



2026 NJSCSW Benefits/Legislative Efforts

NJSCSW Workshops

NJSCSW offers an opportunity to receive 8 free CEU's per academic year. These workshops are free to full paid members and offered at a discounted rate to Corresponding Members.

All CE workshops are offered via Synchronous Videoconference. This allows clinical social workers from across our state to participate in these exceptional educational programs. For further details visit the Continuing Education Page on the NJSCSW website: njscsw.org.

Lobbying Efforts

NJSCSW has a paid lobbyist and will continue to fight for legislation and other issues that affect how we practice clinical social work. It is because of our lobbying efforts that we can make inroads in legislation that impact our industry.

Current Legislative Agenda

Social Work Licensure Compact:

The Social Work Licensure Compact Bill (A2813) (S2688) was signed into law by New Jersey's Governor on May 8, 2025. The NJSCSW will keep our members up to date on our next steps.

The Social Work Compact will allow LCSWs to work in other SW Compact participating states without having to become licensed in these states. The following criteria would need to be met:

The LCSW's home state joins the Compact (In this case NJ).

The LCSW then joins the Compact as an individual.

The LCSW has no actionable complaints outstanding.

After serious consideration, the NJSCSW Board had decided to support this endeavor and instructed our lobbyist to follow through with his earlier advocacy. The Social Work Compact, which would be joining eight other health care Compacts, will benefit consumers, Licensure Boards, and the social work profession. This will be achieved by enhancing mobility for clinical social workers who meet the Compact uniform licensure requirements. It allows military personnel and spouses to more easily maintain their social work licenses when relocating and preserves and strengthens the current system of state licensure.

Primary sponsors of this Bill: Louis D. Greenwald, Verlina Reynolds-Jackson, Shanique Speight. https://pub.njleg.state.nj.us/Bills/2022/A9999/5349_11.PDF

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and therapy?

It has come to the attention of the NJSCSW Board that the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI), which is being promoted as an acceptable form of therapy, is heavily funded by private equity firms which market the use of AI to mental health consumers. The claims that their marketing makes are questionable, to say the least. They exploit our data to profit for themselves. Interestingly enough, Oregon and Pennsylvania have legislation that prohibits (limits?) private equity firms from investing in this manner.

NJSCSW has researched the Oregon and Pennsylvania laws and is in the process of checking NJ bills just to make sure there aren't any already introduced to address this issue. If not, our lobbyist will develop a plan to seek sponsors for introducing something for the new session in 2026.

Telemedicine

Since the Telemedicine Bill S2988/A3853 was signed into law, clinical social workers can continue to work remotely. Pay parity for telemedicine reimbursements has been extended until July 1, 2026. Clinical social workers will be able to continue billing for telehealth services at the same rate they would for in-person sessions. NJSCSW's lobbyist will continue to monitor any issues that may arise. Here is the link for Bill: [Bill A3853 Aca \(1R\)](#)

Networking Opportunities

NJSCSW offers Networking Events across NJ. This is a chance to meet the NJSCSW Board members and other clinicians. Join us for warm conversations and free coffee and pastries. For more information on meeting locations, please contact Jennifer Bristol at embracingstages@gmail.com.

Peer Consultation Groups

A peer consultation group was formed and publicized on the NJSCSW Listserv. This was in response to the need of professional review, sharing and processing of clinical issues for solo practitioners. As the need and interest arises, future peer consultation groups will be formed.

Email Listserv

The NJSCSW listserv keeps members connected to each other and the NJSCSW Board. The listserv provides members with access to breaking news, CE opportunities, referrals and other valuable resources. To subscribe please email Jan Markham: jan@1destin.com

For questions regarding membership, email NJSCSW's Membership Director Peggy Kraft at pkraft2840@gmail.com.