We’re still growing because of you

Thank you to all of our members who have been telling other colleagues about the many benefits of joining NASW! And, thank you to everyone who has joined NASW in the past few weeks.

With your ongoing help, the NASW Oregon Chapter will break a membership record this summer, taking us over our historic high of 1,830 members.

In the case of associations, bigger is better. The Oregon Chapter’s leadership is asking for your commitment to help us grow to 2,012 members by 2012.

As we grow, we will be able to provide more services for the membership, more coordinating ability with the schools of social work and other key stakeholders in our profession, and have a greater ability to raise public awareness and favorability for who we are and what we do as social workers.

Your association inspires people, action

Effective organizations that grow and improve our society do so because their members have a clear vision and purpose that they are committed to upholding. The founding mothers and fathers of NASW wrote into our bylaws:

The association shall at all times recognize and carry out a threefold responsibility:

1. To promote activities appropriate to strengthening and unifying the social work profession as a whole
2. To promote the sound and continuous development of the various areas of social work practice whereby the profession contributes to the meeting of particular aspects of human need
3. To promote efforts on behalf of human well-being by methods of social action

NASW isn’t just the staff in D.C. and Portland…it is us, all of us. When you think of NASW, please know that as a member you are just as much NASW as either one of us. We’re grateful for the opportunity to serve you in a leadership capacity, but wherever you live and wherever you work, NASW is there.

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Social workers take action

Oregon legislators passed two bills that were your chapter’s top priorities this session. HJM 12 urges the U.S. Congress to reconvene the White House Conference on Children and Youth. And, HJM 13 urges adoption of the Social Work Reinvestment Act. Secretary of State Kate Brown has filed the two memorials, which will soon make their way to Congress and President Obama.

We still have more work ahead of us. Join the national NASW effort to persuade U.S. Congress to adopt the two memorials. Take action today and join the national social worker legislative advocacy network listserve.

For a comprehensive summary of your chapter’s legislative activities this session, see pages 4-6.

Chapter elections voting deadline is June 21
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Chapter legislative priority bills pass

We are also celebrating the overwhelming bipartisan support for and passage of our two memorials (HJM 12 and HJM 13) in the Oregon Legislature! (See Legislative Committee report on pages 4 to 6.)

This is a victory for our profession and the people of Oregon. We still need Congressman Greg Walden’s support for the Social Work Reinvestment Act (SWRA). If you live in the gigantic Second Congressional District and want to help us gain his support for the SWRA, please let us know.

You are making a difference in lives every day and we are proud to call you NASW.

Warm regards,
Lisa Bates, Chapter President
Delmar Stone, Executive Director

New free member benefit

Many clinical members will be excited about the launch of our free EAPrefer program (see details on page 16). This will help to recruit more clinicians to our association and provide them with another avenue for income.

Save date for 2012 conferences

This month we celebrated the first ever community-based practice conference in partnership with the Portland State University School of Social Work and the Social Welfare Action Alliance. We hope this will become a powerful social justice venue every year for innovation, collaboration and networking. The great divide that often separates our profession: macro vs. micro, clinical office-based vs. community-based; has just witnessed a bridge being built in Oregon. Next year, the conference will be Saturday, June 2 at PSU.

Our traditional biennial conference will be March 16, 2012 at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland. Please mark your calendars now. With these two conferences, we hope every social worker and social work student will see that NASW is committed to the success of all of us and the full breadth of our profession.

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NASW Oregon membership drive

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The more members you recruit ... the more chances to win.
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Key social worker bills pass with overwhelming majorities

By Jessica Ritter, Legislative Committee Chair

NASW Oregon’s Legislative Committee and lobbyist, Maura C. Roche of StrategyWorks NW, have been busy following and weighing in on bills of interest to social workers at the Oregon Legislature, which will adjourn no later than June 30.

Lawmakers refocus on children and address need for more social workers

The Oregon Legislature passed two separate bills that were the chapter’s top priorities this legislative session.

- **House Joint Memorial 12** will help refocus the nation’s attention on children by urging the U.S. Congress to reconvene the White House Conference on Children and Youth, which last met in 1970.

- **House Joint Memorial 13** addresses the crisis in the nation’s social safety net and the growing need for social workers in mental health, child welfare and other human service areas. It urges the U.S. Congress to pass the Social Work Reinvestment Act, a comprehensive strategy that addresses the recruitment, retention and safety issues facing social workers now and in the future.

With overwhelming majorities, both the House and Senate passed the two bills, which urge adoption by the U.S. Congress.

Budget gap presents policy-making challenges

The May revenue forecast broke the bad news streak for Oregon! May was the first “upturn” forecast out of the last 13 consecutive forecasts, which were either downturns or flat. We had a $128 million uptick in state coffers, but unfortunately anticipated revenue for 2009-11 was lower than projected so about half of it went to fill the shortfall and it won’t be available for 2011-13. Also, there was a miscalculation in one of the reserve funds, which further complicated addressing shortfalls in the upcoming biennium.

Currently, there are dozens of policy bills (non-budget bills) sitting in Ways and Means awaiting small allocations of money. Estimates are $20 million in requests for policy bills, with about $2 million available to meet those requests.

State Budget Shortfall Factors

Oregon’s $3.5 billion budget gap has been a central focus of not just budget decisions but policy decisions as well. There are a number of reasons for the shortfall. Tax receipts drop in a recession; Oregonians’ median income is lower than average, only about 90 percent of median income nationwide; the state’s tax rates are low, roughly 40th in the country. And the cost of services and state programs keep rising along with caseloads.

In an attempt to avoid harsh cuts to social services, education, and public safety, the State Employees International Union (SEIU) released a report, titled “Moving Oregon Forward: A Better Way,” which points state lawmakers toward $1 billion in new savings and enhanced revenue that can help the state cover the budget gap.

The result of this effort? Lawmakers cut “contracted services and supplies” by 6% to off-set relying solely on budget savings through labor reduction. In some cases, this helped to keep line staff providing direct services to those in need, but unfortunately lay-off notices will start going out this month.

Needed human services investment

The budget for DHS Children, Adults and Families (CAF) and Seniors and People with Disabilities (SPD), **House Bill 5030** is currently moving forward through the Ways and Means process heading to the House floor. The Governor’s budget proposal, released in February, would have included drastic cuts to many critical DHS services. After the improved revenue forecast and extensive lobbying by a coalition of groups, including NASW Oregon, some of these cuts were rescinded, including a draconian proposal to reduce the lifetime cap on temporary assistance to needy families benefits to 18 months from the current 60, and some other proposed reductions were scaled back.

NASW Oregon will continue to monitor budget cuts and advocate for investments in services that support those in need. We work in coalition with the Human Services Coalition of Oregon, the Revenue Coalition and others who advocate for adequate funding of critical state services.

A summary of our advocacy on 12 bills is found on succeeding pages 5-6.
NASW has been active on more than a dozen bills where we have provided written and/or oral testimony in committee hearings and dozens of visits with lawmakers. Below is a summary of these bills, which cover a wide range of issues.

**Watch for spotlight icon**

The spotlight icon indicates a bill we lobbied on the NASW Oregon March 3 Day of Action. Thanks for your help. We have made great strides in passing these bills and your direct action advocacy efforts helped pave the way!

### Child Welfare

**Refocusing on our nation’s children**

*House Joint Memorial 12 Enrolled*

This bill, drafted and introduced at the request of NASW Oregon, urges the U.S. Congress to reconvene the White House Conference on Children and Youth. This Conference was held every 10 years from 1909 to 1970. It has been 40 years since child welfare advocates and professionals have been brought together to review the current state of children in the United States. The bill has passed both Chambers and been filed by Secretary of State Kate Brown. (See cover photo.) It will soon be on its way to Oregon's Congressional Delegation.

**Waiving tuition for foster care youth**

*House Bill 3471*

This bill seeks to provide tuition waivers at state and community colleges for current and former foster care youth. HB 3471 gives youth 18 to 21 years old, who are no longer in foster care, as well as those who are adopted after the age of 16, a chance to pursue college degrees in Oregon by eliminating barriers to the high-cost of higher education. Currently, 16 other states provide similar tuition waivers to foster children. This bill moved out of Ways and Means on June 8 and is headed to the House floor.

### Juvenile justice/criminal justice reform

**Keeping youth out of adult jails**

*House Bill 2707 Enrolled*

HB 2707 establishes a standard for housing youth pre-adjudication. In most Oregon counties, youth who have been arrested and are awaiting trial are held in adult jails until trial. HB 2707 allows for counties to make arrangements to have them held in juvenile facilities. This bill has passed the House and Senate and was signed into law by the Governor on May 19.

**Modifies registry requirements for youth**

*Senate Bill 408 Enrolled*

SB 408 modifies Oregon’s Lifetime Sex Offender Registry for those adjudicated as youth. Oregon has one of the seven harshest registry requirements in the United States by requiring registration for all sex offences (even the most minor) for life. SB 408 removes misdemeanors, allows youth to apply for relief sooner for C felonies and opens the time “window” for seeking relief on A and B felonies from three years to forever. This bill will change young people’s lives and create incredible incentives for youth to participate fully in treatment, knowing it will make a difference for them in the future. They now have an opportunity to no longer be branded for life. This bill passed both the House and Senate nearly unanimously and was signed by the Governor on June 7.

### Addressing disproportionality

**Senate Bill 654**

SB 654 will allow lawmakers to request that the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission create a “racial impact statement”, similar to a fiscal or environmental impact statement, for proposed legislation affecting the criminal justice and child welfare systems. This will help the Legislature, the Governor’s office, the DOC and DHS to identify policies that may have unintended negative consequences for racial and ethnic minorities. These racial impact statements can help legislators identify ways to reduce disparities to make sure our policies are treating all Oregonians equally. The bill was amended to narrow it substantially and was moved to Ways and Means where it has apparently stalled due to concerns about funding.

### False report of child abuse

*House Bill 2183 B-Eng*

HB 2183 sought to create a criminal penalty (up to a year in jail and/or $6,000 fine and, of course, a criminal record) for “knowingly” making a false child abuse report. This was of great concern to both mandatory reporters (who make 80% of all reports) and child welfare advocates because of the chilling affect it would have on child abuse reporting. The bill was amended by the House to make it a Class A offense, bringing it to parity with “failure to make a report of child abuse,” which carries no criminal conviction and is a $700 fine. It was further amended by the Senate to narrow its application to domestic relations situations, greatly lessening the impact on mandatory reporters. The bill is headed to the Senate floor and then will need concurrence in the House or go to a conference committee.

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**Immigration and civil rights**

**Oregon’s version of the DREAM Act**

*Senate Bill 742 A-Eng*

SB 742 would allow undocumented Oregon students who have grown up here and have attended Oregon schools to pay in-state tuition if they have attended an Oregon high school for at least three years; have graduated from an Oregon high school; are accepted at an Oregon University System institution; and are actively working toward U.S. citizenship. This bill passed the Senate floor (18 –11 with 1 absent) but became stalled in the House Rules Committee. Supporters filed a discharge petition on June 2. If 31 members had signed that petition by June 7, the bill would come to the floor for a vote. Unfortunately, despite some bipartisan support, the petition fell short by five signatures, and the bill died.

**Increasing health care worker cultural competency**

*Senate Bill 97 A-Eng*

(See healthcare below.)

**Healthcare and mental healthcare**

**Increasing health care worker cultural competency**

*Senate Bill 97 A-Eng*

SB 97 A-Engrossed would increase cultural competency training for health care workers, including social workers. This bill, introduced for more than a decade, was thought to have achieved broad-based support that would allow it to move forward. Unfortunately, the bill died in a dramatic scene on the House floor where Republicans offered a procedural maneuver, which failed 30-30, and then Rep. Kotek moved for passage and the bill died on the House floor 30-30. An 11th hour revival was attempted and that, too, failed along party lines. Even the Republicans who had voted the bill out of committee were pressured to vote against the bill on final passage. The pressure won out … a very sad day in Oregon’s history.

**Restores flexibility in assessing practitioner fitness**

*House Bill 2650 B-Engrossed*

HB 2650 B, the bill formerly known as SB 524, is a “fix” to a 2009 bill that passed to prevent individuals with criminal histories from working with vulnerable populations. However, the bill was too over-reaching and created many unintended consequences for practitioners who were convicted of relatively minor offenses, have been in the field for years, and pose no client/public safety risk. HB 2650-B would restore a more flexible approach in assessing, on a case-by-case basis, individuals who are seeking to work in addiction and mental health treatment settings. Last minute wrangling forced this bill to be moved into another “vehicle” HB 2650-A, which then became HB 2650-B. *(For bill watchers, now dial into the new bill number.)* HB 2650-B was amended a third time in Senate Rules on the 9th and sent to the Senate Floor where it will be HB 2560-C when re-printed. Then it will go back to the House for Concurrence or Conference Committee. It is far from over, but much further down the field.

**Social work practice**

**Social Work Reinvestment Memorial**

*House Joint Memorial 13 Enrolled*

House Joint Memorial 13, drafted and introduced at the request of NASW Oregon, urges the U.S. Congress to pass the Social Work Reinvestment Act (SWRIA). SWRIA is the primary policy initiative of the National Office and is a comprehensive strategy to address the workforce recruitment, retention and safety issues facing social workers now and in the future. The bill has passed both Chambers and been filed by Secretary of State Kate Brown. It will soon be on its way to Oregon’s Congressional Delegation.

**Removing dual licensure for school social workers**

*House Bill 2314 Enrolled*

HB 2314 allows social workers in school settings, who are TSPC licensed, the option to use the title, “school social worker,” which is now a protected title under Oregon law. This avoids anyone so licensed by TSPC also to be dually licensed through the Board of Licensed Social Workers. The stakeholder groups, NASW, TSPC, and the Board all agree that such dual licensure is unnecessary and duplicative. This bill has passed both the House and Senate and was signed by the Governor on June 7.

**Educational standards for child protective services**

*Senate Bill 748 Enrolled*

SB 748 will codify in law current DHS practice to require all new hires in child protective services have at least a bachelor’s degree. Bill sponsors originally drafted the bill to require an advanced degree but it would have been very expensive for the State to change the policy, so that approach was abandoned. The most exciting thing about this bill is that the discussion which has come up around it has prompted lawmakers to begin a larger dialog about child welfare staffing practices in the interim and NASW will be part of that process. Hopefully, even more ambitious legislation will come forward in the future. This bill passed both chambers of the Legislature and will be heading to the Governor’s desk soon.

We will keep you posted as things develop in Salem. For any questions or if you would like to join the Legislative Committee, feel free to email me at jritter@pacificu.edu.
**District News**

**Upcoming meetings**

- **Rogue Valley District** members meet the second Wednesday of each month (except for the months of August and November) from noon to 1 p.m. Upcoming meetings are July 13 and Sept. 14 in the Medford Library; and on Oct. 12 the group will start meeting regularly at The Rogue Valley Medical Center, room TBD.

  Meeting dates, times and more information can be found on the Rogue River District’s Facebook page, Rogue District NASW.

- **Lane County District** members will resume their monthly brown bag meetings in September after taking a break during July and August. Meetings are usually held the first Tuesday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lane County/Mental Health, 2411 MLK Jr. Blvd., Eugene.

  Meetings feature speakers and networking with social workers, who would like to get to know other professionals in Lane County. Also, 1.5 CEUs are usually offered at each event. Please e-mail Gina Tormohlen at gina.tormohlen@co.lane.or.us for meeting confirmation and to be placed on the mailing list.

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**Rogue Valley District June 24 workshop focuses on veterans**

*Front Line to Home Front: Recovery, Resiliency and Wellness*

By Chris Petrone, LCSW
Friday, June 24, 2011 • 9 a.m. to Noon
Smullin Center • Rogue Valley Medical Center
2825 E. Barnett Rd., Medford, OR
Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., 3.0 CEUs

This workshop will address the process and challenges of supporting combat veterans as they transition from the military back to their civilian lives. All veteran eras will be mentioned with an emphasis on the newest generation of returning service members coming back from Iraq (OIF) and Afghanistan (OEF).

Chris will discuss assessment and treatment of returning OIF/OEF veterans and their families. Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and the resulting high risk behaviors of veterans will be addressed. A brief overview of federal and state benefits available to veterans and their beneficiaries will be provided.

Chris is the program manager for the OEF/OIF/OND at the Southern Oregon Rehabilitation Center and Clinics in White City, Ore. He received his MSW from the University of California at Berkeley in 1998. His experience includes eight years of providing community mental health services in California and five years working with veterans with mental health issues.

For registration information, contact Gretchen Thiel at gthiel@pdx.edu. NASW member workshop fee is $55 and non-member fee is $65.

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**Supervision Group**

Ongoing for clinicians needing to meet LCSW or LPC requirements as well as for those seeking to continue post-licensure consultation. Individual supervision in addition to group is also available. Our focus is to be of service to your total professional development, not just the refinement of clinical skills.

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**Rogue Valley nominations deadline is June 30**

Rogue Valley District nominations for the positions of chair, secretary, and treasurer are open at this time. If you would like to nominate someone or yourself for one of these positions, please contact Gretchen Thiel at gthiel@pdx.edu by June 30. Elections will take place in July.

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**Portland LCSW exam prep class set for Aug. 13**

On Saturday August 13, NASW will present an LCSW exam preparation class in Portland. If you are interested in registering, please e-mail debra@nasworegon.org and details will be sent to you.
Kelley receives Frey Endowed Scholarship

A recent Portland State University MSW graduate with an advanced concentration in community-based practice, Kathryn Kelley, has received the Gerald A. Frey Endowed Scholarship, an honor which was formally acknowledged during the PSU graduation last Saturday.

Her professional and political passions focus on work with the GLBTQ community and with the Latino community.

“As a bilingual white ally, I work to promote the expansion of culturally relevant and culturally specific services to growing Latino community in our city,” she said.

Kelley has worked as a counselor through Central City Concern’s MIOS program, a prevention program developed through El Program Hispano’s Linea UNICA, and as a volunteer HIV educator through Educate Ya.

“Community-based practice is the reason I decided to become a social worker,” Kelley said.

Kelley moved to Portland at age 19, drawn by seemingly plentiful social service jobs and a thriving activist community.

“I am fortunate to have been an activist and front line worker in our city since that time. I have had the enormous privilege of working with some of the wonderful agencies promoting social justice and human rights in Portland and am proud to say I have been an organizer and activist in a number of social movements.”

To her, the necessary merger between activism and social work is the most essential aspect of the profession and is the way in which social workers can most effectively contribute to prolonged and meaningful social change.

“My life as an activist and my life as a social worker are wholly synonymous and neither of these identities could be maintained without the explicit existence of the other. I am proud to call myself a social worker and an activist. To me they are one and the same.”

Kelley was born and raised in rural Colorado and is a first generation college graduate. Her family highly valued community responsibility and volunteerism and promoted concepts of racial and gender equality, concepts which would greatly inform the way in which she chose to engage in struggles for social justice.

Denight wins national student award

Recent Portland State University School of Social Work Master’s graduate, Suzi Denight, received the 2011 Judith Holm Memorial Student Award for her submitted paper, titled “Progress Not Perfection: A Collaborative Exploration of Attachment and Change.” The paper is a case study that focuses on her student internship experience with a client at a residential addiction treatment center for women. Here she used attachment theory with collaborative exploration and Motivational Interviewing techniques.

The award, which carries a cash prize of $2,000, recognizes student authors of papers that best demonstrate mastery of clinical social work essentials and readiness to enter professional practice. The national competition is judged by faculty from many graduate schools of social work and by directors and staff of the Center for Clinical Social Work and selected practitioners.

Denight now works at the Volunteers of America (VOA) Women’s Residential Center, where she interned this past year. The center is a progressive residential addiction treatment program, contracted with the Department of Community Justice. As a member of a multi-disciplinary team, she facilitates psycho-educational and process groups. She also has a small caseload of women with whom she provides individual therapy. While at VOA, she will receive supervision toward her LCSW and CADC.

Prior to graduate school, Denight spent eight years working in social services in Oregon, primarily with the Oregon Department of Human Services.

While at PSU pursuing her MSW, Denight was active with the Organization for Graduate Student's in Social Work, and was a student representative on the Faculty’s Social Justice Inclusion and Diversity Committee among other school involvements.

She also received an Americorps award for her field service at VOA. She participated as a co-presenter at the Adolescent Sexuality Conference in Seaside last April, and in early June she presented at the Protecting the Safety Net conference at PSU.
**Men’s Therapy Group**

for adult survivors of sexual abuse.


Contact Donald L. Mann, LCSW
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**PSU honors students**

The following awards were presented recently to Portland State University School of Social Work students:

**PSU President’s Award for Outstanding Community Engagement**

Lindsay Coffey, BSW
Olivia Linhares, MSW
Miriam Miranda-Diaz, MSW
Eliz Roser, MSW

**PSU President’s Award for Outstanding University Service**

Susan Denight, MSW
Mariel Grimord-Isham, MSW
Jessica Mease (currently in the BSW program)
John Dean Ossowski, MSW

**PSU honors Curry-Stevens for community-based research**

Ann Curry-Stevens, MSW, PhD, an assistant professor in the Portland State University School of Social Work, was among the university’s 11th annual Civic Engagement Award recipients.

She was specifically recognized for her excellence in community-based research. Curry-Stevens contributed significantly to the research for the recently released Coalition of Communities of Color report on minorities in Multnomah County. The report highlights alarming disparities across all systems and institutions with trends worsening through time.

**Koroloff to serve as interim PSU social work dean**

Provost Roy Koch has announced that Nancy Koroloff has accepted the post of interim dean for the Portland State University School of Social Work starting July 1. Koroloff, who is associate vice provost for research and professor of social work, replaces retiring Dean Kristine Nelson.

Koroloff’s appointment will continue through June 30, 2012, or until a new dean is identified through a national search that will launch in September. Social Work Associate Dean Pauline Jivanjee is taking on additional responsibilities during the transition, said Koch.

**Editor’s Note:** Other schools of social work awards will be acknowledged in the fall issue of The Nexus. We welcome news from all schools of social work and agencies around the state and news about other Chapter members. Please submit “People” news to delmar@nasworegon.org.
Call for presentations

The NASW Oregon Chapter Biennial Statewide Conference Planning Committee invites you to submit a proposal to present at this conference.

Presentations must address topics that have a strong, broad-based appeal in the following tracks:

- **Disaster Relief**: Crisis, grief, trauma
- **Diversity Training—Culturally Responsive Practice**: Disabilities, immigration, racial/ethnic, religious/spirituality, sexual minorities, rural issues
- **Anti-Oppression Practice**: Community-based practice approach, advocacy
- **Positive Youth Development**: Gangs, families, communities, preventive strategies

Presentations integrating evidence-based or best practices are encouraged. The format will be 90-minute workshops and poster sessions.

Submission guidelines

Proposals should consist of the following:

1. A cover page providing the title of the presentation, conference track (see above) and presenter(s) information. Include name, address, fax, email and phone, organization affiliation, degrees, and credentials, and a maximum 75-word presenter bio. *If there are multiple presenters, the bios for each presenter collectively must not exceed 100 words.*

2. A maximum 75-word description of your proposed workshop/poster session as you would like it to appear in the conference brochure/program. Please include any criteria relating to the skill and experience level of your target audience.

3. An abstract of **250-500 (maximum) words**, typed and double-spaced.

4. Indicate whether you are interested in presenting a:
   - 90-Minute Workshop
   - Poster Session
   - Either

5. Audio visual equipment requests. Please specify equipment that is crucial to your presentation. Screens and flip charts are provided. *Presenters wishing to use PowerPoint, DVD or TV/VCR will need to provide their own equipment.*

6. Conflict of Interest Disclosure. A conflict of interest may exist when a speaker or presenter (or their institution or employer) has financial or personal relationships or affiliations that could influence or bias the speaker’s decisions, presentations or published articles.

   All speakers are required to disclose all potential affiliations relevant to the subject of their presentation/poster session. Speakers should err on the side of full disclosure and should contact the NASW Oregon Chapter office if they have questions or concerns. If there are no conflicts of interest, including but not limited to specific financial interests and relationships and affiliations relevant to the subject of their presentation/poster session, speakers should include a statement of no such conflict.

Submission deadline

Send proposals no later than Oct. 31, 2011 to:

- **Email**: delmar@nasworegon.org
- **Fax**: 503-452-8506
- **Mail**: NASW Oregon, Attn: 2012 Conference, 2929 SW Multnomah Blvd., Ste. 201, Portland, OR 97219

Notification of proposal status

Notification letters on the status of proposals will be sent to the presenters by Dec. 16, 2011. Presenters accepted for the conference will be eligible for discounted registration to attend the full conference; information will be provided in the notification letters.

Interested in event planning?

Join a dynamic, creative group of professionals who are planning the 2012 NASW Oregon Biennial Conference, to be held March 16 in Portland.

Interested? Contact Delmar Stone at delmar@nasworegon.org.
The NASW Oregon Chapter is currently seeking nominations from members, allied professionals and the general public for the following awards:

- Social Worker of the Year
- Citizen of the Year
- Helen Catlin Memorial Award
- Paul Starr Memorial Award
- Lifetime Recognition Award

These awards are given to recognize outstanding contributions to the social work profession and service to Oregon communities.

Nominees should have demonstrated involvement in activities consistent with the goals of NASW, leadership in the human services, willingness to take risks and to enlist public support for improved social services, evidence of personal integrity, a capacity to increase public knowledge in their area of expertise, and personal representation of the ideals embodied in the NASW Code of Ethics. We will not accept nominations by family members even if the nominee meets all other qualifications.

The Social Worker of the Year must have a degree in social work and be an NASW member in good standing.

Citizen of the Year is for a non-social worker and non-member, given for work providing services to the community.

The Helen Catlin Memorial Award is given in memory of an Oregon woman whose life was dedicated to volunteer community service and goes to a volunteer whose service demonstrates a variety of efforts for social change and the betterment of society; can be a social worker or not, NASW member or not but must be for volunteerism.

The Paul Starr Memorial Award is given in memory of a social worker and activist in the fight against HIV/AIDS in Oregon who died in 1992 at age 43. This award goes to a social worker who has made a special contribution to the fight against HIV/AIDS; NASW membership is not required.

The Lifetime Recognition Award is for a social worker and NASW member who has demonstrated a lifetime commitment to the practice of social work and services to the community.

These awards will be given at the NASW Oregon Chapter 2012 biennial statewide conference on March 16, 2012 at the Oregon Convention Center, Portland, Ore.

Awards Nomination Form

Check appropriate box:

- Social Worker of the Year
- Citizen of the Year
- Helen Catlin Memorial Award
- Paul Starr Memorial Award
- Lifetime Recognition Award

Name of Nominee______________________________________________________________

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Describe the nominee’s achievements specifically in 500 words or less. You may add attachments. Please include a biographical sketch. Return this form by Jan. 13, 2012 to: NASW Oregon Chapter, 2929 SW Multnomah Blvd., Ste. 201, Portland, OR 97219
The following CE programs have been approved by the NASW Oregon Chapter.

June 17, 8–3:30 p.m., Restoring & Revitalizing Marital Sexuality, sponsored by HEALTH Edudcation Network, LLC d/b/a HEALTH ED, held in Portland, $179, 6 hrs., 800-839-4584.

June 17, 8:30–4 p.m., Building Bridges, Managing Conflict: What We Can Learn from Neuroscience, sponsored by Oregon Mediation Association, held in Portland, fees from $115-$165, 6 hrs., 503-872-9775.

June 18, 9–5:15 p.m., Eating With Your Genes Off? Rapid Eating Disorder Remission and Its Implications for Behavioral Epigenetics, sponsored by Kartini Clinic for Disordered Eating, held in Portland, fees vary, 6.25 hrs., 503-249-8851.


June 23–25, 9–4 p.m., Fetal Alcohol and Other Neurobehavioral Conditions: Understanding Application of a Brain-Based Approach, sponsored by FASCETS, Inc., held in Portland, $325, 19.5 hrs., 503-621-1271.

June 24, 9 a.m. to noon, Front Line to Home Front: Recovery, Resiliency and Wellness, sponsored by NASW Oregon Rogue Valley District, held in Medford, $45-65, 3 hrs., 541-941-0202.

June 24, 10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., PTSD and the Hospice Patient, sponsored by Hospice and Palliative Care of Washington County, held in Beaverton, no charge, 3 hrs., 503-648-9565.

June 24, 9–12 p.m., Trans-Inclusivity in Mental Health/Addiction Services sponsored by Cedar Hills Hospital, held in Portland, no charge, 2.75 hrs., 971-228-8002.


July 6, 13, 20 and Aug. 4, 7:30–8:30 a.m., Yoga for Mental Health, sponsored by Clackamas County Mental Health, held in Oregon City, no charge, 5 hrs., 503-722-6573.

July 14 and July 21, 6–9 p.m., Energy to Help Social Workers: Vital Tools to Fuel Your Mission, sponsored by Cara Lee, Subtle Communication Training, held in Portland, $145 or $120 if you register by June 29, 5.5 hrs., 503-347-3966.

Sept. 17, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Energy to Help Social Workers: Vital Tools to Fuel Your Mission, sponsored by Cara Lee, Subtle Communication Training, held in Portland, $145 or $120 if you register by Sept. 2, 5.5 hrs., 503-347-3966.


July 22, 9 a.m. to noon, Trans-Inclusivity in Mental Health/Addiction Services sponsored by Cedar Hills Hospital, held in Portland, no charge, 2.75 hrs., 971-228-8002.


Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sacred Art of Living and Dying: Unit Three, held in Springfield, Ore., $350, 14.25 hrs., 541-383-4179.

Oct. 6, 13, 20 and 27; Nov. 3, 10 and 17; Dec. 1, 8 and 15, The Enneagram in Depth and Practice, (repeated series) sponsored by Enneagram Portland, LLC, held in Portland, $400 early registration/$425 general registration, 20 hrs (two hrs. per session), www.enneagramportland.com, 503-295-4481.
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**DVD: Managing Difficult Ethical Dilemmas and Risks in Social Work**

**Presented by Frederic G. Reamer, PhD**

Filmed in Clackamas, Oregon on Oct. 8, 2010

This workshop will provide participants with an overview and in-depth examination of compelling ethical challenges in social work.

Building on introductory ethics concepts, this workshop will explore difficult ethics cases and practical strategies designed to protect clients and practitioners. The workshop will include a series of challenging ethics cases involving conflicting professional duties and discuss practical steps that professionals can take to manage ethical issues skillfully. Key topics will include boundary issues, dual relationships, conflicts of interest, confidentiality, privileged communication, informed consent, clients’ rights, termination of services, and impaired professionals.

The workshop will include discussion of relevant ethical standards: statutes, regulations, and case law; social and cultural diversity and competence; supervision; and consultation. The workshop will focus especially on complex documentation issues. The presenter will make extensive use of case material and provide ample opportunity for audience participation.

Register [online](#). To find out about group rates, e-mail the NASW Oregon Chapter office.

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Network News

Sustainability Network: We’re gaining momentum with 25 statewide members

Begun as a class project by a handful of MSW students at Portland State University, NASW Oregon’s Sustainability Network has grown to include over 25 members from across the state. The network is meant to serve as a clearinghouse for ideas about incorporating considerations of sustainability into social work practice and professional discourse, including planning continuing education events, advocacy and research.

We have had three monthly meetings since April. Network members contributed papers to the June 4 conference at Portland State, “Protecting the Safety Net – Building Strong Communities: Innovations in Community, Organizational and Policy Practice.” We are currently working to petition the NASW Board to make the network an official standing body of the Oregon Chapter, to finalize a mission statement and to brainstorm ideas for future work.

If you would like information about future meetings or how to get involved, contact Jesse Ellis O’Brien: jesseellisobrien@gmail.com.

Aging Network: June 21 breakfast forum

NASW Oregon’s Aging Network presents a free breakfast forum, titled “Touching the Sacred in Our Work,” on Tuesday, June 21 from 8:30 to 10 a.m. in Portland at the Calaroga Terrace Retirement Community, 1400 NE 2nd Ave. The program, presented by Shemaya Blauer, LCSW, offers one CE. The complimentary breakfast is provided by the Calaroga Terrace. Pre-registration is required by e-mailing agingnetwork@gmail.com. Your colleagues and other professionals in the field of aging are welcome to attend. Click here for flyer.

Mental Health Network: June 22 Chinese medicine views topic during guided walk

Take a walk in Portland’s Hoyt Arboretum with the NASW Oregon Mental Health Network on Wednesday, June 22 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and learn about Chinese Medicine Views on Mental Health and Wellness, the evening’s topic. Your guide will be Michael Berletich, MacOm, Lac., of Blue Sky Medicine. The program, which will also focus on the seasonal aspects of well-being in honor of the solstice, is held in collaboration with Empowerment Initiatives.

Participants will meet outside the World Forestry Center. You may take Max to the forestry center or the 63 shuttle.

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*Presented by Claudia Black, MSW, Ph.D.*
*Sponsored by NASW Oregon Chapter; filmed in Portland on March 13, 2009*

Addiction is a critical factor in the preponderance of work with families and individuals. In this dynamic presentation, nationally renowned author Claudia Black addresses the many facets of addiction, including trauma, co-occurring disorders, multiple addictions, abandonment and family impairment. She will also discuss critical treatment issues and offer a variety of intervening strategies for social workers and allied professionals.

**To rent the DVD, visit:**


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For more information, contact Chapter Office at: nasw@nasworegon.org or 503-452-8420.

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**DVD: Boundary Issues and Dual Relationships in Social Work**

*Presented by Dr. Frederic G. Reamer*
*Filmed in Portland on March 2, 2007*

Is it ever appropriate for social workers to maintain relationships with clients after services are terminated? Should social workers ever disclose personal information to clients? How should social workers respond to gifts and social invitations from clients, or handle unexpected encounters with clients? Using extensive case material, Dr. Reamer provides a comprehensive overview of boundary issues and dual relationships that arise in various human service settings. Participants will learn how to identify and respond constructively to complex boundary issues, protect clients, prevent professional malpractice, and avoid liability.

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Value of Membership

NASW announces new free member benefit

A new member benefit has been added to your NASW membership at no cost to you. Soon to launch next month here in Oregon, EAPrefer™ is a program that helps qualified social workers put their experience and expertise to use as an employee assistance program professional.

How it works

The EAPrefer program allows EAP network providers to easily match qualified social workers with clients who need them. As an NASW member participating in EAPrefer, your information will be provided to a regional EAP network provider, which may contract with you to deliver services to employees on a range of issues from financial and work-related stress to relationship and care giving concerns.

How it benefits you

The EAPrefer program is an opportunity to strengthen your private practice, supplement your current income, or enable you to continue to work in the profession after retirement. It’s designed to be flexible to fit your schedule, and you’ll have the opportunity to determine when and if you take on cases. Plus, the process is streamlined, with limited paperwork and fair and timely reimbursements.

The EAPrefer currently operates in Arizona, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Florida, New York and Texas. It will launch in Oregon next month along with California, Maryland, Ohio and Washington. The program will service EAP Network Providers nationwide by mid-2012.

Qualifications

Our EAP network provider partners have established certain qualifications for social workers to participate in the EAPrefer program. In order to sign up, you must:

- Be an NASW member with a PhD or MSW degree*
- Be licensed to practice in your state
- Meet any other state-mandated requirements to provide EAP services
- Hold professional liability insurance.

*There may also be opportunities for NASW members with BSW degrees to lead training and coaching workshop programs where permitted.

Depending on your location, and the requirements of the applicable EAP network provider partners, you may be required to have office space outside of your home to provide services. Additional requirements and certifications will vary from state to state.

How was EAPrefer developed

EAPrefer has been under review and development since 2009 by an external consultant in concert with a joint NASW and NASW Assurance Services team. The group conducted comprehensive industry research and nationwide focus groups, and had significant interaction with EAP industry players and network providers nationally. In early 2010, it was decided that the EAP initiative could be of great benefit to NASW members, and ASI began developing and implementing the program.

How it works

EAPrefer has developed a proprietary system, with security measures, to enroll members and collect the information required for them to participate in the EAPrefer program, including, but not limited to, the NASW member name, contact details, education, experience, specialty, geographic service area, certifications and licensing information.

For more information about EAPrefer, please call 866-307-2325 to speak with a program representative or visit www.EAPrefer.org.

More free member benefits from NASW

Legal issue consultations—As an NASW member, you can schedule a free consultation on social work-related legal matters with the legal staff based on availability. For more information and to set up a consultation, call 800.638.8799 ext. 290 or 202.408.8600 ext. 290.

Ethics consultations—If you are facing an ethical dilemma on the job, call the NASW Office of Ethics and Professional Review (OEPR) at 800.638.8799 ext. 231 or 202.336.8231 to set up a free consultation. NASW’s OEPR provides free ethics consultations for current NASW members. Hours: Tuesdays: 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. PST and Thursdays: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. PST.

Continuing education—NASW’s WebEd provides free online training courses. Most carry 2 CEs and one course provides 3 CEs. The courses are available 24/7 and users can access previously registered courses under the My Courses tab.
Welcome new members

The Oregon Chapter wants to welcome the following new members who joined NASW. We thank you for your membership and look forward to getting to know you.

April
Kelsey Anderson
Stephen Arnold
Crystina Brazie
Wendy Cooley
Karen Cox
Lori Cunnington Elam
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Miranda Erickson
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Visit the Social Work Career Center at CAREERS.socialworkers.org.
News Briefs

Pre-Existing Condition insurance Plan to continue until 2014

The Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan (PCIP) that was established by the Affordable Care Act. The plan provides a health coverage option for children and adults in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, who have been locked out of the health insurance market because of a pre-existing condition. This transitional program will continue until 2014 when Americans, regardless of their health status, will have access to affordable health insurance when the nation transitions to a new marketplace.

To be eligible for PCIP, a person must be a U.S. citizen or residing here legally, uninsured for at least the last six months, and have a pre-existing condition or have been denied health coverage because of a health condition.

In Oregon, the PCIP is administered by the Oregon Medical Insurance Pool (OMIP). For more information and how to apply, go to OMIP’s site at http://www.oregon.gov/OHA/OPHP/OMIP/fmip.shtml or “Find Your State” at www.pcip.gov and click on Oregon from a map of the United States or select a state from a drop-down menu for information about how to apply.

You may also call a toll-free line at 1-866-717-5826 (TTY 1-866-561-1604). The call center is open from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Pacific Time. An online brochure is available for printing and distributing at http://www.healthcare.gov/center/brochures/pcip.pdf.

Keeping youth covered until age 26

Getting Covered is a campaign to inform young adults and their families about the provision in the new health care law that allows young adults to stay on their parents’ health insurance plans until age 26. This provision is important. It has the potential to cover over 2 million of our nation’s 18.9 million uninsured young adults. And it will not add a single dollar to state or federal budgets. Getting Covered will ensure that all young adults, parents and families have the information they need to take advantage of this benefit.

The campaign toolkit includes important state-level health insurance information and covers topics such as:

- How to stay on or go back on your parent’s plan up to age 26
- What to look for when buying individual insurance, including key insurance terms
- What you should know if you have a pre-existing or chronic condition
- What government insurance programs, such as Medicaid, might be available in your state
- Where to find a community health center near you
- What you need to know about the new health care law
- What to look for if you are a young woman
- Facts on Young Adults and Cancer

Download the toolkit at: www.GettingCovered.org/Toolkit. The Getting Covered campaign is the product of over 20 national organizations and dozens of state and local groups, all dedicated to making health care reform work for young adults. The campaign is coordinated by Young Invincibles, a national organization representing the interests of young Americans between the ages of 18 and 34. Contact Stacy Collins at scollins@naswdc.org with questions.

Summer … time for mentoring students

Summer is here and students need mentoring. They need to feel important and have events to look forward to during the summer months with no school expectations. If teens struggle with mental health issues, often times in the summer, they become more intense without the structure of attending school.

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—Lisa Bates, NASW Oregon President

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Supervision for Social Workers
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Behavioral Healthcare
www.pdx.edu/ceed/behavioral-healthcare
Assessment, Diagnosis, Interventions and Evaluation for Common DSM-IV-TR Mental Health Conditions
Day 1: Strategies for Assessment and Diagnosis
Day 2: Moving from Diagnosis to Intervention and Evaluation
Friday/Saturday 8:30am-4pm June 24, 25
Register for one or both days of this training
Therapy with Adoptive and Foster Families
www.pdx.edu/ceed/adoption
Overview of Adoption and the Oregon Adoption System*
Friday 8:30am-5pm September 23 with Renee Daniel, Francine Florendo, Kelly DeLany, and Toni Ferguson
Central Elements of Preserving Placements*
Saturday 8:30am-5pm September 24 with Jeanne Howard and Susan Smith

Interpersonal Neurobiology
www.pdx.edu/ceed/ipnb
Learning and the Brain: The Interpersonal Neurobiology of Education*
Thursday/Friday 8:30am-4pm June 16-17 and July 8; plus online June 16-July10 with Rachel Hardesty
The Interpersonal Neurobiology of Social Systems*
Friday 8:30am-4pm July 15 with Greg Crosby
Treating Clients in the Criminal Justice System*
Friday 8:30am-4pm July 22 with Greg Crosby and Cynthia Scott
Mindfulness for Professionals: Enhance Your Work and Increase Your IPNB Perspective*
Friday 8:30am-4pm July 29 and August 19 with Donald Altman
Being a Brain-Savvy Practitioner IV: Building a Narrative of Practice*
Friday 8:30am-4pm August 12; plus online August 12-September 2 with Bonnie Badenoch
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