

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS

International Experiences for Practicing Social Workers

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<p>Chicago Sister Cities International, Social Services Exchange Program</p> <p>Kathleen Borland, borland.kathleen@gmail.com www.chicagosistercities.com/ wp/news/csci-social-service-exchange-program/</p>	<p>Immerse social service professionals in Chicago's Sister Cities to spark cultural dialogue about "Best Practices" to address common social challenges and bridge cultural boundaries.</p>	<p>On-going 8-day exchanges with site visits to develop new strategies to address social issues. Sister Cities annually alternate hosting and visiting with a mutually chosen theme.</p>	<p>Delegation of 8 social service professionals that work in the Chicago Metro Area and have expertise in the exchange's theme.</p>	<p>Host City covers delegation lodging and meals while visiting delegates cover their airfare.</p>	<p>Develop "Outside the Box" strategies to common social challenges. Gain new insights into one's own practice. Be imbued with a broader vision from local to world-wide. Increase cultural humility & competence skills.</p>
<p>Council of International Fellowship</p> <p>www.cifinternational.com/</p>	<p>Provide international understanding & world peace through training & exchange of experiences. Provide professionals of social work, social welfare, & human services with international exchanges.</p>	<p>2-5 week placements in agencies related to participant's specialized field to train, observe, & experience professional social work in the host country.</p>	<p>Each group of 4-10 participants with 2-3 years minimum of professional experience sent to one of many diverse countries.</p>	<p>Lodged in host families with either no fee or under \$500 fee.</p>	<p>Learning opportunity for reflection of practice, cultural awareness, & knowledge. Stimulate participation in reciprocal exchanges, programs, conferences, reunions.</p>
<p>Fulbright Specialist Program</p> <p>www.cies.org</p>	<p>Short term complement to the Fulbright US Scholar Program to promote linkages between U.S. Scholars & professionals and their counterparts overseas.</p>	<p>Serve 2-6 weeks as expert consultants for curriculum, faculty development, institutional planning & related subjects at academic institutions.</p>	<p>Academic or professional with substantial professional accomplishments & 5 years experience.</p>	<p>Travel/per day grant funded by US Dept. & host institution covers in-country costs.</p>	<p>Cross-cultural experience of many profound dimensions. Way to focus on short-term, well defined overseas projects. Reaffirms how much we have in common.</p>

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<p>People to People, Citizens Ambassador Program Marcia Dartley, Marcia.Dartley@peopletopeople.com citizens.peopletopeople.com</p>	<p>Experience social work in another country both professionally & culturally</p>	<p>Periodically offers short-termed exchanges</p>	<p>Social Worker agrees to lead the delegation & get the word out to form a group with NASW</p>	<p>Approximately \$5,000</p>	<p>Enhance your personal & professional life all at once. Share your knowledge & learn from global counterparts.</p>
<p>Social Workers Beyond Borders Stephanie Asare Nti, snit@socialworkersbeyondborders.org socialworkersbeyondborders.org</p>	<p>International development organization that places social workers in developing countries to provide direct services & work on collaborative projects.</p>	<p>Placements run from 4-weeks to 6-months depending on the needs of the community and professional.</p>	<p>Individual practitioners, agencies, and professional associations that promote international social work.</p>	<p>Costs are incurred by the participant.</p>	<p>An appreciation of global priorities and strategies to advance social work knowledge, development and practice skills while strengthening local capacity through sustainable projects.</p>
<p>University Study Abroad</p>	<p>Universities often offer international learning opportunities to students. Practicing social workers can enroll as a “special” or “nondegree-seeking” student. University Schools of Social Work are almost always able to provide CEUs supporting social work licensure.</p>	<p>Varies, look for short-term study abroad opportunities; might be offered at a winter break or during the summer semester.</p>	<p>“Traditional” and “alternative” students</p>	<p>Usually self-funded by participants</p>	<p>Learning opportunity for reflection of practice, cultural awareness, & knowledge.</p>

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