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NASW Ohio Chapter Newsletter

Come to the 2008 NASW Ohio Chapter Conference to Connect with Your Profession

Conference- November 14th with pre-conference sessions on November 13th

Each year, social workers from across the state come together for the Ohio Chapter conference to not only learn but also to connect with one another and form lasting relationships. This year's conference is no exception; social workers from across the country and the *world* have already registered to attend.

Although we all work in different practice areas, with different clients, in different geographical areas- we are all united in our passion and commitment to social work. The 2008 Conference recognizes our differences and our similarities by having many diverse break-out sessions and two keynote addresses for all conference attendees. The second keynote address will be over lunch where social workers can share stories, ideas, and information and also learn about an issue of importance to all of us: the mental health of soldiers in Iraq.

The conference is also a celebration of our profession. On the evening of November 13th, an awards banquet will be held to honor the state award winners. The awards banquet will also feature a new tradition- the honoring of Ohio Chapter members- through a special ceremony. The awards banquet offers a chance to relax and be in one another's company.

The conference is also a time to come together in unity. We are in trying economic, political, and social times. It has never been more important to be a part of the professional association of social workers



so that our profession can be strengthened and unified. At the conference information will be shared on the advocacy work of NASW and its efforts to secure the profession through title protection, elimination of exemptions, protection of agencies funded through the state budget, and loan forgiveness for social workers.

The 2008 NASW Ohio Chapter conference is the time to unite and connect to ensure the longevity and health of the field of social work

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Registration is still open!

Go to www.naswoh.org or mail the registration form on page 14 of this newsletter.



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Looking to the Future

As I listen to the Presidential and Vice Presidential debates, I wonder what people who live outside of the United States think about this process and the privilege that we have to elect our president and shape the future of our country and the lives of all citizens. Regardless of who is the next President of the United States, we are in the middle of history in the making and we have the opportunity to be a part of that history.

As I have met and talked with our state legislators over the past few weeks, they all are saying the same thing; regardless of their party affiliation. It is going to be a tough year, the state budget will be cut and there will not be funding for new programs. As social workers, we can look at this as the glass half empty or the glass half full. **A time of gloom or a time of opportunity.** Who can better provide advocacy and community organization than social workers? Who can better understand systems and look at the 'whole' and put the pieces together rather than working in silos? Who else knows how to work with limited resources and form partnerships to serve even *more* people? Who other than social workers could take this challenge? This is what we do and this is what we do well. We have been educated and trained for a time such as this. This is the time to change the image of social workers and show everyone what we as social workers do.

And that is what Rebecca Sanford, the chapter president-elect, Cindy Webb, executive director, Danielle Smith, services coordinator, and I along with the PACE committee members, regional directors and NASW members have been telling our legislators. We are prepared for this work; we can be a resource to you. We are here to help you help others and together we can make a difference. You can join the effort to be a resource to legislators by becoming a Consulting Expert as described on page 7.

Exercise your right to vote. Accept the challenge to make a difference.

NASW-Ohio Chapter Mission

NASW-Ohio Chapter shall be the recognized voice for Social Workers in Ohio. It shall be an organization that ensures excellence in the local and national social work standards, practice, education, and licensing, and shall be a powerful force in the political process.

Cynthia M. Webb

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The State of the Social Work Reinvestment Initiative

Have you been following the national Social Work Reinvestment Initiative? We have been making strides on a national level in moving forward the Social Work Reinvestment Initiative to recruit, train and retain professional social workers, to support research that improves social, human and health service outcomes, and to improve public understanding of the efficacy and cost containment benefits of social work services.

The need to develop a state initiative was rolled out last year at our annual conference in a report that affirmed the growing necessity for social workers in the workforce. The report included a finding by the 2001 Ohio Mental Health Commission, "A major reason local mental health systems are not able to meet the needs of their communities is a shortage of adequately trained clinical staff." The National Health Services Corps studies indicate "Ohio is a populous state with one of the greatest shortages of social workers in the United States." And the projections are that, without significant intervention, the shortages will increase.

A committee was formed this past year, co-chaired by Sharon Hanger (Columbus) and Dr. Susan Sarnoff (Athens), to study Ohio's specific needs and to develop a plan to address those issues. The committee completed their task with a comprehensive plan addressing three key issues:

1. Assuring a qualified workforce through recruitment, retention, retraining and continuing education
2. Elevating the public's awareness of the efficacy of Social Work Practice
3. Connecting research and practice to better inform and prepare social work practitioners for the future

It is now time to move our plan into action. To do this, we will be hosting a meeting prior to the pre-conference on November 13 at 11:30 am to define our next steps to move forward. If you are interested in participating in this initiative, please contact the Chapter Office for more information.

REMEMBER:

Membership provides you leadership opportunities to make a difference for your profession.

Legislative Update

The Ohio General Assembly will resume session following the November 4th Election. Although legislators will not be holding hearings or voting on legislation, they will be periodically in their offices which means that it is still important to advocate. You can write letters, call their offices, or even make appointments with legislators. All of the status information about the following pieces of legislation will remain the same until November.



By Danielle Smith
Services Coordinator

Senate Bill 53 - LPCC's Transport to Treatment Facility **Sponsor: Senator Patricia Clancy**

To amend the Ohio Revised Code to permit a licensed professional clinical counselor to take certain persons into custody and transport those persons to a hospital.

- NASW Ohio Chapter **supports SB 53 with changes** that add Licensed Independent Social Worker's (LISW's) to the bill.

House Bill 294 and Senate Bill 297 - Prohibit Discrimination for PTSD Treatment

Sponsor of House Bill: Representative Ted Celeste and Representative Jon Peterson
Sponsor of Senate Bill: Senator Dale Miller

To amend the Revised Code to prohibit health insurers from excluding coverage for posttraumatic stress disorder.

- NASW Ohio Chapter **supports HB 294 and Senate Bill 297**

House Bill 384 - Prohibit discrimination in health care policies **Sponsor: Representative Ted Celeste**

To amend the Revised Code to prohibit discrimination in health care policies, contracts, and agreements in the coverage provided for the diagnosis and treatment of mental illnesses and substance abuse or addiction conditions.

- NASW Ohio Chapter **supports HB 384.**

Senate Bill 231 - Require abortion facilities to display a Sign/ Penalty **Sponsor: Senator Gary Cates**

To amend the Revised Code requiring facilities that perform abortions to display a sign and enhancing the criminal penalty for causing or attempting to cause physical harm to a family or household member who was pregnant at the time of the offense.

- NASW Ohio Chapter **supports SB 231.**

State Legislation

Senate Bill 115 - Provide Coverage for Dependent Children until the age of 30

Sponsor: Senator Steve Stivers

To amend the Revised Code to require health insurers to provide coverage for dependent children until the age of thirty if the child meets specified conditions.

- NASW Ohio Chapter **supports SB 115.**

House Bill 170 - Prohibit health insurers from excluding coverage for autism

Sponsor: Representative Ted Celeste

To amend the Revised Code to prohibit health insurers from excluding coverage for autism.

- NASW Ohio Chapter **supports HB 170.**

House Bill 502 and Senate Bill 305 - Prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation

Sponsor of House Bill: Representative Dan Stewart and Representative Jon Peterson. Sponsor of Senate Bill: Senator Dale Miller

To amend the Revised Code to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

- NASW Ohio Chapter **supports HB 502 and SB 305**

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Federal Legislation

*By Nancy McFall Jean, MSW
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Mental Health Parity Legislation Signed into Law

On October 3rd the House passed the final mental health parity bill by a strong vote margin (263-171) and the President signed the bill into law. The Senate voted earlier this week to add parity language (the Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008) to the much larger Wall Street rescue, tax and disaster relief bill (H.R. 1424). The House subsequently agreed to the Senate's version of the bill the afternoon of the 3rd. The new federal law will provide mental health and addiction services parity for about 113 million Americans who work for employers with 50 employees or more. The law requires equity in the provision of mental health and substance-related disorder benefits under group health plans, to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment, and for other purposes.

Over the past two weeks, Senate and House leaders struggled to bring mental parity to the floor before Congress adjourns for the elections. The last major problem was a congressional rule requiring a "pay-for" to offset the impact of implementing parity on federal revenues (estimated by the Congressional Budget Office to cost \$3.8 billion over 10 years). Congressional budget rules require legislation with a fiscal impact to include either increases in revenues or decreases in spending to remain budget neutral. The Senate earlier this week added our parity bill to the huge Wall Street bailout bill as an enticement to gain House approval for the highly controversial package. This final strategy has now proven successful, ensuring the parity bill would be signed into law quickly by the President.

The President Signs the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 into Law!

On October 7, the President signed into law the "Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act (H.R. 6893)" which Congress passed on September 17, 2008. This legislation targets specific deficiencies in the child welfare system and addresses some of the most important needs affecting foster children in America today, including extending federal foster care payments up to 21 years old, providing federal support for relatives caring for foster children, increasing access to foster care and adoption services to Native American tribes, and improving the oversight of the health and education needs of children in foster care.

Major provisions of the bill include: 1. Helping Relatives Care For Foster Chil-

dren 2. Extending Assistance to Foster Youth Up to the Age of 21 3. Expanding Training 4. Improving Oversight of Health Care 5. Promoting Educational 6. Increasing Aid for Tribal Foster Care 7. Encouraging Sibling Placement 8. Extending and Improving Adoption Incentives – Improves the Adoption Incentives Program for children adopted out of foster care, including increased bonuses for special needs and older child adoptions.

For more information please go to www.naswoh.org and view the Advocacy page

Take Action for Equal Pay

Last year the House passed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Restoration Act (H.R. 2381/S. 1843). Sen. Kennedy introduced S. 1843 on July 20, 2007. It currently has 45 cosponsors. The Senate may bring this bill to a vote in the next couple of weeks.

Lilly Ledbetter is a woman who was denied her fair pay claim because the Supreme Court held that the discrimination began too long before she filed a complaint. Ms. Ledbetter did not file a claim sooner because she was unaware of the discrimination. As soon as she discovered the discrimination, she filed a law suit. This bill would allow individuals to sue for long term unfair pay because it considers each time a person is paid as a new violation of rights.

The bill amends the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to declare that an unlawful employment practice occurs when an unequal pay decision is adopted, when an individual becomes subject to the decision or practice, or when an individual is affected by application of the decision or practice,

including each time compensation is paid. The bill accrues liability and allows an aggrieved person to obtain relief including recovery of back pay for up to two years preceding the filing of the charge, where the unlawful employment practice that has occurred during the charge filing period is similar or related to a practice that occurred outside the charge filing period.

A vote could occur any day now. Please call Senator Brown and Senator Voinovich and urge them to vote yes on S. 1843, The Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Restoration Act. Let Ohio's Senators know that you are a constituent and a social worker requesting their support for better laws protecting women and minorities who are discriminated on the job for pay. To find the contact information for Senator Brown and Senator Voinovich go to www.naswoh.org and click on the Advocacy tab.

Vote Yes on Issue 5 to Put a Cap on Interest Rates on Loans from Payday Lenders



By: Bill Faith,
Executive Director
Coalition on Homelessness and
Housing in Ohio

This year's political ads are filled with warnings of "Big Brother," fears of more lost jobs in Ohio and concerns that "financial freedom" is under attack. Each of these ads has been bought and paid for by the national payday lending lobby – but each makes just fleeting reference to payday loans – if any at all.

The omissions are intentional. Ohio's policy makers and voters are wise to the exorbitant interest rates charged by payday lenders – and the lenders know it. To get the desired outcome on Election Day, the lenders have opted to try and scare or mislead voters, rather than level with them about the Issue 5, the ballot issue they are underwriting.

Earlier this year, our state legislators responded to growing concern over payday loans by passing a law that caps their annual interest at 28 percent, down from the 391 percent interest commonly charged. Few can honestly defend such high rates, and criminal court dockets reveal racketeering cases in which loan sharks stand accused of charging similar ones.

A "yes" vote on Issue 5 is a vote to keep Ohio's new law in place and lower interest rates.

Just days after its passage, the national payday lobby launched an effort to overturn its most important provision

and win the right to keep charging 391 percent interest.

The lenders initiated the ballot issue, are paying for the ballot issue, and are paying for the army of lawyers who either sue or threaten to sue those who disagree with their campaign tactics. But if you agree with the lenders, they want you to vote 'no' on Issue 5. Confused? That's the whole idea.

When voters are confused, they tend to vote "no." Confusion is the payday lenders' greatest weapon, truth their greatest enemy.

As payday lenders proliferated, so did the chaos they cause. More than 300,000 payday borrowers in Ohio are now trapped in a cycle of debt, contributing to everything from a rise in demand for food pantries to an increase in home mortgage foreclosures.

While it's easy for some to blame the victim, our legislators rightly concluded that the problem with payday loans is their flawed design. They are very easy to get but very hard to repay.

Payday lenders' internal documents show they target "single-parent households with multiple children" who are "financially stressed" or people who are on fixed incomes. Ex-payday employees said they were routinely dispatched to Laundromats, low-income apartment complexes and discount stores to round up customers.

Even the men and woman who serve our country have been among the lenders' prime targets. After the Pentagon reported that the predatory practices of payday lenders were hurting military families and undermining morale, Congress stepped in and capped the annual interest rates for loans to military borrowers at 36 percent.

Payday lenders insist that Ohio's new interest rate cap law will force them out of business and leave those who need quick cash no other options. They are wrong. Many credit unions offer short-term loans at just 17 percent interest, and nearly two-thirds of Ohio's existing payday lenders have applied for state licenses to offer different types of loans.

These alternatives will provide real financial freedom.

Ohio's new law also calls for a non-public state database to track loans and ensure that lenders are complying with a provision that limits to four the number of loans a borrower can take out each year. It is this provision that is the subject of the lenders' "Big Brother" TV ad.

This ad is the most insulting – so far. The lenders did not object to the database when it was added to the legislation, nor did they attempt to include it in the portion of the law they now seek to overturn. If it is truly Orwellian, why not try and overturn it?

The answer is simple: For the lenders, this is not, and never has been, about customers. It's about greed.

Throughout this campaign, the lenders have been willing to do anything say anything or pay anything to get their way.

Citizens who want to get something on the ballot must submit petitions with signatures from more than 240,000 registered voters – and those petitions must contain a summary that accurately and fairly explains the law they seek to overturn. Ohio Attorney General Nancy Rogers twice rejected the lenders' summaries because they were not "fair and truthful." So they sued her.

When I complained that petition circulators hired by lenders paid residents of a Butler County homeless shelter to sign petitions – a practice banned under Ohio law, they threatened to sue me.

Ohio can't afford to let this industry win by deceiving voters and bullying critics.

As you prepare to vote, please ask yourself these questions:

Do you think 391 percent interest is too high? Are you annoyed when one special interest parachutes into our state and buys its way onto the ballot? Do our leaders have a right to rid the market place of a defective product that's harmful to Ohio?

If you answered "yes" to even one of these questions, please join me in voting "yes" on Issue 5

Take Action!!

NASW Ohio Chapter Joins the Efforts of R.A.M. to bring Free Health Care to Northeast Ohio

On May 2nd and 3rd of 2009, Remote Area Medical will provide free health care services in Cleveland, Ohio. The Ohio Chapter of NASW is joining the effort to ensure the comprehensiveness of the services offered.

The Remote Area Medical (RAM) vision developed in the Amazon rain forest where founder Stan Brock spent many years with the Wapishana Indians. He lived with the pain and suffering created by isolation from medical care. He witnessed the near devastation of whole tribes by what would have been simple or minor illnesses to less primitive people. Recently RAM has begun to provide services in the United States due to the number of uninsured or underinsured Americans.



RAM was founded in 1985 and years of research and planning yielded a vast, carefully developed network of men and women who have come together to make RAM a highly mobile, remarkable efficient relief force. Volunteers are doctors, nurses, social workers, technicians and veterinarians who go on expeditions at their own expense and treat hundreds of patients a day under some of the worst conditions.

Volunteers have provided general medical, surgical, eye, dental, hearing

and veterinary care to tens of thousands of people and animals, with 60% of the expeditions serving rural America. There are plans for expansion of U.S. expeditions, an airborne medical treatment center, a permanent clinic site in Guyana and a program start-up in Africa.

As of June 16, 2008, the efforts have enabled the RAM Domestic and International Organization to deliver the following free medical, dental, and vision care to the underserved:

Total patient encounters: 357,368
Total value of free care donated by RAM to the underserved: \$33,079,038.00
Total number of participating RAM volunteers: 36,675
Total glasses given: 70,704
Total teeth extracted: 109,555

For more information on RAM, visit the website: <http://www.ramusa.org/>

The Ohio Chapter of NASW is recruiting social workers to assist with the Cleveland event to ensure that mental health care and referral services are incorporated. The event is currently in the planning stages so if you would like to help please contact the Ohio Chapter at 614-461-4484 or info@naswoh.org

School Social Work Update

By: Kathleen Usaj

Cindy Webb, the Executive Director of the Ohio chapter, presented at the Ohio School Social Work Association October Board Meeting. Her topic, "The Social Work Reinvestment Initiative and It's Impact on Social Work Services in the Schools," attracted interested social workers and social work students from across the state.

The Ohio Department of Education's recent movement to establish school social work standards is aligned with the NASW Social Work Reinvestment Initiative. Standards ensure that the most highly qualified professionals are serving children and families as part of multidisciplinary

teams. Standards advocate that school social workers be dually licensed, well versed in educational policy and evidence based clinical practice, and have advanced practitioner standing.

As school social workers become more highly visible in the community, standards become increasingly important. High standards contribute to a professional work environment, further addressing the goals of the Social Work Reinvestment Initiative to retain current social workers in the field, recruit new social workers excited about working in multidisciplinary environments, and reactivate community investment in social work. Standards further provide an impetus for colleges of social work to design curricula that will allow experienced social workers further opportunities for professional development. Look at the following websites to find out more about school social work issues: www.sswaa.org, www.osswwa.org, www.midwest-ssw.org, www.napso.org.

Become a Consulting Expert

The Ohio Chapter is looking for social workers to join the Consulting Expert Database so that their expertise can be called upon for advocacy work. Staff members and members of the board of directors have been meeting with legislators to introduce the organization and to provide a resource for issues pertaining to social work. It is the hope of the chapter to then link the legislator to a consulting social work expert through the database. Consulting experts could be called upon to assist with legislation formation, research, or testimony. Becoming a consulting expert is an effective and efficient way to advocate and form relationships with legislators.

To become a consulting expert go to www.naswoh.org and click on the 'Consulting Expert Application Form' in the left hand toolbar or call the chapter office at 614-461-4484.

NASW Ohio Chapter PACE Endorsements



The following candidates were selected to be endorsed by the PACE committee following an extensive process beginning with candidates filling out questionnaires, interviews, research on the candidates, and then the final selection decisions.



Representative Kevin Bacon

(R) Incumbent Candidate for the 21st House District (Northern Franklin County)

Representative Bacon was selected to be endorsed primarily because of his service and dedication to the needs of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. He was named the 2008 Ohio ARC Freshman Legislator of the Year. His response to the question of why he was running for office was, "I have enjoyed serving as a state representative and wish to continue. I feel that as a former township trustee and a State Representative I have made an impact on the well being of Ohioans and I wish to continue."



Representative Edna Brown

(D) Incumbent Candidate for the 48th House District (Toledo)

Representative Brown was selected to be endorsed because of her commitment to voting rights, health, violence against women and economic development. In 2007, Rep. Brown introduced a bill to immunize young women from the human papilloma virus, and a bill addressing violence in teen dating relationships.



Representative Armond Budish

(D) Incumbent Candidate for the 8th House District (East Cleveland)

Representative Budish was selected for endorsement because he is a strong advocate for senior citizens and fights for consumer rights. He is currently the ranking minority member of the House's Financial Institutions, Real Estate and Securities committee.



John Carney

(D) Candidate for the 22nd House District- (Columbus, Clintonville, and Dublin)

John Carney was selected to be endorsed because of his commitment to education, health care, and job training. In the NASW Ohio Chapter endorsement questionnaire his response to why he was running for office was, "I am running for the Ohio House because we must act now to tackle the challenges facing working families. New, innovative ideas are needed to overcome the problems our communities face, but that doesn't mean an increase in spending. I've proven throughout my career that it's possible to do more with less and I'll take that innovative attitude to the State House."



Representative Ted Celeste

(D) Incumbent Candidate for the 24th House District (Columbus)

Representative Celeste was selected for endorsement because of his long history of public service. He is the sponsor of three of the seven bills that NASW Ohio Chapter's Legislative Committee is supporting which address health care equity. Representative Celeste is a champion for higher education, Veteran's rights and services, and health care. He also serves a board member of the Children's Hunger Alliance.



Representative Kathleen Chandler

(D) Incumbent Candidate for the 68th House District (Portage County)

Representative Chandler was selected for endorsement because of her long advocacy history. She is a sponsor of HB 15 which addresses human trafficking and HB 215 which gives inmates rights for DNA testing. Her response to the question of why she was running for office was, "I believe what we do is extremely important and I believe that we can make a positive difference in people's lives. I very much enjoy working in government and I believe I am an effective legislator."



Representative Matthew Dolan

(R) Incumbent Candidate for the 98th House District (Geauga County and parts of western Cuyahoga County)

Representative Dolan was selected for endorsement because of his commitment to community based programs focused on re-entry, health, and education. He involved with the Geauga County Farm Bureau, the Geauga County Library Foundation, Cleveland Chapter of the American Red Cross and the Geauga YMCA Wellness Center



Marian Harris

(D) Candidate for the 19th House District- (Columbus, Westerville)

Marian Harris was selected to be endorsed because she supports the values and issues related to social work including mental health parity, early childhood education, and health care. Her response to the question of why she was running for office was, "After 30 years working behind the scenes politically, working for Senator Metzenbaum and Governor Celeste [as a constituent caseworker], working as an advocate for people in need, I decided it was time to put my experience and knowledge to work and support Governor Strickland's efforts to make things better in Ohio.



Janice Lanier

(D) Candidate for the 2nd House District (Delaware County)

Janice Lanier was selected to be endorsed because she understands the importance of affordable health care and education access. Her response to the question of why she was running for office was, "As a registered nurse and health care attorney, I have had concerns about health care access and affordability for some time. I have worked in and around state government for many years and realize the extent of the impact state legislators have on our daily lives. I decided it was important to offer voters in my district a legitimate choice on election day. I believe my years of experience and expertise will serve people well."



Debbie Phillips

(D) Candidate for the 92nd House District (Morgan, Athens, and the western half of Washington Counties)

Debbie Phillips was selected to be endorsed because she is committed to economic development, health care, and the field of social work. She sits on Ohio University's Social Work Advisory Board. Her response to the question of why she was running for office was, "We have a great opportunity to make a change in Ohio with Governor Strickland in office. I want to help improve access to education, bring good jobs to the region, and to rebuild Ohio.



Representative Fred Strahorn

(D) Represents the 40th House District (Dayton)

Representative Strahorn was selected for endorsement because of his commitment to preventative health care and human rights on an international scale. He serves on the boards of Child Care Works, Children's Hunger Alliance, Reach Out of Montgomery County and the Wegerzyn Gardens Foundation.

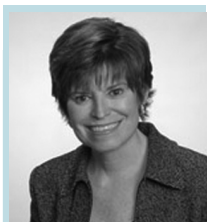


Representative Dan Stewart

(D) Incumbent Candidate for the 68th House District (Portage County)

Representative Stewart was selected for endorsement because of his outstanding commitment to the social work profession. In 2007, Representative Stewart was named the NASW Ohio Elected Official of the Year and went on to win the national NASW Public Elected Official of the Year award. He is the sponsor of the following pieces of legislation: HB 106 which concerns Medicaid; HB 502 which would prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation; HB 506 the Compassionate Assistance for Rape Emergencies Act; and HB 561 which addresses contraceptive equity.

Federal Candidate- Endorsed by NASW



Sharen Neuhardt

Congressional District 7- Includes Clark, Franklin, Fairfield, Fayette, Pickaway, Greene, Perry, and Ross Counties

Sharen Neuhardt is an attorney who is committed to the needs of the community. She has serviced on the Premier Community Health Board of Trustees, Tecumseh Land Trust, Miami Township and Yellow Springs Community Improvement Corporation, and Planned Parenthood of Miami Valley Board from 1995 to 2002.

Issues:

- Healthcare Reform
- Energy Independence
- Economic Development
- Ending the war in Iraq

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Region 1 welcomes our newest members!

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 Dina Berdy
 Erika Broze
 Julie Piercefield
 Angela Prior
 Jessica Sobczyk

Special thanks to the Defiance College Social Work Department and students for the 5th annual Welcome Back Student Event for all of Region 1 Colleges and Universities. Food, games and an informational presentation by the Ohio Chapter Executive Director Cindy Webb were enjoyed by all who attended. Bluffton University has graciously agreed to host next year's event.

Members are encouraged to attend the upcoming events:

- November 13th and 14th NASW State conference and Awards Banquet
- February: Motivational Interviewing with Susan Russell
- March: Hope Psychology with Ken Cunningham

Don't forget 2009 nomination for social workers are now being accepted. Applications can be retrieved at www.naswoh.org under the Region 1 page. The website is updated regularly with job opportunities, member benefits and CEU events.

Please remember to vote and make sure you do something good to take care of yourself!

Peace to you
 -Marty Phillips LISW-S LICDC Region 1 Director

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Business Meeting:

Join us at the November business meeting where will develop our slate of speakers for 2009 and select a committee to organize our spring workshop schedule. Become involved in your region by helping us shape an exciting educational schedule. Business meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month @ 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM; all participants are asked to brown bag their lunch.

3 CEU Workshop Updates:

September 18, 2008, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Family Relations Interdisciplinary Conference:
 St. Joseph Family Center, Akron, Ohio. The workshop is called "Best interest of the Child in Child Abuse and Family violence Cases". It is an Interactive, Interdisciplinary seminar for Academic, Legal and Social Services Professionals and Students. The workshop was well attended by social workers; the Ohio Chapter NASW was mentioned as a co-sponsor.

3 CEU Workshop Pending:

We will be posting a date soon for a spring half-day workshop, Co-Occurring Disorders with Mental Health and Substance Abuse; a panel representing different disciplines will present.

1 CEU Presentation:

Wednesday, November 12, 2008:

The speaker for the November meeting is Chuck Bell, with First Books. Chuck will speak on *Helping Children Living in Poverty through Literacy*.

December 10, 2008:

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
 Papa Joes, 1561 Akron Peninsula Rd. (330) 923-7999

Instead of our usual monthly meeting in December, Region II invites members to a holiday gathering on Wednesday, December 10 from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM at the Papa Joes restaurant. We will enjoy homemade Italian cuisine, drinks and conversation together. Please call (330) 376-9494

#231 or (330) 836-2940 #104 by Wednesday December 3, 2008 if you plan to come, so we are sure to reserve enough seating arrangements. We hope many of you will join us for this event.

Holiday gathering directions can be looked up through Googling the address or Map Quest: Papa Joes, 1561 Akron Peninsula Rd., Akron 44313.

New Members:

Region II continues to invite new and current members to its meetings. Rachel Weingart, BSW Student for the OHChapter has been giving presentations to social work students at the local colleges. The September meeting had 16 active members attend. All are invited to attend our monthly meeting held on the second Wednesday of the month, from 11:00am – 1:00pm at Greenleaf Family Center, 212 E. Exchange Street in Akron. Seating is limited; RSVP your attendance to Lorraine Ellithorp at (330) 376-9494, ext. 231 or Lesley Anderson at (330) 836-2940, ext. 104.

Region III – Cleveland Area

Regional Director:
Alecia Evans-Hayes
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FYI Important- The Steering Committee Meetings being held at Artifenos will be canceled for the month of November and December. Meetings will resume in January.

Upcoming Events:

- Methods of Intervention for Veterans and their Families, November 21, 2008, 8:45am-11:45am- The Free Clinic of Greater Cleveland. To register go www.naswoh.org or call 614-461-4484

- Regional Get Together December 5, 2008- More information will be sent via e-mail and posted online

Don't forget the Chat each Month on the Third Tuesday from 9:00pm-10:00pm (This is a new time) Be sure to log on to chat with social workers from all over Cuyahoga County!

Region V – Columbus Area
Regional Director: Teri Kinsway
(e) kinsway.1@osu.edu

Region 5 hosted a Legislative training on October 28th at The Ohio State University's College of Social Work in conjunction with the Ohio School Social Work Association. Presenters included New Visions who provided general legislative information and a panel of presenters sharing specific legislation on mental health parity, school social work, human trafficking, and immigration issues.

Outreach is being provided to students in an effort to increase their advocacy skills and education on issues selected by the students. More info to come on this initiative. . .

Region 5 members met with State Representatives Ted Celeste and Kevin Bacon and Candidate Jan Lanier to provide NASW Ohio's endorsement and highlight pertinent social work issues.

Region VI – Cincinnati Area
Regional Director: Tina Bowen
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November 18, 2008 4:30 -5:30: NASW Region 6 Meeting

Tuesday, November 18, 2008. 5:30-7:00 pm: "Management and Leadership in Social Work Practice" presented by Bob Littmann, LISW. Workshop will be held at Lighthouse Youth Services, 1501 Madison Road. **1.5 CEU's. Free to NASW members and \$30.00 for non-members.** RSVP to Diane Williams at kd1of2twin@aol.com. Refreshments will be provided.

Tuesday, December 9, 2008. 5:30-7:00pm: "The Use of Spirituality in the Healing Process" presented by Patricia E. Meier, LISW. Workshop will be held at Lighthouse Youth Services, 1501 Madison Road. **1.5 CEU's. Free to NASW members and \$30.00 for non-members.** RSVP to Diane Williams at kd1of2twin@aol.com. Refreshments will be provided.

Tuesday, January 27, 2009. 4:00-7:15pm: "Ethical Decision Making and Practice Methods" presented by Susan Carlson MSW, LISW. Workshop will be held at Lighthouse Youth Services, 1501 Madison Road. **3 CEU's. Cost: \$45 NASW members and \$60 for non-members.** RSVP to Diane Williams at kd1of2twin@aol.com. Refreshments will be provided.

Tuesday, January 20, 2009. 5:30-7:00pm: "Family Genetics" presented by Kathleen Collins, MS, CGC. Workshop will be held at Lighthouse Youth Services, 1501 Madison Road. **1.5 CEU's. Free to NASW members and \$30.00 for non-members.** RSVP to Diane Williams at kd1of2twin@aol.com. Refreshments will be provided.

January 29, 2009 5:00 -6:30 NASW Region 6 Meeting

February 26, 2009 5:00 -6:30 NASW Region 6 Meeting

March 19, 2009 5:00 -6:30 NASW Region 6 Meeting

Tuesday, April 14, 2009. 5:30-7:00pm: "Grantsmanship" presented by Judy L. Singleton, MSW, Ph.D. Workshop will be held at Lighthouse Youth Services, 1501 Madison Road. **1.5 CEU's. Free to NASW members and \$30.00 for non-members.** RSVP to Diane Williams at kd1of2twin@aol.com. Refreshments will be provided.

Tuesday, April 23, 2009, 5:30 pm: NASW Awards Reception. Location: Vernon Manor Hotel

Tuesday, June 16, 2009. 5:30-7:00pm: "Out of the Crossfire: A Prescription for Living to Survivors of Violent Injuries" presented by Jennifer E. Williams, Ed. D., PC, NCC. Workshop will be held at Lighthouse Youth Services, 1501 Madison Road. **1.5 CEU's. Free to NASW members and \$30.00 for non-members.** RSVP to Diane Williams at kd1of2twin@aol.com. Refreshments will be provided.

Region VII – Dayton Area
Regional Director:
Jacqueline McKenzie
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We continue to meet the 2nd Monday every month for 1 free CEU! The next meeting will be on November 10th. The September 8, 2008 "Addictions and Treatment Model" by Dr. Mark H. Thomas, M.D. provided interesting data. Did you know that to define addiction you must meet the following criteria according to Dr. Thomas- (a) loss of control (b) compulsion and (c) continued use in the face of adverse consequences? Did you know that because of genetics some people have predispositions for addiction to substances? Dr. Thomas is with the Pain Evaluation & Management Center of Ohio and works with Addiction Medicine. If you have questions, he can be reached at (937) 439-4949.

At the September meeting the executive director of the Ohio Chapter, Cindy Webb, was present at this meeting and spoke about the advocacy efforts of NASW and the Chapter. If you would like to view pictures of the meeting please go to the Region 7 page of the website at www.naswoh.org.

Region VIII- Canton Area
Regional Director: Jane Hoyt-Oliver
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The Region has gotten off to a slow start, but we are settling in for a new year. Three workshops have been offered in the community which has been open to NASW members Rebecca Cline, LISW will be speaking at Malone University for our first organized event of the fall. She will be speaking about primary prevention of Domestic Violence. 1.5 CEUs will be offered through Malone College at a \$5 cost. Discussions will be held at this meeting as to concerns and issues of the membership. The business meeting will begin at 7PM with the workshop from 7:30-9:00. For further information and directions, Please contact Jane Hoyt-Oliver 330-471-8180.

On Oct.31, the Social Work Program at Malone hosted two half day workshops. The first, a Clinical Supervision workshop was presented by Cindy Webb, ED of NASW-OH. The afternoon workshop on Social Work Ethics: Building an Ethical Agency Culture was presented by Jane Hoyt-Oliver and Stephanie Bradford.

Committees

Report from the PACE Committee

Bob Littman,
Committee Chair
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Since we are in the midst of the election season the PACE Committee has been working overtime to carefully review candidates for NASW Ohio Endorsement. In order to do this we look at past voting records, responses to NASW PACE Issue Questionnaires as well as individual interviews. We also rely on the recommendations of PACE Committee members who live in the candidate's district. Also since the world of politics is issue and not party focused we actively look for allies on both political parties.

The PACE Committee has met several times during the summer and early fall via teleconference. Additional assistance has been provided to the PACE committee to provide consultation through the New Visions Group who has extensive experience in working with a wide range of trade groups who work with the state legislature. Members have given up some of their precious personal time to this important work on behalf of all of our NASW Ohio Chapter members as well as the individuals, families and communities we serve as social workers. I truly appreciate how hard the PACE Committee has worked to complete our task of completing candidate endorsements for state wide offices in a timely manner.

As a result of our deliberations the candidates listed in the PACE Endorsements section of this newsletter have been endorsed and supported financially.

In addition the PACE Committee has agreed to implement a fund raising campaign for the next round of elections in December.

Finally the PACE Committee encourages you to get involved in this year's state elections by donating your time and money to one of the endorsed candidates in your

home district. This will go a long way toward building a foundation to work with the new state legislature in January 2009. This not only important publically but also is an ethical requirement that we all have as professional social workers.

News from the Legislative Committee

Gail Ukockis,
Committee Chair
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The most pressing issue is the Committee's decision to advocate for Issue 5, the Payday Lending issue. To quote from their flier, "Is 391% too high?" with 5 reasons to vote "Yes" on Issue 5:

- Lowers interest rates on payday loans from 391% to 28% annual interest;
- Ensures that loans will still be available for people who need them, but with a reduced interest rate that is comparable to credit card rates;
- Helps prevent Ohioans desperate for quick cash from falling into a cycle of high-cost loans that they can never pay off;
- Extends the same payday loan protections to all Ohioans that the federal government provides to military families; and
- Approves the new laws endorsed by Governor Strickland and the Republican and Democratic leaders of the Ohio Legislature.

Obviously, this is a social justice issue for social workers who have seen clients get trapped in payday lending debt (300,000 Ohioans per year.) The Coalition on Homelessness and Housing has led the advocacy efforts.

The Committee decided to try to call as many NASW members in their district as possible, so if you receive a call from one of us don't be shocked. We thought that this "low-tech" approach would motivate

NASW members to publicize this issue through word of mouth and letters to the editor.

Another exciting development is the lobbying efforts of New Visions Group. When the Ohio Legislature returns to session, the Committee hopes to continue with the meetings with legislators to build a positive image of social work at the State Capitol. Two more "hot" topics are the Ohio Prevention First Act (the first step being the mandate for emergency contraceptives in the emergency rooms and insurance coverage for birth control) and human trafficking legislation. We will keep you updated on these issues.

In the meantime, please spread the word about Issue 5!

News from the Membership Committee

Lisa Durham,
Committee Chair
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The Membership committee held a conference call on October 9th, 2008, and the primary discussion centered on marketing for the annual conference. Members will be emailing their contacts across the state to encourage attendance at the conference. Membership committee members will play a visible role at the conference, providing support and recruitment of new members. Please remember to be a voice for the Ohio Chapter of NASW when you are meeting with others. We need to have a strong membership so that our voices can be heard.

News from the International Service Committee

The International Service Committee (ISC) met on September 6th in Columbus to begin the development of a Strategic Plan. As defined by ISC committee members, the mission statement of ISC reads, "The mission of the International Service Committee of the NASW Ohio Chapter is to promote cultural competency and international social justice that is consistent with social work values and ethics."

Continued development of ISC's Strategic Plan will take place during future ISC meetings. To accommodate the travel schedules of members attending NASW Ohio Chapter 2008 Conference, the next ISC meeting will be held at the completion of the Conference, Friday, November 14th from 5:30 to 7:30. New members are welcome! Please contact Karina Harty-Morrison, ISC Chair, at karina.hartymorrison@gmail.com with interest.

ISC would like to remind NASW Ohio Chapter's members that ISC's webspace can be accessed via the website- www.naswoh.org-which provides access to shared resources and enables members to view and/or post international social work related events within the state of Ohio. If you have information to post and share with other ISC and NASW, Ohio Chapter members, please e-mail Danielle Smith at membership@naswoh.org.

SAVE THE DATE
2009
Legislative Day
will be held
on March 26.



The International Service Committee gathers for a group picture with a reporter from the French political website, *Politis*, who interviewed the group about social work in Ohio (second from left)

Did you know that the Ohio Chapter has a monthly e-Newsletter?

Make Sure You Receive It

By updating your membership information
with your e-mail address

E-mail info@naswoh.org
to add or update yours!



Register for the 2008 NASW Ohio Chapter Conference

Only a few spots remain for the conference- be sure to register now to ensure your attendance

To register for the conference go to www.naswoh.org. The website has all of the information that you need including the maps and directions to the location, descriptions of the keynote addresses and workshops, and brief biographies of the presenters.

You can also register by filling out this form and mailing or faxing it to the chapter. For descriptions of the workshop please go to www.naswoh.org.

Last Name: _____ **First Name:** _____
Address: _____ **Are you a member of NASW?** ☐ Y ☐ N
City, State, & Zip: _____ **Membership Number:** _____
Daytime Phone: _____ **Home Phone:** _____
E-mail Address: _____

Registration Fees:

	Conference and Pre-Conference Package	Pre-Conference Only	Conference Only
NASW Member	\$120	\$45	\$99
Non-Member	\$149	\$65	\$130
Retired Member	\$89	\$60	\$60
Retired non-member	\$110	\$65	\$75
Student member			\$35 + 10 for CE
Student non-member			\$65 + \$10 fore CE
Awards Dinner Thursday evening \$30 per person			

Payment Calculation:

Registration fee	\$
Other Fees: Student CEU-\$10.00	\$
Awards Banquet- \$30.00	\$
State Employee Lunch Subtraction (-\$18.00) (State employees can pay for their lunch at the conference)	\$
Optional Donation to the NASW Foundation Ohio Fund (tax deductible)	\$
Total Enclosed	\$

Workshop Registration

You must pre-register for the workshops you wish to attend. Provide three choices in each time period. If your first choice is filled, we'll automatically enroll you in the 2nd or 3rd choices, as available. If all your choices are filled, alternatives can be selected upon arrival at the conference. There are four workshops in sessions B and C that are 3 hours and take up both sessions. You must register for both sessions of a 3-hour workshop.

November 13th Pre-Conference - Please choose one workshop

2:00 - 5:30	Ethics and Organization	Ethics and Supervision
	☐	☐

November 14th Conference

		1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice
Session A 10:15am - 11:45am	Dialogue on Dilemmas			
	Alternatives for Youth's Advocacy Program			
	Working Effectively with Aging Holocaust Survivors			
	Wellness is in the Wind for All Social Workers			
	The Ethics of Cultural Competence in a Clinical Setting			
	A Community Responds to Human Trafficking			
	Ethics and the Group Work Practitioner			
	Introduction to Motivational Interviewing			
	Building a Real Therapeutic Style			
	Ethics and LGBT Clients			
Session B 1:15 - 2:30	Integrity and Social Work			
	Working with Difficult Parents: Effecting Long-Term Change - Sessions B & C			
	Understanding Vicarious Trauma- Elizabeth Bach - Sessions B & C			
	The Ethics of Social Justice (Ethics CEUs) -Sessions B & C			
	Cultural Competence with International Persons			
	Social Work Values, Ethics, and International Humanitarian Law			
	Cognitive Enhancement Therapy -Sessions B & C			
	Hypnosis for Clinical Social Workers			
	The Basics of Treating Problem Gambling and Other Non-Chemical Addictions			
	Serving Veterans			
Session C 2:45 - 3:15	Avoiding Ethical Landmines			
	Working with Difficult Parents: Effecting Long-Term Change -Sessions B & C			
	Post-Deployment Adjustment of Veterans			
	Understanding Vicarious Trauma - Sessions B & C			
	The Ethics of Social Justice - Sessions B & C			
	Advocating for Ohio's Refugees and Immigrants			
	School Social Work in Ohio: Striving for a Seamless Service Delivery System			
	Cognitive Enhancement Therapy -Sessions B & C			
	Spirituality: A Missing Paradigm in Social Work Practice & Psychotherapy			
	Intimate Partner Violence			

Licensing

An Update from the CSMFT Board

By: Jim Rough
Executive Director
Ohio Counselor, Social Worker and
Marriage and Family Therapist Board

The Social Worker Professional Standards Committee (SWPSC) has filed a change to rule 4757-23-01, which removes the restriction for payment of LISWs for providing training supervision to LSWs. That rule is scheduled for an October 6, 2008 Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR) hearing. Assuming that rule is approved by JCARR it should go into effect in early November. Please check the board's web site under "laws and regulations" or "news" or "important" links on the front page of the web site for updates of the actual effective date.

Another proposed rule change is an amendment to rule 4757-19-02 concerning the supervised experience required from LSWs applying for LISW. The statute in section 4757.01 defines the practice of social work as:

(C) "Practice of social work" means the application of specialized knowledge of human development and behavior and social, economic, and cultural systems in directly assisting individuals, families, and groups in a clinical setting to improve or restore their capacity for social functioning, including counseling, the use of psychosocial interventions, and the use of social psychotherapy, which includes the diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders.

Paragraph (C)(2)(a) of rule 4757-19-02 requires that the two years of experience be while: "the applicant was engaged in the practice of social work".

Since the statute defines the practice as being in a clinical setting, which includes diagnosis and treatment the SWPSC has proposed the following change to rule 4757-19-02 to further define the two years of supervised experience as follows:

(d) Applications received after January 1, 2010 shall require that at least fifteen

hundred of the supervised hours and one year in paragraph (C)(2)(a) of this rule shall be in a clinical setting, which consists of face-to-face client contact involving the delivery of clinical social work services and includes the diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders.

This change will require all applicants for LISW to provide proof of at least one year and 1500 hours of supervised clinical experience as an LSW. Please go to this link to see the full rule draft. <http://cswmft.ohio.gov/pdfs/LSWexp.pdf>

Ask the Board!

Have a question for the CSMFT Board?

Submit it to info@naswoh.org and it may be selected for response in the next newsletter.

Notes From the Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board

By Henry Lustig
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The proposed rule change to 4757-19-02, which follows, was once again tabled to allow for further input from concerned parties:

(d) Applications received after January 1, 2010 shall require that at least fifteen hundred of the supervised hours in paragraph (C)(2)(a) of this rule shall consist of providing direct service to individuals, families and/or treatment groups to meet the supervised social work experience.

The Social Workers Professional Standards Committee has set aside time at 10:00 a.m. on November 21, 2008 during

the regularly scheduled meeting for those who are interested in or concerned about this rule change to voice their opinions. Jim Rough, CSWMFT Board Executive Director would like you to inform him if you plan to attend and to submit written comments by November 10, 2008.

The committee discussed a set of rules governing Social Worker trainees. The rules reinforce similarities between SWT requirements and those of LSW's. In addition, SWT's who diagnose and treat mental and emotional disorders would have to be supervised by LISW-S's.

Ohio NASW, in coordination with other organizations, is seeking to change the Ohio Revised Code, Section 4757.41, related to exempt settings. The intent is to

ensure title protection for Social Workers in all settings, including those which are exempt under this law and to require that all Licensed Social Workers in exempt settings fall under the jurisdiction of the CSWMFT Board and, thus, are governed by the Code of Ethical Conduct.

In response to this effort the CSWMFT Board has asked for a formal opinion from the Attorney General's office to clarify the meaning of the current law and to indicate whether the Board currently has jurisdiction over Licensed Social Workers in exempt settings.

FYI

University Partnership Program Prepares Child Welfare Workers

By Rachel Weingart
BSW Student Representative
University of Akron Social Work Student

The University Partnership Program (UPP), also known as the Child Welfare Workforce Professional Education Program (CWWPEP), is a partnership between the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS), Ohio's accredited social work university programs, the Institute for Human Services, the Public Child Service Association of Ohio (PCSAO) and Public Children Service Agencies (PCSA) across Ohio. It is a special program designed to uniquely equip future child welfare workers, encourage students to go into child welfare, and increase the longevity of those who do decide that child welfare is their chosen field.

Students at participating universities take core training required of child welfare workers as part of their classroom instruction, complete a field placement in a participating PCSA, and commit to working within a PCSA in any one of Ohio's 88 counties upon graduation for one to two years. In return, the students receive partial tuition reimbursement of approximately \$5,000 to \$10,000.

While the financial assistance is important for students, the real benefit to this program is the specific training that prepares students with the unique skills and knowledge needed to work effectively in the child welfare field. It is expected that preparing future child welfare workers in this way will increase retention and worker satisfaction.

The program is funded by Federal Title IV-E dollars, ODJFS, participating universities, and PCSAs. In 2002, only two universities in Ohio, The University of Akron and The Ohio State University, participated in the UPP Program, and graduated a mere 15 students. By 2008, seven universities - Cleveland State University, Ohio University, The Ohio State University, The University of Akron, University of Toledo, and Wright State - took part in the UPP Program, and graduated 50 UPP students. Youngstown University will be implementing a program soon.

As a current UPP student, I can attest to the value of this program in preparing me, not only with the work-related skills I will need as a child welfare worker, but also in fostering the emotional skills necessary to work in a demanding field. I specifically chose the field of social work to become a child welfare worker. This program has provided me with a strong foundation as I begin my service of at-risk children and families. I am very excited to be involved with a program that provides education and training in best practices and a high quality of service to children, their families, and their communities.

University of Cincinnati Social Work Student Elyse Burk Writes a Novel

Elyse Burk is a current student at the University of Cincinnati, where she is attending graduate school to obtain her Master's in Social Work, where she is slated to graduate in June 2009. She is a recent graduate (May 2008) of Cedarville University, where she received her Bachelor's of Science in Social Work, with a double minor in Bible and Organizational Communications.

Elyse recently wrote a novel, *Beyond My Heart*, which was published in 2007. The book draws from personal experience with most of the material being inspired by true events. The novel is set in the small town of Port Washington, Wisconsin and focuses on the life of a medical social worker. For more information on the book and to purchase it go to www.elyseburk.com

Elyse became a LSW in August of 2008 and is currently intern at the University of Cincinnati Hospital where is working in the transplant clinic and medical unit. In the future, Burk hopes to continue writing. She is currently working on her second novel.



Elyse Burk

NASW's Newest Interns Introduce Themselves

Rachel Yoder

Hi! My name is Rachel Yoder and I am a senior Social Work major at Cedarville University. Upon completion of my Bachelors degree in May 2009, I am considering attending either law school or a graduate program for social policy. I am excited to have the opportunity to be a student intern at NASW Ohio Chapter this year!

I have enjoyed my time at Cedarville University thus far and consider it a privilege to be a part of their Social Work Department. I have a love and passion for people that has continually grown over the last several years. Last year, I had the opportunity to intern at a juvenile center which resulted in a desire to become an advocate for those that are the most vulnerable and oppressed in society. Furthermore, I have a strong desire to see social justice on many different levels within our society. The root causes of many of the problems our country faces need to be addressed through social policies, community programs, and dedicated social workers. I had the opportunity to spend the summer in Northern Ireland working at a center for peace and reconciliation between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. Through this experience, I again learned the effectiveness of community organizations as I watched programs be developed and mobilized. At Cedarville I am the Vice President of our chapter of Phi Alpha, the national social work student honor society, and I serve as a representative for the Social Work department on the Student Academic Advisory Board.

I have enjoyed my time at NASW thus far and am looking forward to the remainder of the year! This internship has been a perfect fit for me and has already helped me develop advocacy, marketing, and administrative skills as well as learn a great deal about policy, advocacy, the legislative process, and macro level social work. My interests lie in advocacy, social justice, and international social work. I'm sure these interests will continue to develop throughout my placement here. I would like to spend time working with the Legislative, PACE, and International Service Committees as well as our lobbying group, New Visions. I also hope to help students become more interested and involved in advocacy and the legislative process. It is important to be knowledgeable and stay informed about the political process even while we are still in school. Currently I am working to coordinate a student movement across Ohio for is 391% Too High? Vote YES on Issue 5 Committee. I am passionate about this issue and excited for the opportunity to work with the campaign.

I look forward meeting and working with many of you in this upcoming year!



Nichole Erwin

Hello, my name is Nichole Erwin and I am a senior in the Social Work program at Cedarville University. I am currently a member of Cedarville's student Social Work organization as well as their Social Work Honor Society. At Cedarville I am involved in the process of organizing a Community Night which is designed to raise awareness and to initiate action on behalf of the population presented. Currently, I am applying to graduate schools where I will pursue Master's degree in Administration. My previous internship experience in children's service has cultivated in me an appreciation and respect for frontline social workers. I am grateful for the privilege to serve at the NASW- Ohio Chapter as a student intern and I have enjoyed my experience to date.

As an intern at the NASW I have been able to use my passion for people as well as further develop my organizational, networking, and advocacy skills. During my field placement I hope to increase student involvement and membership within the association. Through continued development and the expansion of the Student Task Force we hope to create lasting relationships with students in colleges and universities across Ohio. We, as students, are the future of social work and I value the NASW's views on professionalism, ethics, and unity amid the vast field of social work. I look forward to being a part of the Ethics, Professional Issues, and Membership Committees where I will be able to gain hands on experience in the issues of social work.

I am eager to see what the year has in store for me at the NASW and I look forward to meeting many of you this year!



In Action

Cedarville University Epsilon Alpha Pi 15 members

The group participates in many service activities throughout the year, on and off campus. Internally, the group supports the social work majors by sending them birthday cards. They also will continue their annual Easter egg fundraiser on campus, where students can buy a plastic egg with a few pieces of candy to send to a friend.

This year the primary focus of the group is on community service. One of the big activities is organizing an angel tree through the prison fellowship. Gifts are collected for children with a parent in prison and then delivered to their home. The group has been very successful with this program and hopes to continue to have more children and sponsors each year. They are also planning a visit to St. Vincents, a homeless shelter in Dayton, Ohio, to help serve a meal and do any other projects that need to be completed.



Epsilon Alpha Pi

The Ohio State University Mwanafunzi Student Chapter of the National Association of Black Social Workers 66 members

Mwanafunzi engages in a board number of activities. They do community service with and for our youth, the elderly, churches, food banks, the homeless, and our students. Mwanafunzi also participates on prevention walks and we collaborate with other organizations. One of the first events took place at Shiloh Baptist Church where members and participants of Mwanafunzi assisted members of Shiloh Baptist church with their food bank. The group has also participated in the College of Social Work job fair, held a Mwanafunzi Film Series, The spring fashion show, and the Winter & Autumn "08" Involvement Fair. The group invites all social work students to join us in any of these events, and also extends a hearty invitation to those non-social work students who just want to do community service.

In October Mwanafunzi held a Mixer, participated in OSU's Global Fest, volunteered at the Buckeye Ranch's Fall Festival and in the Walk to Prevent Suicide.

Anyone interested in joining the group or volunteering during any of these events email mwanafunzi_absw@hotmail.com



Mwanafunzi



Congratulations to Members Who Received Their Licenses!

LSW

Dayana Alequin Parrilla
Shari Amigo
Shelley Batch
Sabrina Braden
Carrie Brokaw
Alisha Byus
Amy Casline
Jessica Coriell
Annetta Davis
Veronica DeNoma
Rosie Deslandes
Christine Finitzer
Andrea Fries
Mary Hill
Laurie Homan
Sarah Koehler
Krista Kuharick
Emily Kuntz
Trisha Large
Sylvia Lawson
Katherine McMahon
Sarah Minnix
Scott Sabiers
Hannah Slechter
Jessica Thornton

Carlin Valente
David Weinberg
Felicia Zendejas
David Zwiebel

LISW

William Aley
Erin Lau
Christopher Locke
Alicia Moline-Buehrer
Carrie Turbow

LISW-Supervision

Gerri Abbey
Annie Allen
Vincent Arduin
Kimberly Bach
Velma Barber
Francis Bauman
Kristen Bergmann
Cynthia Bowling
Lanex Brink
Donald Brubaker
Martha Ciriaco
Madelon Clark
Barbara Closen
Julie Cory

Stanley Cummins
Terese Cybulski
Susan Cyphers
Bonnie Daniels
Kristen Lynn Davis
Simmie Davis
Lisa Demeter
Barbara Dennison
William Diorio
Karla Doerrer
Emily Druhot
Holly Duff
Kathleen Durkin
Ruth Fast
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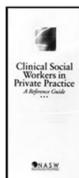
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