CSWE Strategic Framework

VISION: To ensure a well-educated social work profession equipped to promote health, well-being, and justice for all people in a diverse society.

MISSION: To advance excellence and innovation in social work education and research by providing leadership, ensuring quality in teaching and learning, and strengthening the capacity of our member institutions.

GOAL ONE: Provide leadership for the future of social work education.

STRATEGIES
a. Serve as an authoritative source of information on the preparation of social workers.
b. Collaborate with strategic partners to advance social work education and social justice domestically and globally, including Indigenous peoples.
c. Provide thought leadership on critical issues facing social work education and research.
d. Advocate for social work education and research both within the profession and beyond.
e. Support data informed decision-making on the future social work workforce.

GOAL TWO: Promote quality teaching, learning, and scholarship to prepare graduates for the future of social work practice.

STRATEGIES
a. Provide professional and faculty development opportunities to support social work educators in their roles.
b. Provide curricular resources that exemplify quality and innovation in social work education.
c. Support member institutions in developing and maintaining an accredited program.
d. Promote and ensure educational quality and continuous improvement in accredited social work programs that facilitates the preparation of competent social workers.
e. Promote research and scholarship that informs practice and builds the science and knowledge base for social work students and educators.

GOAL THREE: Support the career development of students, faculty and administrators.

STRATEGIES
a. Support student pursuit of social work as a career.
b. Assist faculty in advancing through their academic career.
c. Develop future leaders and administrators for social work education.
d. Advance diversity and broaden the participation of historically underrepresented groups in social work and social work education.

GOAL FOUR: Foster a diverse, interconnected, and inclusive community of social work educators.

STRATEGIES
a. Provide opportunities for networking and peer-to-peer learning around topics of shared interest.
b. Provide forums to promote and disseminate research and scholarship that advance social justice, social work and social work education.
c. Create opportunities for member engagement, volunteer leadership and shared governance.

GOAL FIVE: Ensure CSWE provides exceptional value to our members and member institutions.

STRATEGIES
a. Increase understanding of and engagement in the full array of programs and services CSWE offers its members.
b. Invest in the systems and infrastructure CSWE needs to support member engagement and data-driven decision making.
c. Foster an inclusive workplace culture at CSWE that hires, manages, develops and retains talented and diverse employees.

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