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Support the Federal Social Work Reinvestment Act: Social Workers in Health Care

The Federal Social Work Reinvestment Act provides a comprehensive analysis of current trends within the academic and professional social work communities. Specifically, SWR Act will develop long-term recommendations and strategies to maximize the ability of America's social workers to serve their clients with expertise and care. The recommendations will be presented to Congress and the Executive Branch.

Areas of Focus: Fair market compensation, high educational debt, social work workforce trends, knowledge development, social work safety, and state level social work licensure and the impact these issues have on the areas of aging, child welfare, military and veterans affairs, mental and behavioral health and disability, criminal justice, and health.

The Need:

Currently, there are over 1,200 medical social workers in Oregon, and the need is projected to grow 20% in the near future.

There are over 352,000 emergency room visits a year in Oregon, and less than 1,210 medical social workers in Oregon to serve them.

What can we do?

To address the **looming workforce crisis in social work**, NASW Oregon is introducing a Joint Memorial urging the Oregon Delegation, Congress, and the Administration to pass the Dorothy I. Height/Whitney M. Young Jr. Social Work Reinvestment Act.

The Act is an effort to review the current workforce shortage challenges, determine how those challenges affect the many communities that social workers serve, and better understand the overwhelming need for reinvestment in the profession of social work.

Social workers support our local communities by offering critical psychosocial support to individuals and families in **hospitals, health clinics, nursing and residential care facilities, hospice agencies, and rehabilitation centers.**

Hospice social workers provide end-of-life care and bereavement services to individuals and their families.

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social workers =
Investments in our
local communities**

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