



"Never underestimate the power of one voice, for it is not solely its' own." - SL

The Rehabilitation & Inclusion Council knows that one voice unifies into many.

Our History

- In the early part of 2016, the NASW-CA Board of Directors passed two resolutions, developed and presented by members of this council. The resolutions were geared toward removing barriers in employment and internship opportunities for social workers with criminal records, and decreasing obstacles to licensure for social workers with criminal records.
- A Resolution Taskforce was thereafter developed to work on the implementation of both resolutions. While some progress has been made, social justice and political action for rehabilitated individuals is a permanent, not temporary cause. Therefore, the Taskforce and fellow NASW Members petitioned the NASW-CA Program Committee to recommend the development of this council to the NASW-CA Board of Directors.
- On October 16, 2016 the NASW-CA Board of Directors voted in our favor, and the previous taskforce merged into this council.

Who We Are

About Us

We are a group of professional and student Social Workers dedicated to promoting fair and impartial opportunities for rehabilitated individuals with previous criminal histories.

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Our Mission

The Rehabilitation & Inclusion Council seeks to promote and attain parity in career and higher education opportunities for rehabilitated persons with criminal records through social and political action.

We are Social Workers dedicated to ensuring our NASW Code of Ethics universally applies to both our colleagues and the clients/consumers we serve.

We must eliminate the false ideology that a rehabilitated individual poses a public safety risk.

Empowering you through resources

Did you know that under Proposition 47 certain felonies are eligible to be reduced to misdemeanors, thereby increasing your chances of expunging your criminal record? Contact us to find resources in your area that may assist you with this process.

Confused by BBS's Application Guidelines?

The Rehabilitation & Inclusion Council has developed a "Reverse Deterrent" Fact Sheet as a guide to assist you in the application process. Find it on naswca.org's website.



Together we can make a difference

Collaboration is key...

We work on achieving social action through communicating and collaborating with community stakeholders and members. We work on achieving political action by actively participating in all stages of legislative actions.

The NASW-CA Rehabilitation and Inclusion Council was developed with you in mind. We want you to know that you're not alone on your journey. Collaboratively, we seek solutions in eliminating obstacles faced by those with criminal records.



Refocusing the lens on solutions, and overcoming obstacles.

How you can become involved

There are many ways you can become involved in our efforts.

- Take the Rehabilitation & Inclusion Council's poll found on the NASW-CA website.
- Sharing your story is an essential component of our political action efforts. Through our voices, we are able to successfully challenge social injustice.
- Researching current laws, policy and practices that impede inclusionary outcomes for rehabilitated individuals, and sharing the information with the council. This provides insight into what policies need to be addressed.
- Ask to become a council member, and play a more direct role in ensuring our mission is achieved.