

## **HOW TO BECOME LICENSED AS A SOCIAL WORKER IN MISSISSIPPI**

**In order to practice social work in the State of Mississippi or to refer to oneself as a social worker, an individual must be licensed by the Mississippi Board of Examiners for Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists.**

**There are three social work levels in Mississippi: LSW, LMSW, LCSW**

- ❖ LSW is the Bachelors level (BSW)**
- ❖ LMSW is the Masters level (MSW)**
- ❖ LCSW is the Masters (MSW) with 2 years of supervision**

**There are three (3) methods to become licensed as a Social Worker:**

- ❖ By Examination (1)**
- ❖ Reciprocity (2)**
- ❖ Universal Recognition Reciprocity (3)**

- 1. If you are a recent graduate of an accredited CSWE Social Work program, you can apply by Examination. Please use the Initial Application Packet to apply. Students who have not yet graduated but are within 15 hours of completion of a CSWE Social Work program should use the Student Application Packet to apply.**
- 2. If you are currently licensed in another state and have taken the ASWB exam and hold a BSW or MSW, you may apply by Reciprocity. Please use the Reciprocity Application Packet.**
- 3. If you are currently licensed in another state, have moved to Mississippi but do not meet all the necessary requirements for licensure in Mississippi, you may qualify under the Universal Recognition by Reciprocity. Please use the Universal Recognition Reciprocity Packet.**

**PLEASE BE SURE TO STAY INFORMED WITH RECENT NEWS!! Our agency is transitioning to an online application platform that will allow applicants to apply online. Until it is launched, please see **FORMS** to apply.**