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March is Social Work Month, and a very HAPPY Social Work Month to all our members. The theme is “Social Workers are Essential” and each day every one of you proves how true that is, as you make a difference to your communities and to the populations you serve. During Social Work Month, we encourage you to commit to doing at least one thing in each of these categories:

- **Celebrate YOU** – As a social worker, you are part of what is being celebrated. That means you should take time for self-care, whatever that means for you: a hike in nature, a day at the spa, reading a book for pleasure, or spending extra time with your family. You deserve it! Watch your email for more updates as we have some group self-care plans to be announced soon.

- **Celebrate YOUR COLLEAGUES** – Express your appreciation for the other social workers in your life, whether they be those you work with or those you know through NASW-PA. Tell them how amazing you think they are. This is ESPECIALLY true this year as we’ve now lived through a full year of COVID-19 and the resulting social isolation – we all need to hear these messages of care and support. One way to recognize your female colleagues is to nominate them for recognition in the Empowered Women Spotlight (below). If you are in need of that connection right now, take advantage of the MyNASW Community or some of our Game Nights or Happy Hours to connect with your fellow social workers.

- **Celebrate YOUR PROFESSION** – Social work has a proud history, and yet there is much room for improvement and growth. We encourage you to share that history and to help spread the word about social work and what we do. Write a letter to the editor about how “Social Workers are Essential,” make a video and post it to social media, etc. Attend LEAD to both earn some CE credit and advance NASW-PA’s legislative agenda. Or join one of our committees and commit to helping us grow!

However you choose to celebrate, we hope you celebrate in style and have a WONDERFUL Social Work Month! Stay tuned as we will be announcing additional opportunities to celebrate with NASW-PA. We hope to see you at one or more of our upcoming events!

Kristie Jo King, MSW, LSW, CDP
NASW-PA President

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NASW-PA Executive Director
Vaccine Distribution Update for Pennsylvania Social Workers

Most social workers should now qualify to get the COVID-19 vaccine – social workers in health care settings, long term care, schools, and/or practices that are physically seeing clients typically meet the criteria to be considered a “health care provider” and eligible under category 1A of Pennsylvania’s vaccine distribution plan. In addition, anyone 65 years of age or older or 16-64 with a high risk condition is also considered 1A and eligible. Availability, however, is extremely limited and you may find it very difficult to schedule an appointment. Go to our website below for additional information and links to relevant sources, including a map of providers.

Learn More

Save the Date for LEAD!

2021 Legislative Education and Advocacy Day (LEAD)

SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday, March 23rd
8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
This will be an online event.
2.0 CEs available to professionals

Online Agenda for the Day

8:30 – 10:30 a.m. LEAD Program
- Advocacy Training
- Discussion of the Issues

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Virtual Meetings with Legislators & Advocacy Tasks
Empowered Women, Empower Woman Spotlight Series

NASW-PA is looking to highlight the amazing women in social work and their achievements during the month of March. This next month is about celebrating the profession of Social Work but also is Women’s History Month. What better way to honor those trailblazers of the past with the emerging trailblazers of the future. We will be taking nominations all month long and will spotlight up to two women each week depending on the number of nominations. Being a trailblazer is not one of status so we encourage people to nominate all women regardless of age, race, member vs non-member, or background...no contribution to the field too small! Let's celebrate the great clinicians, leaders, advocates, and change-makers in our field. Please complete the nominations from February 24th to March 26th!
Want to Get Involved? Join a Committee!

NASW-PA offers a wide variety of committees and we are always looking for new members to join the committees and get involved!

Committees are specialized groups who focus on particular topics and/or issues within the social work profession and consider best practices for NASW-PA to approach these topics and issues.

Current Committees include Aging, Clinical Care, Communications, Conference, Ethics, Legislative, Membership, PACE (Political Action for Candidate Election), and Social Justice.

Sign Up Now!

MyNASW Community - PA

All members received email on Thursday, January 21st with directions on how to join the MyNASW Community. NASW-PA is excited to announce that we will have our own chapter-specific community in the MyNASW online community. This is a new member benefit!

We hope it’s another avenue to share resources, connect with colleagues and strengthen our social work networks across the state of Pennsylvania. This is a place for members to ask questions, share resources, and discuss things specific to social work in Pennsylvania!

If you would like more information how to access this site please contact Rachel at rrhodes.naswpa@socialworkers.org

MyNASW Community
Auto-Renewal Option Now Available for NASW-PA Membership!

Sign up now and never forget to renew your membership again! NASW-PA is so excited to announce that we now have an auto-renewal option for our members. Sign up today and never have to worry about your NASW-PA membership lapsing again!

Learn More & Sign Up!

CALLING ALL STUDENTS!
Join NASW-PA Student Reps for a Student Round Table Discussion!

Join NASW-PA's BSW and MSW Representatives in an engaging conversation. We want to hear from you!

These roundtable meetings will be on the first Thursday of the month from 6-7 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 4th 6-7 PM.

We will be having a special guest this month Becca Zelner, PACE Committee Chair!
Save the date for next upcoming roundtable: 
Thursday, April 8th 6-7 PM

All students welcome. You do not have to be a member to be a part of the roundtable.

Bring your thoughts, ideas, questions, concerns!

Zoom information -
Meeting ID: 813 7264 0274
Passcode: 567497

Join Zoom Meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81372640274?pwd=Y3dKSFpGR3ZXeGJwUWRt29zZUI1dz09

If you have any questions please contact Rachel Rhodes at rrhodes.naswpa@socialworkers.org

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The Political Action for Campaign Election (PACE) Corner

The Political Action for Campaign Election (PACE) Committee is the political advocacy arm of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW). In Pennsylvania, the PACE Committee endorses and financially contributes to candidates who support the legislative agenda of NASW at the state level. The Committee endeavors to cultivate relationships with legislators, regardless of their political party affiliation, who support the political agenda of NASW-PA.

The PACE committee is committed to promoting voting rights and voter education. Upcoming NASW newsletters will feature information about PACE’s ongoing efforts to promote voting rights in the Commonwealth, and keep members up to date with current voter registration legislation.

As part of this voter education program, PACE has long been the primary organizer of the Legislative Education and Advocacy Day (LEAD), which is scheduled to be held virtually on March 23, 2021. We invite you to participate if you are a student, a young professional, or a veteran social worker. You can register by clicking the button below. See you there!

Register For LEAD!

PA Campaign School for Social Workers 2021 (Virtual)
Friday & Saturday - March 26 - 27

Politics often feels like an insider's game. The Campaign School for Social Workers is for anyone who wants to be more politically active as a candidate, staff, volunteer and/or advocate for social change. Attendees learn from
political social workers and national experts who will help you discover why you belong in politics. Taught through the lens of the profession's values and Code of Ethics, this powerful workshop will build campaign skills as well as address central issues like race, identity and ethics in politics.

Join us for this virtual special event featuring political social workers and leaders from the Philadelphia area.

$25 Students from sponsoring schools
$50 All other students
$100 All Others
*$5 off before 2/26/21

Attendees eligible to earn up to 10 CECs

Register Now!

View the flyer

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**Monthly Webinar Information**

**March's Webinar**

**Title:** Burning the candle at both ends– Managing stress at work and home

**Date:** Wednesday, March 31, 2021 from 12-1 PM (1 CEU)

**Description:** According to a recent Gallup poll, most Americans’ assessment of their own mental health is “worse than it has been at any point in the last two decades.” Americans in general are in a mental health crisis. Over the past year, we’ve experienced a political crisis, election madness, a literal coup, a pandemic unlike anything we’ve seen in a hundred years. Add in financial struggles, unemployment, and having to educate our kids at home via Zoom. Social workers are essential, and we are struggling with all of the above on top of having to manage caseloads that are, for some people, double what they were before the pandemic. Take an hour to de-stress with Becky Suglia, LCSW, on this webinar. For an hour, we’ll unplug the pressure
Are You Interested?

Are you interested in presenting a webinar? Webinars are on the last Wednesday of the month at 12 PM and are one hour long. We are currently scheduling webinars for the month of October 2021 and on.

Interested? Email Rachel

At this time, due to COVID-19, all in-person events have been canceled. Thank you for understanding. Check out our online events we have coming up!

Click the button below for the full list of our events on the community calendar!

Movie Nights with the President - March 15th

Join NASW-PA for our Monday Movie Nights with the President, Kristie Jo King!
Movies will be on the 3rd Monday of each month from 6-9 pm. They will be 3 CEs and just $25 for members. Non-members are also allowed to join in on the fun for the rate of $50.

March's movie is Instant Family and will be held on Monday, March 15th from 6-9 pm.

Check out our upcoming movies!
April: Inside Out
May: Spare Parts
June: Love, Simon

Licensure Prep Courses Online

Saturday, March 27, 2021 9:00am - 4:00pm
Saturday, April 24, 2021 9:00am - 4:00pm

Licensure Prep Courses in March & April

Licensure Prep Course - LIVE WEBINAR
Saturday, March 27, 2021
Time: 9:00am - 4:00pm

Licensure Prep Course - LIVE WEBINAR
Saturday, April 24, 2021
Time: 9:00am - 4:00pm

Location: Online

Link for class will be emailed 3 days prior to event, emails morning of class may not be answered.

If you do not receive the link email anewkam.naswpa@socialworkers.org 24 hours prior to the class.

Double check your shipping address, your manual will be mailed to that address starting mid-February 2021.

Instructors: John Weaver, ACSW, LCSW and Sue Dietrich, LCSW

Cost: $ 75.00 NASW Member $150.00 Non-member due at time of registration. If no payment is received your manual will not be shipped and you will not receive webinar link.

(includes class and mailed manual)
You will receive an automated receipt/confirmation of class, this ensures that your registration went
All manuals will be mailed to attendees, therefore registration will close one week prior to class. Be sure your physical mailing address is correct on your registration form as that is the address we will use to mail your manual via USPS.

March Course - Register Now!

April Course - Register Now!

Happy Social Work Month!
Click the button below to find out more about Social Work Month!

More Information on Social Work Month

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