

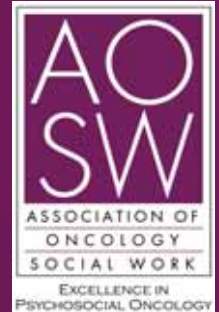
# ASSOCIATION OF ONCOLOGY SOCIAL WORK



Excellence in Psychosocial Oncology

[www.aosw.org](http://www.aosw.org)

# ABOUT AOSW...



**The Association of Oncology Social Work (AOSW) is a non-profit, international organization dedicated to the enhancement of psychosocial services for people with cancer and their families.**

# WHO ARE WE?



***“AOSW is the universal voice  
of oncology social workers.”***

Dwayne Kniola, MSW  
Wellness Community  
Indianapolis, IN



# MEMBERSHIP PROFILE

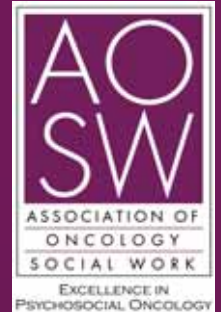
## **AOSW members work in:**

- Teaching and community hospitals
- Clinics and private physician practices
- Home health and hospice
- Clinical private practices
- Colleges and universities
- Cancer related agencies

## **AOSW members include:**

- Direct service oncology professionals
- Counselors
- Administrators
- Educators
- Researchers
- Consultants

# OUR MISSION IS...



**To advance excellence in the psychosocial care of persons with cancer, their families and caregivers through:**

- Networking
- Education
- Advocacy
- Research
- Resource Development



# AOSW GOALS.....

- Increase awareness of the psychosocial effects of cancer
- Advance the practice of psychosocial interventions that enhance quality of life and recovery of persons with cancer and their family
- Foster communication and support among psychosocial oncology caregivers
- Further the study of psychosocial and social effects of cancer through research and continuing education
- Advocate for programs and policies to meet the psychosocial needs of oncology patients and their families
- Promote liaison activities with other psychosocial oncology groups and professional oncology organizations
- Promote the highest professional standards and ethics in the practice of oncology social work

# WHAT WILL AOSW DO FOR ME?



- **Internet Listserv (SWON)**
- **Journal of Psychosocial Oncology (Quarterly)**
- **Quarterly Newsletter**
- **Special Interest Groups**
- **Conferences**
- **Public and Professional Educational Programs**
- **Working Relationships with other Organizations**



***“I am continually amazed at what members of AOSW do for each other, for people they have never met, and the patients they care for. This is why I so love being a part of this organization.”***

Karlynn BrintzenhofeSzoc, DSW  
Catholic University of America  
National Catholic School of Social Service  
Washington, D.C.



# INTERNET LISTSERV

**The Social Work Oncology Network (SWON), a “Member’s Only” listserv for networking, information and resources.**





***“From the South Point of Africa (Cape Town), it is wonderful to be connected to a special community of care that understands, supports and shares best practice. SWON has lifted the isolation and increased my abilities as an Oncology Social Worker.”***

Linda Greeff  
GVI Oncology  
Cape Town, South Africa

# JOURNAL OF PSYCHOSOCIAL ONCOLOGY (JPO)



**Yearly subscription (on-line and quarterly hard copy) to the Journal Of Psychosocial Oncology, the official Journal of AOSW**



# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



## Yearly Subscription to the quarterly *AOSW NEWS*

### Articles on:

- Clinical practice
- Professional development
- Legislative updates
- International news





***“AOSW keeps me connected to the world of Oncology Social Work.”***

Bettye Bradshaw, LCSW  
Memorial Regional Hospital  
Comprehensive Cancer Center  
Hollywood, Florida

# SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGS)



All AOSW members are eligible to join Special Interest Groups which focus on specialized service areas and populations in oncology care.

- Ambulatory Care/Fee-for-Service
- Blood and Marrow Transplant
- Brain Tumor
- Children and Cancer
- Complementary and Alternative Medicine
- Diversity
- End of Life Care
- Ethics
- Pain and Palliative Care
- Social Work Oncology Research Group (SWORG)
- Spirituality



# CONFERENCES



- Regional educational conferences
- AOSW annual conferences reduced registration fee

The poster for the AOSW 23rd Annual Meeting is displayed in the bottom half of the slide. It features a background image of a cityscape with mountains in the distance. The text on the poster includes:

Save The Date!  
May 2-4, 2007  
Hilton Portland & Executive Tower  
Portland, OR

ASSOCIATION OF ONCOLOGY SOCIAL WORK  
23rd Annual Meeting

Blazing the Trail:  
Leadership in  
Oncology Social Work

Updates to the program will  
be posted to [www.aosw.org](http://www.aosw.org)

TOPICS TO INCLUDE: Research ■ End of Life Care ■ Integrative Medicine  
■ Ethics ■ Bereavement ■ Evidence-Based Practice ■ Innovative Clinical  
Interventions ■ Palliative Care ■ Self-Care ■ Wellness

Photos by Scott Beut, Cancer Services/Social Worker from Portland, Oregon

# PUBLIC & PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS



The Cancer Survival Toolbox & Oncology  
Social Work Toolbox (Joint projects with  
NCCS and ONS)





***“AOSW provides excellent support and current information to professionals in a field that is very demanding and always changing. The connection with other social workers all over the world has been invaluable.”***

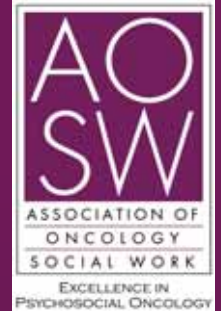
Jennifer Hill Buehrer, MSW  
Gynecologic Oncology Specialists of Michigan  
Lansing, Michigan

# WORKING WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS...



- American Cancer Society
- American College of Surgeons
- Association of Community Cancer Centers
- CancerCare
- Lance Armstrong Foundation
- Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
- National Association of Social Work
- National Cancer Institute
- US Oncology
- The Wellness Community
- And many more...

# OTHER MEMBER BENEFITS....



- **Availability of Oncology Social Work Toolbox – Advocacy Skills**
- **AOSW publications such as *A Social Work Guide to Conducting Research in Psychosocial Oncology***



***“AOSW has had a tremendous impact on my development as an oncology social worker. Between offering outstanding annual conferences, newsletters filled with relevant and interesting information, and the invaluable SWON listserv, AOSW has truly been the most useful and worthwhile professional organization that I've belonged to.”***

Kerry Irish, LCSW, OSW-C  
Outpatient Oncology Services  
CMMC  
Lewiston, Maine

WE'RE AOSW.....



***JOIN***  
***US!!!***

