Thank you for all you are doing to help our communities during the Coronavirus pandemic. You are essential workers.

"When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, ‘Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.’

To this day, especially in times of ‘disaster,’ I remember my mother’s words and I am always comforted by realizing that there are still so many helpers — so many caring people in this world.”

Fred Rogers

Stay up-to-date on COVID-19
We are monitoring state and federal level Executive Orders and changes. Indiana specific information can be found on our website. If you have resources or information that you think will be helpful, please send us an email. The NASW national site also has extensive information and resources on this pandemic.

If you need information about teletherapy, check out a webinar we hosted on April 3. You can access the video, view the slides, and read the Frequently Asked Questions that were posted while the webinar was in progress.
Executive Order 20-19
Thanks to Governor Holcomb for including social workers and other service providers in EO 20-19. In the order, Governor Holcomb states:

"Solely for purposes of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, any employee of any provider of support to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, older adults, or individuals with mental health needs, including substance use, funded through any state or federal program, Medicaid Home and Community Based Services, and/or provided in an Intermediate Care Facilities (CRF/DD, CRMNF, or ICF/IDD as defined in 05 IAC 1-1-1) who is providing care and support essential to activities of daily living and independence to a vulnerable population of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, older adults, or individuals with mental health needs, including substance use, is considered a health care provider vital to Indiana’s response to COVID-19."

Indiana's Primary Election
The Indiana Primary was moved to June 2nd, 2020 and all voters can choose to vote by mail. To request an absentee-by-mail ballot you will need to complete form ABS-Mail Primary 2020 and return it to your county election officials by 11:59 p.m. May 21, 2020.

Remember the last day to register to vote in the primary is May 4, 2020. You can check your registration, register to vote, check your ballot online and obtain an absentee ballot form at https://indianavoters.in.gov/

Resources

- **Black Youth Suicide Practice Alert**: The practice alert highlights the findings and recommendations of the Congressional Black Caucus’ Task Force on the increasing rates of suicide among black youth in the 5-11 age group.

- **Medicaid Considerations to Support Communities During COVID-19 Public Health Emergency**: During the COVID-19 crisis, states are leveraging the Medicaid program to expand health insurance coverage, respond to the health needs of individuals, and ease practice restrictions. These measures inform social work services, and they support efforts to minimize health risks for providers and clients. With varied responses at the state level, best practices are emerging and informing advocacy opportunities.
With the current health crisis, we are working on the details of our June prep course - stay tuned!

Register for Mindful Moments: A Contemplative Approach to Self-Care, April 17

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