

National Association of Social Workers- Mississippi Chapter

Annual Conference



*March 26-27, 2026
Westin Jackson Hotel*

Mississippi's largest gathering of professional social workers.

**Attendance at the entire conference provides 14.0 CEs.
(16.0 CEs with Clinical Supervision)**

**Registration is now open!!!
Keynote Speaker**



**Brent Hurley, MSW, CMHT
Director of the Bureau of Crisis Services
Mississippi Department of Mental Health**



**Reginald L. Virgil, MSW, BSW Executive Director
Gwen Bouie-Haynes, PhD, LMSW, Deputy Director of Chapter Operations**

TENTATIVE
CONFERENCE SCHEDULE
(WORKSHOP TIMES MAY CHANGE PRIOR TO EVENT)

THURSDAY MARCH 26, 2026

8:00 - 8:15 am	<i>Opening & Greetings</i>	<p>Alissa Hebert Wallace, DSW, MSW, LMSW President NASW-Mississippi Chapter</p> <p>Reginald L. Virgil, MSW, BSW Executive Director NASW-Mississippi Chapter</p>	Jackson 1, 2, & 3
8:15 -9:15 am	<i>Keynote Address</i>	<p>Mississippi Crisis Intervention Teams Brent Hurley, MSW, CMHT Director of the Bureau of Crisis Services Mississippi Department of Mental Health</p>	Jackson 1, 2, & 3 1 CE
9:15 - 9:45 am	EXHIBIT HALL & BREAK		
9:50 – 11:20 am	<u>Concurrent Workshops</u>		
201	<p>Long-term Care Engagement: Meeting the patient/family at the Crossroads Of Long-term Care Planning Valerie R. Carson, MSW, LMSW, BS, PhD candidate, Jackson State University</p>	Jackson 2	1.5 CE (.5CD)
202	<p>Impact of Government Reform from a Penal Perspective: The Eradication of Safety Net Programs Cora Jackson, DSW, LCSW, ACSW, Walden University</p>	Jackson 1	1.5 CE
203	<p>Assessment, Communication, and Collaborative Care Planning using the Social Determinants of Health Michelle Brazeal, PhD, LCSW, Jenine Housewright, LMSW, University of Southern Mississippi and Faith Omulu, MSW student and intern, University of Southern Mississippi</p>	Jackson 3	1.5CE
11:20 - 11:50 am	EXHIBIT HALL		
11:55 – 12:55 pm	LUNCH		
1:00 - 2:30 pm	<u>Concurrent Workshops</u>		
301	<p>Holistic Treatment Planning for Early Recovery: Evidence Based and Peer-Based Modalities Charles “Charlie” Osborne, MSW, LCSW, BSW</p>	Jackson 3	1.5 CE
302	<p>Honoring Our Children: Understanding Childhood Trauma And Adverse Childhood Events (ACEs) Robert J. Guasco, LCSW, MSW, MHA, Mississippi State University-Meridian</p>	Jackson 2	1.5 CE
303	<p>Where Have You Gone, Marcus Welby?: Fragmentation, Specialization and Time Limits in Medical Care...Can Social Workers Help? Brenda Sumrall Smith PhD, ASCW, QCSW, LCSW, LMFT</p>	Jackson 1	1.5 Ethics
2:30 - 3:00 pm	EXHIBIT HALL & AFTERNOON SNACK		
3:15 - 4:45 pm	<i>Afternoon Plenary Session</i>		
401	<p>Mandatory Reporter Training Andrea Sanders, JD, MSW Commissioner, Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services</p>	Jackson 1 & 2	1.5 CE
4:45 – 5:00 pm	EXHIBIT HALL		

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FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2026

8:00 - 8:05 am **Opening & Greetings** **Alissa Hebert-Wallace, DSW, MSW, LCSW** **Jackson 1 & 2** **President**
NASW-Mississippi Chapter

8:05 - 9:35 am **Morning Plenary Session** **MBOE Updates** **1.5 Ethics**
501 Veronica H. Knowles, MSW, LCSW, Vice-Chair, Compact
 Commissioner, Rosalind Yarber, LSW, Social Work Discipline Committee and
 Patrick Johnson, MBOE, Executive Director **Jackson 1 & 2**

9:35 - 10:05 am **EXHIBIT HALL & BREAK**

10:05 - 11:35 am **Concurrent Workshops**

601 **Social empathy: Context matters** **Jackson 2** **1.5 CE**
 Amy Fisher, JD, MSSW, LCSW, University of Mississippi

602 **When Memory, Trauma, and Loss Collide: Transforming Dementia and** **Jackson 1** **1.5 CE**
End-of-Life Care through a Trauma-Informed Lens
 Laura Gottschalck, MSW, LMSW, DSW student Tulane University

603 **Indigenous Culture and Rights: Attacks upon the Indian Child Welfare Act** **Jackson 3** **1.5 CD**
 Vincent J. Venturini, Ph.D., MSW, BA

604 **Transforming Clinical Supervision through the Use of Skill Building** **Natchez 1** **2.0 CE**
and Ethical Practice **10:05-12:05******* *(For LCSW Supervisors)*
 Candace Riddley, PhD, MSW, LCSW and Jacqueline Loggins, Jackson State University

11:45 - 12:45 pm **LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**

1:00- 2:30 pm **Concurrent Workshops**

701 **Strategies to Expand Social Workers in the Gerontological Workforce:** **Jackson 2** **1.5 CE**
Identifying Skills and Professional Fit
 Joohee Lee, PhD, MSW, Michelle Brazeal, PhD, MSW, LCSW, University of Southern Mississippi
 and Brittnee Martin, MSW student, University of Southern Mississippi

702 **Proclaiming Social Work Values in A Polarized World** **Jackson 1** **1.5 (.5 CD)**
 Michael Forster, Ph.D., LCSW, University of Southern Mississippi

703 **Childhood Adversity, Stress and Self-Care among Social Work Students:** **Jackson 3** **1.5 CE**
Insights from Quantitative Studies
 Jaegoo Lee, PhD, MSW, LMSW, Jackson State University

3:00 - 4:30 pm **Closing Plenary Session**

801 **Creating and Sustaining New Partnerships to Transform** **Jackson 1 & 2** **1.5 CE**
Services Provided to Children and Families in Mississippi
 Jerome Kolbo, PhD, MSW, ACSW, PI, Title IV-E, University of Southern
 Mississippi, Andrea Sanders, JD, MSW, Commissioner, Mississippi Department of
 Child Protection Services, Shelia Brand, Chief Strategy and
 Operations Officer, Children’s Advocacy Centers of
 Mississippi, Elizabeth” Liz” Edwards, Lead Consultant and Co-Founder
 ECS Integrated Solutions, Inc.

4:30 pm **Dismiss** **Gwen Bouie-Haynes, PhD, LMSW**
 Deputy Director of Chapter Operations-NASW

Save the date: March 25-26, 2027



REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Agency: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____ Work Phone: (____) _____

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Please select a category:

Rates: After 1/30/26

Professional Rates: (Ends March 6, 2026)

NASW Member [# _____] _____ \$ 350
(Membership must be active at time of registration and will be verified.)

Non-Member _____ \$ 475

Presenter Rates: (Presenter registration due by January 30, 2026)

Presenter-Workshop NASW Member [# _____] _____ \$ 200
(Membership must be active at time of registration and will be verified.)

Presenter-Workshop Non-member _____ \$ 250

Student Rates:

Student NASW Member [# _____] _____ \$ 15
(Membership must be active at time of registration and will be verified.)

Student Non-member _____ \$ 65

Check Payments: All checks must be received by **March 06, 2026**. Make checks payable to **NASW- MS**. Please mail checks and completed registration form to **P.O. 5599, Pearl, MS 39288**. Returned checks will cost \$35 plus any additional bank processing charges.

Online Payments: Online registration will remain open until **March 06, 2026**. **ALL CONFIRMATIONS & RECEIPTS WILL BE EMAILED AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION**. Please keep a copy for personal records.

Refund Policy: All registrations are final. **NO REGISTRATION REFUNDS**. All funds may be credited toward future events.

Permissions: Please initial here _____ giving NASW-MS permission to email and/or text you about upcoming NASW-MS advocacy, community, and educational events.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS OPEN:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1979492438169?aff=oddtcreator>

Rates

Professional Rates:

NASW Member \$ 350
Non-Member \$ 475

Student Rates:

Student NASW Member \$ 15
Student Non-member \$ 65

Plan your stay:

Westin Jackson Hotel
407 South Congress St.
Jackson, MS 39201
Ph: 601.844.4623

Book your room with link on the website.

Awards

Submit your nominations for:

- ❖ Social Worker of the Year
- ❖ Lifetime Achievement Award
- ❖ MSW Student of the Year
- ❖ BSW Student of the Year
- ❖ Public Citizen of the Year

For more details, visit:

<https://naswms.socialworkers.org>

NASW Member

Reception

(Board Members only)

Enjoy an evening of refreshments and mingling to highlight the Advisory Board priorities and NASW Updates

Details:

*Wednesday, March 26, 2026
7:00 pm
Business professional attire*

To view registration and conference schedule, visit <https://naswms.socialworkers.org>