

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **CSWE and Cohen Veterans Network Publish New Military Social Work Guide to Improve Specialized Practice Competencies of Social Workers**

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ALEXANDRIA, VA—The [Council on Social Work Education](#) (CSWE) and the [Cohen Veterans Network](#) (CVN), a national not-for-profit philanthropic organization dedicated to improving the mental health care of veterans, have jointly published the [Specialized Practice Curricular Guide for Military Social Work](#) for social work programs and educators. This comprehensive curricular guide will help educators prepare social workers to address the specific needs of military service members and their families.

The new guide updates CSWE's 2010 [Advanced Military Social Work Practice Guidelines](#), led by CVN President and CEO Anthony Hassan, EdD, LCSW, and supports teaching of skills related to the nine competencies in the [2015 Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards](#).

"It is crucial that we cultivate the next generation of military competent social workers. The Cohen Veterans Network has a deep commitment to education and training as we work to improve the lives of this country's veterans and military families," said Hassan.

"Caring for our military and their families requires a community-based approach and expertise based on a set of specialized competencies," said CSWE President and CEO Darla Spence Coffey, PhD, MSW. "We are grateful for the work of the taskforce and the generous support of the Cohen Veterans Network."

"The specialized guide, created with interprofessional collaboration between social work practitioners and educators, will equip the social work community to meet the specific needs of veterans and their families to ensure the highest quality of care," said CSWE VP of Education Jo Ann Regan, PhD, MSW.

To develop the guide, CSWE convened an international task force of 60 faculty members and expert practitioners who serve service members, veterans, and their families. Faculty task force members were from social work programs that have military social work concentrations, specializations, tracks, certificate programs, and/or courses in their curricula.

Access the *Specialized Practice Curricular Guide for Military Social Work* [here](#).

#### **About the Cohen Veterans Network**

The [Cohen Veterans Network](#) is a 501(c)(3) not for profit philanthropic foundation whose mission is to improve the quality of life for post-9/11 veterans and their families by focusing on improving mental health outcomes. The goal of the Cohen Veterans Network is to build a network of low-to-no cost outpatient mental health clinics for veterans and their families in

high-need communities, in which trained clinicians deliver holistic evidence-based care to treat mental health conditions. Learn more about the [Cohen Veterans Network](#).

## **ABOUT CSWE**

Founded in 1952, the [Council on Social Work Education](#) (CSWE) is the national association representing social work education in the United States. Its members include more than 750 accredited baccalaureate and master's degree social work programs, as well as individual social work educators, practitioners, and agencies dedicated to advancing quality social work education. Through its many initiatives, activities, and centers, CSWE supports quality social work education and provides opportunities for leadership and professional development, so that social workers play a central role in achieving the profession's goals of social and economic justice. CSWE's Commission on Accreditation is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation as the sole accrediting agency for social work education in the United States and its territories. Learn more at [www.cswe.org](http://www.cswe.org).

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