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Aging-related coalitions, advisory committees, & other collaborative initiatives involving NASW

This list includes links to select products (such as issue briefs, practice guidelines, and consumer education materials) developed collaboratively and available to the public.

[Alzheimer's Association](#)

As a member of the Alzheimer's Association's [Campaign for Quality Care](#), NASW contributed to development of dementia care practice recommendations for [assisted living and nursing homes](#), [end-of-life care](#), and [professionals working in a home setting](#).

[American Society on Aging](#)

NASW practice staff regularly serves as peer reviewer of proposals for the annual [Aging in America conference](#). Staff frequently presents at the conference and facilitates a peer group discussion of social workers in aging.

[CARF International Advisory Council](#)

NASW practice staff offers feedback of CARF's accreditation requirements for aging services, behavioral health, medical rehabilitation, vision rehabilitation, and other areas.

[Center for Advancing Holocaust Survivor Care Review Committee](#)

The center was created by the Jewish Federations of North America with support from the Administration for Community Living (ACL). Learn about the center and NASW's role on the review committee in an [NASW News feature article](#) in June 2017.

[Center for Excellence in Assisted Living \(CEAL\) Advisory Council](#)

CEAL envisions a society that supports quality of life for all individuals and their right to age with respect and dignity. As an advisory council member, NASW informs CEAL's efforts and stays abreast of developments within assisted living communities.

[Circle of Life® Award](#)

The Circle of Life® Award, administered by the Health Research & Educational Trust of the American Hospital Association, honors innovation in palliative and end-of-life care provided in hospices, hospitals, health care systems, long-term care facilities, and other direct service health settings. NASW cosponsors the award.

[Coalition for Quality in Geriatric Surgery \(CQGS\) Project](#)

The CQGS project is convened by the American College of Surgeons with support from the John A. Hartford Foundation. The coalition is establishing a verifiable quality improvement program that includes evidence-based, person-centered standards.

Eldercare Workforce Alliance (EWA)

EWA is a project of the Advocacy Fund and is supported by the Atlantic Philanthropies and the John A. Hartford Foundation. Recent EWA products developed in collaboration with NASW include issue briefs addressing [*Family Caregivers: The Backbone of Our Eldercare System*](#); [*FY18 Eldercare Workforce Appropriations Requests*](#); [*Supporting the Geriatric Workforce and Older Veterans: Department of Veterans Affairs*](#); and [*Quality Care through a Quality Workforce: A Toolkit for Advocates of Older Adults Who Are Dually Eligible for Medicare and Medicaid*](#), as well as [letters advocating on various policy issues](#) and the video [*Caring for Older Adults: It Takes a Team*](#).

Eldercaring Coordination

Eldercaring coordination is a new dispute resolution process developed by the Association for Conflict Resolution's Task Force on Eldercaring Coordination, of which NASW [was a member](#). The task force developed a [framework and guidelines for eldercaring coordination](#). NASW now serves on the Eldercaring Coordination Advisory Committee and, in that capacity, [promotes eldercaring coordination training and pilot projects](#).

Friends of the National Institute on Aging (FoNIA)

FoNIA consists of aging services, disease-based, research, and consumer advocacy groups that support the mission of the National Institute on Aging (NIA). Coalition activities include advocacy for NIA funding.

Go4Life[®]

Go4Life[®] is an exercise and physical activity campaign from the National Institute on Aging. As a Go4Life[®] Partner, NASW promotes the initiative and Go4Life Month, observed each September.

HIV/AIDS and Mental Health Training Resource Center

Funded by the Substance Use and Mental Health Services Administration, the center recently released the [*HIV and Aging Toolkit*](#), developed in partnership with the American Psychological Association, the American Psychiatric Association, and NASW. The center also offers [other resources on HIV and aging](#).

International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW)

NASW practice staff worked with gerontological social work experts from around the globe to revise IFSW's [*International Policy on Ageing and Older Adults*](#).

Jimmo Implementation Council

The council, convened by the Center for Medicare Advocacy with support from the John A. Hartford Foundation, advances access to Medicare-reimbursed rehabilitative and skilled nursing care for people with long-term conditions and injuries. Read this [NASW Practice Alert](#) (March 2017) to learn more about the *Jimmo v. Sebelius* settlement.

The Joint Commission Professional and Technical Advisory Committees (PTACs)

NASW practice staff provides input on the Joint Commission's accreditation programs for Behavioral Health, Home Care, and Nursing Care Centers. Learn about NASW's work with the PTAC in the special 2015 edition of [*Cross Sections*](#), a newsletter for NASW Specialty Practice Sections members.

The Joint Commission Speak Up™ initiative

NASW practice staff collaborated with the Joint Commission in the development of three consumer education brochures: [*Speak Up: What you need to know about memory problems and dementia*](#); [*Speak Up: What you need to know about your serious illness and palliative care*](#); and [*Speak Up: What you need to know about adult depression*](#).

Malnutrition Quality Collaborative

As a member of the collaborative, NASW contributed to development of the recently released [*National Blueprint: Achieving Quality Malnutrition Care for Older Adults*](#)

Leadership Council of Aging Organizations (LCAO)

LCAO does legislative and policy advocacy to enhance older adults' economic security, health, and access to community services. Coalition documents developed in collaboration with NASW include [*Comments and Recommendations to Transition Team on Issues Affecting Older Americans*](#); [*appropriations recommendations for fiscal year 2017*](#); [*Advanced Care, Hospice, and End-of-Life Principles*](#); [*policy recommendations to the 2015 White House Conference on Aging*](#); and [*Principle for Long-Term Services and Supports*](#), created with the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities.

National Center for Creative Aging (NCCA)

NCCA is dedicated to fostering an understanding of the vital relationship between creative expression and healthy aging, and to developing programs that build upon this understanding. NASW practice staff served as a proposal reviewer for the [*2016 NCCA Leadership Exchange and Conference*](#).

National Coalition on Mental Health and Aging (NCMHA)

NCMHA works to improve the availability and quality of mental health and substance use prevention and treatment services for older adults and their families through education, research and increased public awareness.

National Consensus Project for Quality Palliative Care (NCP)

NASW practice staff and volunteer leader collaborated with other NCP members to revise the [*Clinical Practice Guidelines for Quality Palliative Care*](#), resulting in the 2013 publication of the [*third edition of the guidelines*](#). Practice staff will represent NASW at a June 2017 stakeholder meeting that will inform development of complementary guidelines specific to [*community-based palliative care*](#).

National Consumer Voice for Quality-Long Term Care

NASW participates in the Consumer Voice's Campaign for Quality Care, which advocates on behalf of people with disabilities and older adults who use long-term services and supports (LTSS). Recent issues addressed by the campaign have included advocacy for [*24-hour registered nurse staffing in nursing homes*](#) and strategizing on comments regarding revisions to long-term care facility requirements. The latter collaboration resulted in the [*Consumer Voice's support for NASW's social work staffing recommendations*](#).

National Family Caregivers Month

NASW highlights the contributions and concerns of family caregivers each November by observing National Family Caregivers Month in the [*Social Work Blog*](#) and other media.

National Healthcare Decisions Day (NHDD)

Observed on April 16, NHDD enhances understanding of and participation in advance care planning. NASW has [promoted NHDD](#) since its inception in 2008.

National Hospice and Palliative Care Month

NASW practice staff uses the [Social Work Blog](#) and other media to promote this observance each November.

National Quality Forum (NQF)

NASW participated in NQF's [Person- and Family-Centered Care Family of Measures Task Force](#) (part of the Measure Applications Partnership, or MAP) and currently participates in the MAP [Dual Eligible Beneficiaries Workgroup](#).

Older Americans Month

Each May, NASW practice staff promotes Older Americans Month in various media, such as this year's [blog](#).

Oral Health: An Essential Element of Health Aging

In March 2017 NASW participated in an invitational forum, convened by the Gerontological Society of America (GSA), to develop a roadmap for improving oral health in older adults. The roadmap will be available to the public in late July 2017 and will be posted, with other resources, on [GSA's oral health initiative page](#).

Partners for Understanding Pain

This consortium, convened by the American Chronic Pain Association, established [Pain Awareness Month](#), which [NASW continues to observe](#) in September. In 2016, NASW contributed to the development of the consortium's [Toolkit for Health Care Professionals](#).

Reframing Elder Abuse Committee

This committee is convened by the ACL-funded [National Center on Elder Abuse](#) (NCEA), which is based at the Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California. NCEA and the reframing committee have been working with the FrameWorks Institute to change national public discourse on elder abuse by enhancing public understanding of structural factors associated with elder abuse and by promoting systemic solutions to the problem. FrameWorks recently released two resources pivotal to this effort: [Strengthening the Support: How to Talk About Elder Abuse \[FrameWorks MessageMemo\]](#) and [Talking Elder Abuse \[A FrameWorks Communications Toolkit\]](#).

FrameWorks research and resources on reframing elder abuse were supported by grants from Archstone Foundation, the John A. Hartford Foundation, and Grantmakers in Aging, and were created in partnership with NCEA. As a member of the NCEA-convened Reframing Elder Abuse Committee, NASW provided substantive input during development of the FrameWorks MessageMemo and toolkit. The reframing work is the subject of a feature article in the June 2017 issue of the [NASW News](#).

The SCAN Foundation

The SCAN Foundation strives to transform care for older adults in ways that preserve dignity and encourage independence. NASW participated in a roundtable to inform SCAN's policy brief [Achieving Person-Centered Care Through Care Coordination](#).

Sociedad Cubana de Trabajadores Sociales de la Salud (Cuban Society of Social Workers in Health Care) NASW led a delegation of association members to Havana to learn about community-based social services and health care for older adults. The visit included meetings with Cuban social workers and other health care professionals. The resulting NASW report, [Social Services in Cuba](#), described the trip.

Social Work and Health Care Work Group

Convened by the [National Coalition on Care Coordination](#), the group has secured approval and is seeking sponsorship for a study by the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine that would address the integration of social care in health care delivery. The [March 2017 NASW News](#) describes progress made toward the report.

Social Work Long-Term Services and Supports Network

This network, which includes staff from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), researchers, educators, practitioners, and policy advocates, imparts information to increase awareness of LTSS issues and of the social work role in LTSS.

[World Elder Abuse Awareness Day](#) (WEAAD)

NASW promotes WEAAD (observed June 15) each year in various media, such as this [blog written by practice staff for the National Center on Elder Abuse](#). The association has also been a national partner for the annual [WEAAD Global Summit](#), convened by the [National Adult Protective Services Association](#), the [National Center for Victims of Crime](#), and the [International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse](#).