

## **FSWI CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION FOR SPRING 2021 ON FINANCIAL SOCIAL WORK AND FINANCIAL STABILITY**

**UMSSW is pleased to bring back Syble Solomon,  
President of LifeWise Strategies / Money Habitudes!**

**Bringing Money into the Conversation: A Quick Start for Therapists:** What's the number one cause of conflict in relationships? The most common measure of success? The one thing many people think will solve their problems? The most taboo topic in our society? If you answered "money" you're right! Since our relationship with money can affect every aspect of our secular and emotional lives, it can provide important insights when explored. This is an interactive day of activities that can immediately be used with clients to make bringing money into the conversation easy, effective and comfortable for both client and therapist. **Friday, February 19, 2021; 1:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.; \$80; CEs: 3; Instructor: Syble Solomon, M.Ed**

### **Also:**

**FSWI's Online Financial Social Work (FSW) Certificate Program  
March 2021 - September 2021  
CEs: 45; Cost: \$1,200**

UMSSW's Financial Social Work Initiative (FSWI) is launching its online version of the Financial Social Work (FSW) Certificate Program through UMSSW's Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Office in March 2021! It will meet an identified need for greater financial capability and empowerment knowledge on the part of social workers who practice in non-profit and other social service agencies, as well as in schools, medical settings, justice and court settings, and beyond.

In FSWI's work and research over the past 10 years, social workers and human service organizations have expressed a significant, ongoing need for financial social work (FSW) training and skill-building strategies to enable them to intervene appropriately and effectively with financially distressed individuals, families, and communities. Beyond providing resources, however, social workers must have sophisticated knowledge about issues in typical daily financial life, such as credit, debt, budgeting, and working towards identified financial goals. Social workers who work with clients on their complex financial struggles and how these intersect with other psychosocial stressors must be knowledgeable about and familiar with financial issues and behaviors and feel comfortable in addressing these directly and effectively. From a macro, policy perspective as well, social workers who work within FSW must also be well versed in historical and current policy issues that influence and affect people's paths towards greater financial stability; conversely, those policies that hinder financial stability and/or that perpetuate economic injustice must also be understood.

# FSWI

### **Financial Social Work Initiative**

*An Integrated Approach to Financial Well-Being & Economic Justice*

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The FSW Certificate Program will run over multiple sessions from March 2021 to September 2021 and is worth 45 CE credits. The online formatting design of the FSW Certificate Program will enable rich class discussion and learning through interaction among the macro and clinical practitioners from across the nation. Besides key educators, the program will feature guest speakers from this important, emerging area. **In addition, 3 hours of ethics content will be included and will go towards satisfying requirements for ethics CE credits.**

**COURSE SCHEDULE:**

**Each session will occur sequentially in half-day segments.**

**The dates are:**

- March 4 and 5, 2021
- April 1 and 2, 2021
- May 6 and 7, 2021
- June 3 and 4, 2021
- July 1 and 2, 2021
- August 5 and 6, 2021
- September 2 and 3, 2021

**Apply at: [www.ssw.umaryland.edu/fsw/education](http://www.ssw.umaryland.edu/fsw/education)**

**Deadline: ~~January 31, 2021~~**

**Deadline extended to: February 12**

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for more information!

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