Happy Social Work Month! We know at this time things are stressful for everyone. As plans change or get cancelled, the unknown can be upsetting. Please make sure you take care of yourself. Social Workers do amazing work every day, and we must not forget to take care of ourselves.

**NASW Indiana is here to help**

We have created a [page on our website](#) with resources on the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, as well as information on teletherapy you should consider in these uncertain times. If you are looking for online trainings to finish up continuing education requirements for the March 31st license renewal deadline, visit the national [NASW site](#) for many options. We also want to let you know that the Chapter office staff will be working remotely as of March 18th until further notice. We will be staying on top of emails and phone calls and will continue to update you through our website and our email communications. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact us at 317-923-9878 or email [info.naswin@socialworkers.org](mailto:info.naswin@socialworkers.org).

**Social Work Month 2020**

While Social Work Month continues, the in-person celebrations have been cancelled. We are disappointed, but we appreciate the fact that everyone supports this decision. We were able to hold events in Regions 8, 5, and 9 and we were happy to honor the regional Social Workers of the Year and Community Partners of the Year. Their stories inspire us! Click the links on the region number to view photos of each region's awardees.

Even though March events in Regions 6/10, Region 7 and Region 2 were cancelled, we want to recognize the amazing individuals in those regions who won awards. The following are Social Workers of the Year in these regions: Elizabeth Stirn (Region 7) and Shannon Mount (Region 10).

Our Community Partners of the Year are: Survivors Of Abuse Restored (SOAR) (Region 6); Derris Ross (Region 7) and Kelly Hans (Region 10).

Stay tuned for updates on regional activities - if we are able to reschedule cancelled events, we will let you know. We are also looking into offering online webinars and will keep you posted when events are scheduled.
LEAD Day 2020 - Success!
On February 20, 2020, we celebrated the 21st year of LEAD Day at the Indiana State House. This year’s LEAD event brought together nearly 500 social work students, faculty members and legislators to celebrate the profession and reflect on the importance of social workers advocating for legislative change.

The event began with an official welcome from NASW Indiana Chapter’s Executive Director, Beryl Cohen. Cohen encouraged social work students to act on their responsibility to engage legislators in the pursuit of social justice. NASW-IN student interns then spoke about why they chose to get involved with a policy/macro placement and emboldened students to take an active interest in policy to understand the impact it has on the individuals they serve. Legislators and professionals discussed legislation that was moving in the general assembly and the problems that necessitated these bills.

Resources
On March 17, the Trump Administration announced expanded Medicare telehealth coverage that will enable beneficiaries to receive a wider range of healthcare services from their doctors without having to travel to a healthcare facility. Beginning on March 6, 2020, Medicare — administered by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) — will temporarily pay clinicians to provide telehealth services for beneficiaries residing across the entire country.

- [Medicare Telemedicine Health Care Provider Fact Sheet](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions about this announcement](#)
- CMS issued [additional Medicaid guidance](#) that is intended to assist states in understanding policy options for paying Medicaid providers that use telehealth technology to deliver services.
- [CMS has released a Virtual Toolkit](#) to help everyone stay up-to-date on CMS materials available on COVID-19.
- The Office for Civil Rights (OCR) at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released a [Notification of Enforcement Discretion for telehealth services during the COVID-19 national emergency](#). The notice describes how OCR will exercise its enforcement discretion to not impose penalties for noncompliance with the regulatory requirements under the HIPAA Rules against covered health care providers in connection with the good faith provision of telehealth during the COVID-19 nationwide public health emergency.
• Read a special message from NASW Board President Dr. Kathryn Wehrmann released on March 12th - "I am writing with a special message of support and encouragement in these challenging times." [Continue reading]
• The pandemic of COVID-19 is on all of our minds. We encourage you to stay informed and to be respectful of others. For ongoing news, coverage and information about COVID-19, please visit the [Centers for Disease Control's website].

**Events/News**

**NASW Honor Cords are back!**

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BSW & MSW Student of the Year Awards

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