



Board of Social Work EXAMINER

We come New Board Members!

Kevin Daniels, LMSW, DSW

Education Board Seat

Dr. Kevin Daniels, a Baltimore native, is an accomplished social work activist and professor. He began his career as a computer scientist at the National Security Agency (NSA) and later worked with Johns Hopkins Community Psychiatry, focusing on issues related to homelessness. Dr. Daniels currently serves as a faculty member in the School of Social Work at Morgan State University (MSU), where he chairs the course "Religion and Spirituality for Critical Thinking and Clinical Practice" and instructs courses in Urban Community Organization. His academic credentials include degrees from MSU and the University of Maryland, along with postdoctoral certificates in Addictions from Johns Hopkins and Community Leadership from Harvard.

As both an advocate and published researcher, Dr. Daniels has advanced his scholarship through the International Institute of Human Sciences in Montreal, Canada. He is the recipient of the MSU Community Service Award and a United Nations Service Award. Actively involved with Baltimoreans United in Leadership and Community Development (BUILD), Dr. Daniels has played a significant role in various community development initiatives, including visioning efforts for the Governor's Executive Order for the Baltimore Vacants Reinvestment Council (BVRC), which allocates \$7.5 billion over ten years for community-led development, and contributing to HB531, aimed at reducing parole fees for returning citizens.

Dr. Daniels currently presides as President of the Baltimore Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF) and actively participates in organizations such as the We Our Us Men's Collaborative, the Baltimore Rites of Passage Initiative, and the Trauma Task Force. He was recently appointed by the Governor to serve on the Maryland Social Work Board of Examiners.

In his capacity as an Episcopal leader at St. Martin Church, Dr. Daniels supports individuals in recovery and returning citizens, encouraging a path "from healing to full wholeness." He also leads the Minister's Empowerment Center CDC, which developed the citywide STEM initiative, the "Cradle to Career Pipeline." Dr. Daniels's contributions have been recognized by Rainbow PUSH,

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RENEWALS 2025!

Fingerprinting?

Many of you have asked if fingerprinting is required again for 2025 renewals. If you agreed to **RapBack** during your 2023 renewal, you do not need to be fingerprinted again. RapBack allows the Board to receive updates on future criminal charges, meaning repeated background checks are unnecessary.

If you're unsure whether you checked RapBack in 2023, please wait. **The Board is auditing records and will contact anyone who needs to take further action after August 30th.** With over 8,000 renewals this year, your patience is appreciated as we complete this process.

Generally, if you had fingerprints done in 2023 and chose RapBack, or if you were newly licensed and fingerprinted at application, no further steps are needed. Should any issues arise, the Board will notify you by email with ample time before renewing.

What is RapBack?

COMAR 10.42.02 B (17): "Rap (Record of Arrests and Prosecutions) Back service" means a service which allows the Board to receive notifications from the Federal Bureau of Investigation on applicants and licensees who may have future criminal charges thus eliminating the need for repeated background checks on the same applicant or licensee.

In plain language: this authorizes the Board to receive any notice of future criminal charges. Therefore, you do

the National Action Network, and he will be featured as an honoree in the upcoming second edition of Who's Who in Black Baltimore.

Stephen Liggett-Creel, LCSW-C

Department of Human Services Board Seat

Stephen Liggett-Creel brings more than 23 years of experience as a social worker, having served in leadership capacities across both public and non-profit child welfare sectors. He currently holds the role of Senior Advisor to the Secretary at Maryland's Department of Human Services, where he supports departmental efforts focused on serving Maryland's families and children. Previously, Stephen directed local Departments of Social Services for Prince George's County and Howard County, and joined state service after serving as Chief of Staff for the Prince George's County Department of Social Services from 2014 to 2020. In these roles, he provided strategic leadership over departmental operations, child and adult services, and community schools programs.

Stephen's non-profit sector experience includes several years with Hearts & Homes for Youth (HHY), beginning as Program Manager and advancing to Vice President of Therapeutic Services. At HHY, he oversaw a comprehensive array of youth services, including treatment foster care, independent living, therapeutic group homes, and programs for homeless and runaway youth. Earlier in his career, Stephen worked in direct service positions with the Arc of Baltimore and Baltimore County Department of Social Services.

His community advocacy is demonstrated by seven years of board service with the Howard County Mental Health Authority (2011–2018), membership since 2021 on the Howard County Board to Promote Self Sufficiency—where he currently serves as chair—and recent involvement with Maryland's Consortium of Consolidated Community Supports.

Stephen has the pleasure of being both a foster and adoptive parent. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Maryland, College Park (1999), and a Master of Social Work from the University of Maryland, Baltimore (2001).

not need to go back for repeated fingerprinting, as we will be notified of any changes in your criminal history.

Click here for Rap Back FAQ: [DPSCS -Criminal Justice Information Services FAQ](#)

MORE RENEWAL INFO!

If you would like to place your license in an inactive status, please click on the link below, pay the \$15 fee online and submit the application.

Inactive Status Application

With your license on inactive status, you will still receive emails from the Board. If you want your license to be active again, you will submit an application for "Reactivation."

Your license can only be inactive for **FIVE** years. If you do not submit a reactivation application with five years, you will need to submit a new application. Go to our webpage for more information.

Reactivation/Reinstatement webpage

If you don't want to renew and are not interested in receiving email updates from the Board, you can just let your license lapse. On November 1, 2025, your license will be considered "non-renewed." If in the next **FIVE** years, you would like to have an active license again - see above. You can apply for reinstatement of your license.

RENEWALS: Continuing Education Reminders

Anti-Oppressive Social Work Practice CE:

As of December 2023, all licensed social workers are required to obtain three (3) Category I continuing education units in anti-oppressive social work practice content "focusing on race, culture, or equity." See link below for COMAR:

[10.42.06.03 CE Requirements](#)

Implicit Bias:

CHECK WITH THE SPONSOR!

If you are reviewing or have completed a training and need to confirm whether it fulfills the new **3.0 Category I** requirement for *Anti-Oppressive Social Work Practice* content, please contact the Board Authorized Sponsor.

The Board Authorized Sponsor is familiar with the Board's Continuing Education requirements, the training content, and learning objectives. They can determine if the training meets this

This training is required for one license renewal cycle only.

New graduates or those reactivating licenses must complete the approved Implicit Bias training before their next renewal and attest to its completion.

If you already attested to completing Implicit Bias training during your 2023 renewal, no further training is needed—just confirm you've met the requirement by checking the attestation box for Implicit Bias at the end of your application. See link for information from the MD Department of Health

[MDH Implicit Bias Training Requirement](#)

requirement. If the sponsor verifies that the training satisfies the CE requirement, they will issue an updated CE Certificate.

Please visit our Renewal FAQ webpage for more information on renewing your Social Work license.

[RENEWAL FAQs](#)



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