Decennium - just a fancy word for decade. We celebrate the beginning of a new decade and plan to make it grand! It's going to be a busy year - conferences, elections, 2020 Census, legislative work, etc. We have much to focus on. We hope you'll join us! Read below about some activities already happening ...

Deadline is approaching! Nominations for Social Worker of the Year and Community Partner of the Year are being accepted now

Every year during Social Work Month events throughout the state, NASW Indiana recognizes each region's Social Worker of the Year and Community Partner of the Year. Nominations are now open for our 2020 Awards. Please consider nominating a colleague, co-worker or friend who works above and beyond the call of duty. Click here for more information. Deadline to submit is January 17, 2020.

Nominations are also open for our BSW and MSW Students of the Year Awards and, new this year, the Emerging Social Work Leader Award. Click here for more information on these awards. Deadline to submit is February 28, 2020.

Third Annual Conference on Serving Sexual and Gender Minority Clients, February 27 & 28

Please join the NASW Indiana Committee on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) for its third annual conference on Serving Sexual and Gender Minority Clients! This two-day conference is designed to provide social services practitioners with the knowledge necessary to serve clients that identify as sexual and/or gender minorities in a culturally-responsive manner.

Working with this population requires a skill set based on an understanding of both historical and contemporary social and psychological factors that affect LGBTQ+ individuals’ lives. The first
day’s session will provide attendees with a beginning to intermediate level of knowledge about working with LGBTQ+ clients across the lifespan. Building on the base of knowledge from the first day, the second day features advanced sessions on various topics related to serving these clients. These specialized sessions will allow practitioners to delve deeper into more complex areas of working with LGBTQ+ clients. After attending the conference participants will have a knowledge base that will allow them to provide services to LGBTQ+ clients in an affirming, educated, and effective way.

Limited seats are available, so be sure to register early. There are 13.25 CEHs available with 1 Ethics CEH each day of the conference offered. Click here to register now!

Membership Corner
A new year - a new decade! It's only January, but we are thinking about March and Social Work Month.

This year NASW is celebrating Social Work Month and the beginning of a new decade with the theme “Social Workers: Generations Strong.” We will be hosting activities designed to honor the positive contributions of social workers over generations throughout our regions. Keep an eye on our website and our Facebook page - we will be updating both as events get added to our calendar.

In addition to regional events, we want to take the theme to another level. Does your family have more than one social worker? We want to highlight social workers who have other social workers in their families (parents, children, extended families). If you’re a social worker with another social worker in your family, we'd love to hear from you. Visit this page and complete the form to help us celebrate the "generations strong" of social workers in individual families.

Resources

- **NASW National Webinar: Elevating “Social Care”: Social Work’s Role in Driving Healthcare Transformation.** The National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine in their recent study Integrating Social Care into the Delivery of Healthcare: Moving Upstream to Improve the Nation’s Health recognize social workers as “specialists in social care” and outline numerous recommendations to promote the use of social care-based healthcare models. Join us to learn about this study and what it means for social workers. Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 2:30 - 3:30 pm (EST). NASW Members: FREE | Nonmembers: $30. Click here to register.

- **The State of Fair Housing in Indiana Report** - published by The Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana (FHCCI), this report provides concrete data regarding fair housing complaint filing in Indiana. In 2019, the FHCCI sought this data from the U.S.
Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) and the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). This report offers government data, key demographics, and FHCCI’s analysis with the general public.

- **Upcoming Specialty Practice Sessions (SPS) Webinar: Suicide Among Older Adults: A Durkheimian Perspective.** This webinar is presented by Stephen M. Marson, Ph.D., ACSW, Professor Emeritus on Thursday, January 30, 2020 at 1:00 - 2:30 pm (EST). FREE for SPS Members | NASW Members: $30 | Non-Members: $40. [Click here](#) to register.

- In April 2019, Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services kicked off the **Bureau of Developmental Disabilities and Rehabilitative Services’ waiver redesign project** in coordination and collaboration with stakeholders, and its contracted partner Human Services Research Institute. The waiver redesign project is a multi-year process to modernize and improve the services and supports array for Home and Community-Based Services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The initial concept paper and information about upcoming webinar (January 17 at 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.) and meetings can all be viewed on [this website](#).

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**Events/News**

[LEAD Day 2020:](#) February 20, 2020 Indiana State House

*Celebrating our 21st year!*

[Visit this page for info](#)

[Coming soon](#) 2020 Annual Conference plans

*Call for Proposals & Sponsorships to be announced*

[Visit this page for info](#)

[Central Indiana LGBTQ Horizons of Aging Summit](#) July 14-15, 2020

*CEHs available*

[Call 317-592-9603 for info](#)
Are you ready for Social Work Month?
Keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for Social Work Month events in March in various NASW IN Regions!

What about our 2020 Annual Conference?
It's never too early to save the date! Mark your calendars for September 21 and 22, 2020.

Useful Links
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