

Social Work: An Essential to CKD Care

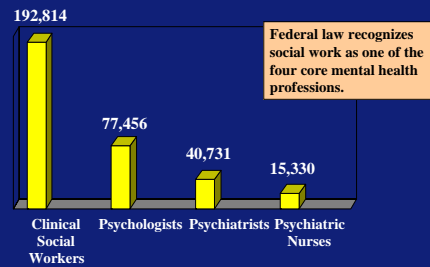


May 5, 2005
Washington, DC
Elizabeth J. Clark, PhD, ACSW, MPH
NASW Executive Director

©2005 National Association of Social Workers. All Rights Reserved.

1

Social Workers Dominate Mental Health Services



Source: U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 2000

©2005 National Association of Social Workers. All Rights Reserved.

2

Social Work is the Profession of Hope

©2005 National Association of Social Workers. All Rights Reserved.

3

Our Legacy of Hope

- Civil Rights Legislation
- Unemployment Insurance
- Disability Pay
- Social Security and Worker's Compensation
- Humane treatment for people with mental illness, disabilities and substance abuse problems
- Medicaid and Medicare to give poor, disabled and elderly people access to health care
- Prevention programs for child abuse and neglect
- Special education programs

©2005 National Association of Social Workers. All Rights Reserved.

4

Hope is

- A psychological asset
- A guard against despair
- A way of coping
- A quality of life enhancer
- An essential experience of the human condition

©2005 National Association of Social Workers. All Rights Reserved.

5

*Everything that is
done in the world is
done by hope.*

Martin Luther

©2005 National Association of Social Workers. All Rights Reserved.

6

What would the world look like without social workers?

©2005 National Association of Social Workers. All Rights Reserved.

7

Social Work's Future

- 30% growth anticipated by 2010 (BLS)
- Social work needs to better understand and communicate the impact of our profession's workforce trends
- Need a bigger image campaign than Social Work Month

©2005 National Association of Social Workers. All Rights Reserved.

8

Renal Social Work: A Model for the Profession

- Leading the health care social work practice field
- Data driven
 - Established social work staffing ratio
 - Demonstrated a positive relationship between presence of renal social workers and patient satisfaction
- Recognized as an essential team member
 - Specialist in supportive counseling
- Federally mandated in all dialysis and transplant facilities
- Standards for practice
 - Requires an MSW/license in clinical social work
- Growth area for the profession

©2005 National Association of Social Workers. All Rights Reserved.

9

National Social Work Public Education Campaign



©2005 National Association of Social Workers. All Rights Reserved.

10

National Social Work Public Education Campaign

Goals:

- Increase awareness and respect for the social work profession nationwide
- Educate the public on the depth and breadth of social work practice
- Expand the perception of who can benefit from social work
- Improve employment opportunities for social workers

©2005 National Association of Social Workers. All Rights Reserved.

11

The Social Work Response (what you can do)

- Say you're a social worker
- Educate your agency / organization / community
- Support your professional organizations
- Make your voice heard
- Assist with the National Public Education Campaign

©2005 National Association of Social Workers. All Rights Reserved.

12

*Either we have hope within us or we don't.
It is a dimension of the soul and it is not
essentially dependent on some particular
observation of the world.
It is an orientation of the spirit, an
orientation of the heart.*

*It transcends the world that is immediately
experienced and is anchored somewhere beyond
its horizons.
Hope in this deep and powerful sense is not the
same as joy that things are going well..., but
rather an ability to work for something because
it is good, not just because it stands a chance to
succeed.*

*It is hope above all which gives us the
strength to live and continually try new
things.*

Vaclav Havel

Help and Hope - Pass it on

Pass it on to your clients, your communities
and your colleagues. Pass it on to your
children, your families and your students.
Let them know that there is always
something to hope for and that in the
presence of hope, and with the help of
social workers, anything is possible.