Social Work Voices Retreat
Montgomery, Alabama
May 26-30, 2020

Call for Abstracts

1619 to 2020: Mass Incarceration and Trauma – Justice in the Face of Injustice

Impacting Individuals, Families and Communities

Social Work Voices, LLC is pleased to collaborate with the NASW - Alabama Chapter to bring this year’s Social Work Retreat to historic Montgomery, Alabama! This event will be the opportunity of a lifetime to explore and reflect upon the impact of social work through the years while individuals, families and communities have been striving for justice in the face of injustice. This retreat will provide participants the opportunity to develop personally and professionally through the engagement of significant social justice issues and problem solving discourse. Milestone objectives of the retreat include the development of interventive action plans, steps and outcomes that will improve the social functioning of individuals, families and communities at large served by social work.

To facilitate this important work, Social Work Voices, LLC and NASW-Alabama Chapter seek submissions related to the following critical topical areas:

- Reflections of the Past: 400 Years – Then to Now...
- Mass Incarceration and the pursuit of racial, social, environmental and economic justice. **Key areas of interest:**
  - The Broken System of Criminal Justice
  - School to Prison Pipeline
  - Mental Health and Healthcare Disparities of the Incarcerated
  - Structural Biases (i.e.: overcrowding, death penalty, wrongful conviction, cash bail, etc.)
  - Re-entry of previously incarcerated persons
- The role of social work professional leadership, networks, and advocacy in changing the conversation

**Formats for Intellectual Conversations:** Panel Discussion, Workshop Facilitated Conversations and Poster Presentations

**Criterion for Conversations:**

- Connect to an aforementioned topical area of focus targeted to interdisciplinary audiences in attendance
- Provide a historical timeline of past to present day disparities and resultant social injustice
- Provide viable intervention strategies with action steps for change and targeted measurable outcomes
- Provide current or proposed advocacy initiatives and deliverables for sustainable change

**Submission Information:**

- **Due Date:** End of Day (EOD) Friday, January 31, 2020
- **Notification of Acceptance:** Friday, February 14, 2020

Email Submission To: admincom.naswal@socialworkers.org