraging men, boys, and their families to take control of their health issues with the proper screenings.

DelCo PA members celebrated Juneteenth around the Philadelphia and Delaware County areas. Even our “newest member” of the chapter, Baby Deja, with her Mom and Dad, celebrated our independence day! How a national holiday. Permission granted by parents to post.

President Joi Hopkins represented our chapter advocating for education equity. Pennsylvania ranks 44th in the country in the state’s share of funding for public schools. Only about 24% of the costs of public education are covered by the state. Her presence was helping to change those numbers. In honor of the anniversary of Brown vs. Board of Education, she attended to further understand the lawsuit that changed the nation’s schools and why we still have work to do to achieve true education equity.

Our first fundraiser as a chapter was a Mother’s Day Raffle. Our own Sister Deanna won the raffle of $100 in various gifts and then donated all of her winnings to a family in the community who suffered from a house fire, which left them with nothing. Picture of family submitted with permission from the mother. Making a difference.

May was Asthma Awareness Month, Bro DeShaun Elliot and Sister Yvette Rouse posted daily as our wellness warriors in the month bringing awareness and fitness tips.
June 24th- Membership Engagement
Our Membership Committee hosted our first New Members Orientation this year. Several members joined our Chapter this year and we wanted to do an official virtual welcome. Our Membership Co-Chairs, Alondra Jones and Anntinette Williams shared with new members the history of NABSW and our local Chapter, how to participate through committees, and much more. Our goal is to host orientation at least twice a year. Our members were engaged and appreciative.

May 16th 2021- Social Justice & Policy Rally to Protest Liquor License Renewal of Mart Liquor
Metro DC Chapter participated in the Rally hosted by the National Black United Front. We want our families and communities to be safe and one way to protect our community is to rally against establishments that serve alcohol. This evening, Madam President Kristi Love spoke on our behalf. It was also one way for us to introduce ourselves to the community.

May 22nd, 2021- Health & Wellness
The Health & Wellness Committee hosted a Fun & Fitness Workshop.
Coach Renee Dantzler with Strong AVID Fitness led a wellness workshop to remind us that our health & mental health is all connected.

June 16th- Community Engagement
We all celebrated Juneteenth in our own way. A few members joined NBUF at the Park to hand out food and learn more about the purpose of Juneteenth.

June 17th-18th- Lifelong Learning
Nea Onnim Committee, led by Karen Allen hosted our first 2-day Local Virtual Conference. We held a dynamic conference with guests such as, Dr. Umar Johnson, Calvin ‘Cal’ Roberson, Dr. Stanley Frencher, & Corey Beauford

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Parent Leadership Academy. A ten-session virtual program to give parents tools to advocate for themselves and community development. The sessions, which are held Tuesday and Thursday, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM begin on August 3rd and will conclude on September 2nd. Sessions are free and will provide a stipend for those who complete the course. Registration is required.

Individuals interested in this opportunity should contact Dr. Kinaya Sokoya at ksokoya@gmail.com.
Membership Orientation
Educate new and current members about the purpose and mission of Philadelphia ABSW.
Discuss benefits and how one can be a useful and productive advocate/change agent for their community.

Member Appreciation Celebration
Met virtually to have fun and appreciate each other with fun and games while sheltering in.

The ABSW Martin Luther King Jr. Committee project distributed PPE bags to various organizations. From the generous donations of our members the Committee made 800 PPE bags that included a disposable mask, a pack of tissues, and a sanitary hand wipe. The PPE bag also contained a flyer with facts about Martin Luther King Jr. and statements about the qualities of a Social Worker.

- 400 PPE bags were distributed to St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children
- 200 PPE bags were distributed to The Wissahickon Boys and Girls Club
- 200 PPE bags were distributed to the Tuscan Recreation Center.

Educational Forum regarding Pennsylvania Court of the Common Pleas and the importance of diversity. Interactive group of ABSW members and the General Public. Well received.

Judge Dumas is a leading Advocate against Child Trafficking (known expert)

Collaboration and Part II of the Ethics Session Anti Racism and Social Justice held June 18, 2021 - 1-4 PM.

Our panelists included award-winning and internationally-renowned experts:

- Chad Donn Leavell, MSW is a rational and international expert in the field of American Race Relations, who is called on frequently to advise on race relations issues by various governmental and non-governmental institutions. Chad is the Managing Director of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, where he has legislatively-delegated authority to investigate discrimination complaints, overseeing a staff of 84. For received his MSW from the University of Pennsylvania, and in 2019 was inducted into the School’s Alumni Hall of Fame. In addition to other awards, he was named “The Most Influential African American Leader from 2010-2020.”

- Dr. Patricia Reid-Merritt – author, educator, scholar, community activist, and performing artist is the Distinguished Professor of Africana Studies and Social Work at Stockton University and the author of multiple books, including those in this area.

- Dr. Ayo Maria Gooden, ABPBC, LLC is a Licensed Psychologist and Board Certified African Centered/Black Psychologist in full-time private practice in West Chester, PA who specializes in Black, multi-cultural/bi-racial issues using cognitive behavioral therapy and African Centered psychology with individuals, couples and families. Dr. Ayo is the current president of DVABPsi.

- Thomas A Gordon, PhD is the Founder and Principal of TAGA Consulting, which provides consulting in leadership and performance paradoxes, change strategy, communications and conflict resolution, health and mental health, diversity and culturally competent solutions, teambuilding, and organizational dynamics. A licensed psychologist, Tom graduated cum laude from Oxford University and earned his doctorate from Stanford University. He is a former university professor, health and mental health systems manager, productivity expert and now advisor to organizations on a wide range of leadership, change, and performance challenges.
A four week series on Mental Health and the Black Community facilitated by our members
Thank you for supporting NABSW over the years and especially during these tough economic times. We thank our Committee members for their hard work and sacrifices. Their untiring efforts are indeed a labor of love.

In the Spirit and Joy of Harambee!!”

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SAVE THE DATE:

ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING

AUGUST, 28TH