



NASW Call for Proposals

Special Edition of *Health and Social Work* – Service Members, Veterans, and Their Families

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Social workers are the largest provider of mental health services in the United States. We have a responsibility to ensure that Service Members, Veterans, and their loved ones have access to the mental and behavioral health and social services they deserve.

BACKGROUND

The National Association of Social Workers (NASW), the largest professional association of social workers in the United States, with over 145,000 members, is pleased to announce a call for proposals for a special edition of the NASW and Oxford University Press *Health and Social Work* journal focused on social work with Service Members, Veterans, and their families.

NASW's commitment to train all social workers, regardless of practice area or focus, about the unique needs of Service Members, Veterans, and their families is in cooperation with The White House Joining Forces initiative. Dr. Jill Biden joined NASW on Wednesday, July 25, 2012 at their national practice conference, to announce this professional initiative.

Dr. Biden created Joining Forces, along with First Lady Michelle Obama, to bring attention to the unique needs and strengths of America's military and veteran families. Joining Forces is a comprehensive national initiative to mobilize all

sectors of society to give our Service Members, Veterans, and their families the opportunities and services they have earned. NASW has been a proud member of Joining Forces since 2011 and is committed to educating and training all social workers so that they are prepared to meet the needs of those who have made incredible sacrifices for the United States.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

NASW is requesting proposals from professional social workers to be journal article authors for this special issue of *Health and Social Work* that will focus on the needs of our nation's Service Members, Veterans, and their families. Individuals may submit more than one proposal for the journal, however they can be chosen for only one journal article. All proposals must be submitted by professional social workers with a BSW or MSW from a CSWE-accredited program, or a DSW or PhD in social work, and active membership in NASW.

Health & Social Work, established in 1976, is a professional journal committed to improving social work practice and expanding knowledge in health care. It is written for workers in all areas of the physiological, psychological, social, cultural, and environmental health sciences. Health is defined broadly to include both physical and mental health. The journal carries articles on practice, social policy and planning, legislative issues, innovations in health care, and research.

Journal articles may be written on any topic that relates to social work with Service Members, Veterans, and/or military families. This includes social work at all levels (micro, mezzo, or macro) and in all fields of practice that specifically relates to this population. Examples of topics include but are not limited to:

- Mental and behavioral health needs of Service Members and Veterans
- Homelessness among veterans
- Military sexual trauma
- Unique needs of female veteran
- Needs and challenges facing LGBT Service Members and Veterans
- Challenges facing the children of Service Members and Veterans
- Substance abuse among Veterans
- Trauma-informed treatment
- Social work with Veterans who have disabilities
- Strengths of Veteran and Military Families
- Social work education and training to work with Service Members, Veterans, and their families
- Advocacy with and on behalf of Service Members, Veterans, and their families

The journal encourages submission of full-length articles, *Practice Forums*, *Viewpoints*, and *Letters to the Editor*. Full-length articles should be no more than 20 double-spaced pages in length including all references and tables.

The entire review process is anonymous. At least three reviewers critique each manuscript, after which the editor-in-chief makes a decision, taking those reviews into consideration.

To prepare your manuscript in proper format for submission, please view *Writing for NASW Press: Information for Authors* on our Web site at www.naswpress.org. Please submit manuscripts as Word documents through the online submission portal at <http://hsw.submit.net> (initial, one-time registration is required) and indicate that your submission is intended for the “Special Issue on Service Members, Veterans, and Their Families.”

Reviewers look for submissions to:

- be important to social work and relevant to health
- contain a clear statement of purpose and a consistent focus
- expand current knowledge
- build on the work of others
- contain a current and appropriate literature review
- include relevant medical information, such as etiology, prognosis, and hereditary factors, if disease specific
- present complete methodology for a research article
- be well organized, with a logical, orderly presentation
- support conclusions with data or a logical argument
- contain a clear explication of the implications for social work

To submit your journal article or presentation for review, and find more thorough author instructions, for this special issue, please visit: <http://hsw.msubmit.net/cgi-bin/main.plex>

Additional information on overall NASW journal submissions can be found at: www.naswpress.org/authors/guidelines/05-submissions.html

All submissions must be received by February 1, 2012. Journal authors are not remunerated.