

2007 Social Worker of the Year

Joan Crawford, LCSW



Joan Crawford, LCSW is an active member of the Hudson Valley Division of NASW-NYS, participating both locally on the division's steering committee and nationally as the region's elected representative to the NASW Delegate Assembly since 2001.

Joan has committed herself to working with NASW's members and leadership to ensure that social workers are prepared not only to face the challenges ahead but to be a driving

force in creating the kind of change that will support our profession and those we serve.

Joan is passionate about her organization's mission and equally as zealous in her advocacy on behalf of the profession and in ensuring the social work perspective is represented in policy debates at all levels of government. Joan is highly respected by her supervisees and colleagues alike who feel that she exemplifies personal and emotional strength, resiliency, and integrity. As a supervisor she provides the compassion of a clinician, the educational experience of a teacher and the ability to role model excellence in leadership. Joan's approach to leadership fosters growth, excellence, and leadership skills in those whom she supervises. She shares her vision and compassion in such a way as to impart it to everyone she touches. This gift to others is a result of her openness, forbearance, humor, and willingness to always be guided by the strength of her convictions. There are countless individuals who have benefited from her compassionate action because she has cast her net wide enough to encircle so many. When combined with her fierce dedication to understand and overcome the forces which oppress and disempower people, Joan's powerful and unyielding commitment and extraordinarily generous spirit unite to form compassion in action.

Joan is the Vice President of Family Services Inc. in Poughkeepsie, NY where she is responsible for clinical and administrative oversight of a wide range of community based programs. She serves as a field instructor for various schools of social work and is a former faculty member of the Social Work Program at Marist College. As a private consultant, Joan develops curricula and provides training on the assessment of crisis in the workplace, bipolar disorder, violence in the workplace, sexual harassment, and outcome measures. Joan also finds the time to serve as the President of the NYS Crime Victims Advisory Board and was Chair of their Task Force on Outcome Measures. She is also the appointed Chair of the Dutchess County Children's Services Council and past Co-Chair of the Victims sub-committee of the Dutchess County Criminal Justice Council.

Joan has a Bachelors in Social Work degree from Marist College and earned her MSW at Columbia University. Joan lives in Highland, NY with her husband and best friend Jackson Rogers. She is a proud parent of two lovely daughters, Toni and Allie and is thrilled to be Liam's grandma!