

Core Values

Professional Values

To achieve the objectives of the Profession, Social Work values focus on three general Areas: Values about people, values about social work in relation to society, and values that inform professional behavior.

Values about people

The common values of the profession reflect social workers fundamental ideas about the nature of humankind and the nature of change “the inherent dignity and worth of person”. Access to needed information, services and resources and equality of opportunity. Valuing the dignity and worth of all people regardless at their stations in life, cultural heritage, life styles or beliefs in essential to practicing social work. Professional social workers maintain unconditional positive regard for others by respecting diversity and accepting variations in personal life styles. Social Workers advocate client’s right to access services and participate in decision making. They integrate the Principles of self determination non-judgementalism and confidentiality into their inter-actions with clients.

Values about Society

Social Workers champion Social Justice and value the democratic process. Social Workers assume responsibility for confronting inequities and social injustice. They are professionally committed to making social institutions more humane and responsive to human needs. Improving social programs and refining social Policies reflect practitioner’s commitment to improving societal conditions in ways that actualize social justice.

Values about professional Behavior

Values guide the professional activities of Social Workers in their efforts couth client systems. Social Workers value client’s system strengths and competencies and work in partnership with client to develop creative solutions. Social Workers also value quality in their practice and continually examine their own practice effectiveness. Additionally, they take responsibility for ethical conduct and continual professional development.