



What is a Professional Social Worker?

Professional Social Workers hold a Bachelor's degree (BSW) or Master's degree (MSW) in Social Work or Social Welfare from an accredited university. NASW is **your** Professional Social Work Association.

What are some Benefits of Membership?

- Advocacy & Lobbying
- Practice Standards & Ethics
- Continuing Education & Credentials
- Professional Advancement & Job Opportunities

Where can I get Membership Information?

To become a member visit www.SocialWorkers.org
For information on the California Chapter visit
www.NASWCA.org or call (800) 538-2565.



Code of Ethics

PREAMBLE

The primary mission of the social work profession is to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic human needs of all people, with particular attention to the needs and empowerment of people who are vulnerable, oppressed, and living in poverty. A historic and defining feature of social work is the profession's focus on individual well-being in a social context and the well-being of society. Fundamental to social work is attention to the environmental forces that create, contribute to, and address problems in living.

CORE VALUES & ETHICAL PRINCIPLES

The mission of the social work profession is rooted in a set of core values. These core values, embraced by social workers throughout the profession's history, are the foundation of social work's unique purpose and perspective. Core values, and the principles that flow from them, must be balanced within the context and complexity of the human experience.

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| Value: | Service |
| Ethical Principle: | <i>Social workers' primary goal is to help people in need and to address social problems.</i> |
| Value: | Social Justice |
| Ethical Principle: | <i>Social workers challenge social injustice.</i> |
| Value: | Dignity and Worth of the Person |
| Ethical Principle: | <i>Social workers respect the inherent dignity and worth of the person.</i> |
| Value: | Importance of Human Relationships |
| Ethical Principle: | <i>Social workers recognize the central importance of human relationships.</i> |
| Value: | Integrity |
| Ethical Principle: | <i>Social workers behave in a trustworthy manner.</i> |
| Value: | Competence |
| Ethical Principle: | <i>Social workers practice within their areas of competence and develop and enhance their professional expertise.</i> |