

ASWN Benefits: Social Work Professionals, Students

Asian Social Work Professionals

This network will recognize and celebrate Asian social workers' achievements and contributions. The ASWN will create opportunities to sharpen the Asian social work profession through mentorship, leadership, and representatives bridging the diverse needs of the Asian community.

Asian Social Work Students

ASWN is serious about recruiting a new generation of Asian social work professionals. A priority will be placed on the creation of on-line resources and in personal mentorship program. This system will be an easy way for students to learn how to navigate their way through social work programs.

Asian Communities

Our urban, suburban, and rural areas deserve to have their needs highlighted as well as to receive quality and responsive human services. ASWN respects the uniqueness and strengths of each Asian ethnic group, and it recognizes that bilingual and bicultural services are needed to meet the needs of Asian populations.

Asian Social Workers Network 2006-2007



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ASWN: A NEW INITIATIVE

The Asian Social Workers Network (ASWN) is a new organizing effort for social work students and professionals who work in Asian communities and those interested in developing their skills in social work practice with Asian populations. This organization is created to empower its members to share, disseminate, initiate, and network with Asian community assets including agencies for the purpose of enhancing the quality of human services.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

This new initiative was started in 2003. Since that time ASWN has developed a cultural competency workshop for professional social workers at the NASW-IL Conference in 2003. The next step is to strengthen the core group of Asian social workers who actively meet to develop the group's structure and objectives.

Go to ASWN.ORG for more information!

RECOGNITION

ASWN focuses and highlights the achievements, strengths, and contributions of Asian Social Work Professionals, as our cultural competency framework emphasizes.

We furthermore recognize that distribution of evidence based research by Asian Social Work Educators will enhance services to all of Asian constituents.

ASWN'S PRIORITIES

The ASWN is a collective group of Asian Social Workers who have come together to address the following 5 Initiatives:

Cultural Competency: This is a vital area of concern. Public/Private profit/Private agencies will need guidance in responding to the needs of diverse Asian populations. This area is of high concern. The ASWN has created cultural competency guidelines for agencies to respond to the needs of diverse Asian populations with an emphasis on avoiding ethnic glossing.

Resource Development: Social workers are seen as key distributors of information to clients, communities, and human services. Developing continuing education program initiatives for Asian Social Workers to meet the needs of the profession, and creating a database and library of resources on the diverse Asian communities are critical.

Recruitment and Retention of Asians in Social Work Profession:

The ASWN will actively recruit Asian High School and college students who may be interested in social work as a career. ASWN will work with local universities to identify guidance mechanisms and mentorship opportunities for those entering into the field of social work.

Career Management: Asian social work professionals and students will receive guidance and consultation on their respective careers from social workers in the ASWN Network

Influencing Public Policy: ASWN recognizes that many needs of the Asian community are not in political agendas across the country. We will train and develop the Asian social worker professionals to advocate for the larger Asian community in the political arena.

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