



North Dakota Conference of Social Welfare

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A personal Invitation

On behalf of the Executive Board and everyone who has worked so hard over the past year, I want to personally invite you to your 2019 North Dakota Conference of Social Welfare: Unlocking Hidden Potential. We have put together a program that I believe is not only educational, but also inspirational and dare I say, fun! I promise hands-on learning opportunities and time to meet with old friends while making new ones as you learn what services are available where, and who to contact to access those services. We will even have an opportunity to meet with a few of our legislators and ask the tough questions about the changes coming to the delivery of social welfare services in North Dakota. Be sure to check out our full conference program and the bios of our presenters under the conference tab at ndcsw.org. Fill out and send in your conference registration today!

Stand Up and Be Recognized

We are accepting nominations for a North Dakota Conference of Social Welfare Service Award. Individuals may submit their own nomination form, or a director, supervisor, or co-worker may submit on their behalf. To determine eligibility for an award, the nominee's years of service in the field of social welfare and the years of Conference membership are taken into consideration. The years of accumulated service in the field of social welfare must be attained by December 31, 2018 and the recipient must be a current (2019) member of the North Dakota Conference of Social Welfare.

THE DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS

SEPTEMBER 1, 2019. Members will be recognized for 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years of service. For full details and a nomination form visit ndcsw.org and click on the awards tab.

The End of an Era?

For the past 99 years, NDCSW has been a leader in North Dakota in providing learning and networking opportunities to people in the social welfare profession. I am sad to announce that our 100th annual conference next year, may be our last. It takes an active board, committee chairs, and committee members along with the support of the agencies they work for to put on a quality conference. With everybody's schedules becoming more and more hectic, we have not been able to recruit the volunteers needed to run the conference. That combined with changing economic conditions in which state, county, and private agencies look to trim budgets by cutting training dollars, our membership numbers have been steadily declining to the point where we will not have be able to continue. A resolution will be presented at this year's annual business meeting that calls for the conference to be dissolved after the 100th Anniversary next year. If you want the conference to continue past its 100th anniversary we need you to become a member, volunteer, and attend. To have your voice heard on the future of NDCSW, you can attend the annual business meeting on Thursday September 26th at 4:30 pm or email me at brianondscw@midco.net.