




**Virtual Leadership Institute:**  
**Preparing Social Workers to Lead Tomorrow's Challenges**

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**Meet the Faculty!**

		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chris McLaughlin, MSW, LCSW</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Erica Menzer, LCSW</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Karen Nelson, MSW, RSW, MBA</b></p>
<p>Chris McLaughlin, MSW, LCSW is the Associate VP of Community and Pediatric Services at Northern Light Acadia Hospital in Bangor, Maine. Chris has over 20 years of experience providing mental health services to youth and families across a variety of settings. Chris is an adjunct faculty member at both UMaine in Orono and Husson University in Bangor and is the owner of Inspired Consulting Group, LLC. He serves on the Maine Board of Social Work Licensing and is a member of the NASW and the SSWLHC. In 2019, he was the SSWLHC's recipient of the Eleanor Clark Award for Innovative Programs in Patient Care for his work on youth suicide prevention and was also named Maine's Health Care Social Worker of the Year by the Maine Hospital Association.</p>	<p>Erica graduated with a Masters Degree in Social Welfare from UCLA in 2002. She spent most of her professional career (12 years) at Children's Hospital Los Angeles both in Med/Surg and Cardio Thoracic ICU. She became a supervisor there, then transitioned to Kaiser Permanente Roseville, CA in the Summer of 2016 as Social Work Manager. She is the Social Work Manager overseeing Maternal Child Health Social Workers and Adult Services, as well as outpatient clinic services. She oversees the Spiritual Care Department, Music Practitioners, and is the Equity Inclusion and Diversity lead at the facility. Erica has been with the SSWLHC for about 13 years. She previously served as Board Member at Large from 2017-2020. She is currently Co-Chairing the Mentorship Committee and Conference Awards committee.</p>	<p>Karen Nelson, MSW, RSW, MBA has extensive experience as a social worker, administrator, leader and educator. She has been employed in the areas of pediatric and adult inpatient and outpatient healthcare, in mental health programs, within school settings and in the correctional system nationally and internationally. Karen recently retired from the position of Executive Director at Stanford Healthcare where she led a Department of over 200 social workers, case managers and chaplains. She is a member of the Board of the SSWLHC, an ACMA National Committee member and a mentor to MBA students at the University of Ottawa. Karen has previously served as Faculty for the Leadership Institutes in Seattle, Toronto, Los Angeles and Chicago.</p>