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Dr. Elizabeth Clark is the Executive Director of the National Association of Social Workers. Located in Washington, DC, the NASW is the largest membership organization of professional social workers in the world with over 150,000 members. In addition to promoting, developing, and protecting the practice of social work and social workers, NASW has a strong social justice and advocacy mission. Dr. Clark is a member of the Academy of Certified Social Workers. She also serves as a board member for the Institute for the Advancement of Social Work Research and the Action Network for Social Work Education and Research and is on the Leadership Council for the Council on Social Work Education. She is the co-principal investigator of the National Study of Licensed Social Workers Project.

Dr. Clark's background is health care with a specialization in oncology. She has worked in direct clinical practice; has held several academic positions including an Associate Professorship in Medical Oncology; has been a hospital administrator; has conducted research and has published in areas such as cancer survivorship and bereavement. Dr. Clark is past president of the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship, an advisory board member of the Intercultural Cancer Council, a partner with C-Change: Collaborating to Conquer Cancer, and is on the Caring Connections National Advisory Committee for the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. She also consults with the People to People Ambassador Program, and this past November led a delegation to China. This year, Dr. Clark will lead a delegation to Cambodia.

She holds a bachelor's and master's degree in social work and a master's of public health from the University of Pittsburgh as well as a master's degree and doctorate in medical sociology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Dr. Clark is the recipient of an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa.