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We've Moved!!!

**3700 N. Classen Blvd. STE 162
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118**

All, please note that the Oklahoma State Board of Licensed Social Workers has physically relocated to a new office building. We greatly appreciate your patience with our office last week. We'll be working very diligently to catch up on mail, email, and returning phone calls. Feel free to stop by and say hello should the opportunity present itself. You'll park in the parking area that faces Classen, go through the glass doors, take a right. Suite 162 is the third door on the right. Our office will have a sign on the door!!!

Some background information relative to our need for relocation. The reason for the move was pretty simple. Our previous location (Lincoln Plaza) was no longer a viable option for us long term. We had hoped the structural damages incurred as a result of the ice storm several years ago would be addressed. While some of the issues have been addressed, they have not been addressed to the point that Building Management has been able to secure additional tenants relative to those who have already vacated the premises. Given that the building is currently at 12% occupancy, we felt the need to be proactive in terms of securing another location that offered long term stability, rather than wait for the possibility of building simply being closed and us scrambling to secure a new site. We were able to secure a location for which I have hope will be the home of the Oklahoma State Board of Licensed Social Workers indefinitely. It's a great location, is very accessible, is structurally sound, and was very affordable.

Our agency phone number, email addresses, P.O. Box address, etc., will all remain the same as they currently are. Effective April 1st, 2015, you may also begin sending snail mail to our new office location.

OSBLSW Newsletter

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OSBLSW Meeting Schedule

The next Board meeting will take place **May 29th** at:

Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision,
101 Northeast 51st Street,
Oklahoma City, OK 73105.

Full 2015 OSBLSW Meeting Schedule

NASW State Conference

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!
The annual NASW Conference State will be held April 26th - 28th, 2015 at Embassy Suites & Inn in Norman, OK. For Agenda and workshop power points, see the NASW-OK website.

REGISTRATION LINK HERE

Supervisor Training Agenda

8:30am - 9:00am:
Registration
9:00am - 12:00pm:
Morning Session
12:00pm - 1:00pm:
Lunch on Your Own
1:00pm - 3:45pm:
Afternoon Session
3:45pm - 4:00pm:
Evaluation and Wrap-up

Legislative Update

This legislative session, the Licensing Board has been working on updating both statute and agency rules. Senate Bill 7, authored by Senator Sparks, will help bring Oklahoma social work licensing statute up to date, addressing exemptions and cleaning up language. The rules changes are updates from last session's statute changes. To track the progress of Senate Bill 7, and see the anticipated changes, [CLICK HERE](#). For rules updates, and summaries of rules changes, view the following OSBLSW webpage:

http://www.ok.gov/socialworkers/Rules_and_Regulations/index.html

REMINDER:

- ❖ Bachelors Level Graduates are now immediately eligible to make application for licensure.
- ❖ Beginning November 1st, 2014, any Masters Level Graduate must hold the LSWA or LMSW before they can begin supervision for advanced licensure, e.g., LCSW, LSW-ADM, or LSW.

To view the changes, [CLICK HERE](#)

2015 Supervisor Trainings

2015 Dates:

April 17, 2015 - Tulsa

July 17th, 2015 - Oklahoma City

October 23rd, 2015- Tulsa

- ❖ Oklahoma City training location TBA
- ❖ Tulsa training will take place at the James O. Goodwin Center (Tulsa Health Department) in the Prothro Auditorium, Room 200. The address is: 5051 S. 129th E Ave. Tulsa, OK 74134. Phone number to the training site is 918-582-9355.

Each session will be approved for 6 hours of continuing education for clinical, administration, and ethics.

If you are interested in attending any of these training sessions, please submit a Supervisor Training Registration form with the \$100.00 applicable fee to:

Oklahoma State Board of Licensed Social Workers

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118

Payment to attend trainings will be required in advance.

Continuing Education Providers

2015 CE Provider Information has now been posted. If you are a CE provider, please check the accuracy of your information, and let us know if you have any updates by contacting the office.

The list of Approved CE providers can be found [HERE](#), or on the OSBLSW website by clicking "CE Provider List" on the left side of the home page.

IF YOU CANNOT FIND A PROVIDER ON THIS LIST, PLEASE CHECK OUR "LINKS" PAGE

FAQ's

Q: I have recently married/divorced. How do I change my name with the Board office?

A: Submit official documentation reflecting your legal name change (Marriage Certificate, Divorce Decree, Order for Name Change) and a copy of your driver's license reflected the new name you wish to use.

Q: How soon must I turn in my Application for Licensure for it to be reviewed at the next Board meeting?

A: The Application must be received at least two weeks prior to the meeting date to be placed on the agenda.

Q: I need a verification of my license to send to another state.

A: Submit the verification form and \$20 to our office for completion.

Q: If I have two specialties how many hours of CE do I need to renew the license?

A: You need 22 hours of CE credits with three hours of ethics.

Q: Can someone under supervision for licensure work as a "contract" employee?

A: No. You must hold the LCSW or LSW-Adm license in order to be a contract employee. All persons under supervision must be employees of the agency.

Q: Does my 3 hour ethics requirement have to be met with face to face training?

A: NO

Q: While I am under supervision for licensing, what initials do I use with my name?

A: You may use "MSW", "MSW, under supervision", or "MSW, u/s". Do NOT use LCSW in your signature as the L indicates "licensed".

Q: If I am working as a volunteer may I count those hours towards my licensing requirement?

A: No. All of the 4,000 hours required to complete supervision for licensing must be as a paid employee of an agency or institution.

Q: What happens to my supervisees if my "agency" supervisory status lapses?

A: Your supervisees will have to terminate supervision with you until you meet the requirements to be a supervisor again.

Q: What happens to my supervisees if my "Board Approved Supervisor" status lapses?

A: Your supervisees will have to terminate supervision with you until you reapply for and are granted the Board Approved Supervisor status.