
ACall to More Engagement of Social Work Professionals in Social Policy Making and Prac

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Abstract

The power of policy practice has been demonstrated throughout the history of the social work profession. Through policy practice, social workers have made a difference in the lives of Kenyan citizens. This article examines the role of policy practise within social work. It is aimed at helping Social Workers and students apply basic social work skills to policy practice arenas so that they can become successful advocates for just social welfare policies and reforms. This article will explore the role of Policy practice, setting the foundation for engagement of Social Workers in influencing the policy making processes in their agencies, communities, counties, and nation. In doing so, Social Workers will be making a tremendous difference in the lives of individuals and families living and working under unjust conditions and living on the margins of society. Despite the evidence from the literature review that social workers have a greater role to play in implementing social policies in the country, their participation in Policy Practice in Kenya has been minimal. Therefore, this article provides a recommendation that there is a need for empirical studies to be carried out to establish the extent of social workers' involvement in social policy development processes as well as the relationship between the involvement and effectiveness of social policies in meeting the social needs of the society.

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