



## **Shared Interest Groups**

What is a SIG? It's a gathering of people with mutual interests. When people rally round a common subject, it quickly becomes an invaluable forum for sharing knowledge, learning, and resources.

So consider creating your own shared interest group. For example, people working in private practice from Rockford, IL can create their own SIG or Social Worker Moms from Springfield. It's easy to set up and available to all NASW IL members. The topics are flexible. You receive Chapter support and set your own agendas and meeting schedules.

Learn something, do something, change something. That's what a SIG can accomplish.

SIG Benefits:

- A structured process to form your group
- Opportunity to exchange current knowledge and specific information regarding a social work practice area of interest
- Opportunity to present at Social Work conferences
- Promotional updates in the Networker magazine
- Customized website
- Financial support (after reaching 20 members)
- Access to Chapter technological products
- Access to Chapter facilities when applicable
- Office coordination with district events

Three Easy Steps to start your own SIG:

- Step 1: Download and review the application and SIG Manual at [www.naswil.org](http://www.naswil.org)
- Step 2: Locate four other NASW IL members interested in your group
- Step 3: Complete the SIG form below and send to NASW IL Chapter, Attention SIG

Your application will be reviewed by the Executive Director and notifications and SIG materials will be distributed shortly.

NASW IL SIG Form:

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ certify that I am current member of NASW IL and would like to start the

\_\_\_\_\_ SIG for the fiscal year July 2008-June 2009 with the following other four NASW IL

members:

**Member #2:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Member #3:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Member #4:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Member #5:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please also include the following information:

- Five names must be listed above
- List of officers for the proposed SIG
- Brief list of activities for the fiscal year
- Description of name and purpose

*Please fax to 312.435.1285 or mail to NASW IL, Attention SIG, 404 S. Wells, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Chicago, IL 60607*