



# National Organization of Forensic Social Work

THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF FORENSIC SOCIAL WORK was established to provide for the advancement of education in the field of forensic social work through:

- Annual Conferences
- Newsletter Publication
- Networking Opportunities
- Political Action
- Professional Journal

Thereby enhancing the professional activities of forensic practitioners, administrators, and policy makers.

## What is Forensic Social Work?

Forensic social work is the application of social work to questions and issues relating to law and legal systems. This specialty of our profession goes far beyond clinics and psychiatric hospitals for criminal defendants being evaluated and treated on issues of competency and responsibility. A broader definition includes social work practice which in any way is related to legal issues and litigation, both criminal and civil. Child custody issues, involving separation, divorce, neglect, termination of parental rights, the implications of child and spouse abuse, juvenile and adult justice services, corrections, and mandated treatment all fall under this definition.

## Who Can Join?

The National Organization of Forensic Social Work is a multidisciplinary organization with a wide variety of professionals including social workers, attorneys, psychiatrists, psychologists, nurses, law enforcement professionals and all those with an interest in interest in the subject.

To join NOFSW, visit our web site at:

[WWW.NOFSW.ORG](http://WWW.NOFSW.ORG)

## Benefits of Membership:

- **Annual Conference** where you can network with other forensic social work professionals and learn about the latest research impacting our clients.
- ***Journal of Forensic Social Work*** is the only academic journal publishing the latest information about this new and exciting field.
- **Webinars** offered monthly free for members and their staff on what's going on in the profession.
- ***Open Court* newsletter** published quarterly for members.
- **NOFSW on the Internet:** our web site, LinkedIn and Facebook pages enable members to network and share information immediately.

