Happy Social Work Month 2022! This year we celebrate "the time is right for social work." As we think of all the reasons why the time is right for social work, we hope you will also remember that the time is right for self care, too. Celebrate you this month!

A Social Work Month message from NASW Indiana Board President

As we enter our month of celebration for the profession of Social Work, I have reflected on the impact of the work we do every day. It is an unwavering spirit that drives us to help others on so many levels and platforms. Most will agree, that professional social workers enter the field with a desire to help others and to make necessary changes to promote equality and promote social justice. Our history is rich with trailblazers that impacted so many people and policies. I think about those pioneers that led the advocacy efforts on child labor laws and the women’s right to vote. Those fearless leaders made a better world for us all. The gratitude to their courage and impact will never be forgotten, nor should it. I also reflect on the exhaustion our front line social workers have endured throughout the pandemic. Our essential role in meeting the needs of the clients we serve during unprecedented times. Again the courage, perseverance, and resiliency should never be forgotten.

This is a time we should connect with our colleagues. It is the time to meet and support one another and promote the profession. The desire to dispel myths about what we do and celebrate the successes we have accomplished. It is time to recognize those social workers that have gone above and beyond to make lasting impacts. A time to "get back to normal" and make our presence known. It is also a time to rest and refocus. Our self-care is critical to continue moving forward.

I hope you will join us in our virtual events throughout the month and look forward to a time when we can come together again in person. Thank you for the time, contributions, and compassion you show every day.

Katrina Norris, LCSW LAC CADAC V
NASW-IN Chapter Board of Directors President
Join us for these two special Social Work Month events!

2022 LEAD in person at the State House

NASW-IN’s 23rd annual LEAD day was a success! Excitement buzzed through the Indiana Statehouse, as social work students, social work professionals, and legislators assembled to discuss the importance of policy advocacy. We were grateful to the many legislators that took part in the day, as well as organizations such as Indiana Community Action Poverty Institute, ACLU, and NASW-IN’s Public Policy committee members and the President of the Board of Directors for their participation. A few memorable moments included Senator Fady Qaddoura inspiring the group with his personal story of hardship and triumph; Representative Vanessa Summers imporing the group to register to vote, as well as identify their legislator; and Senator Vaneta Becker touching on current legislation and the importance of using one’s voice.

Being unable to host an in-person event for LEAD last year due to COVID-19, it was especially rewarding to have approximately 300 passionate, budding social workers come together from across the state, connect with one another, and further their education and passion. LEAD is a great event for social work students to learn about policy and legislation in Indiana. Many policies widely impact social workers and their clients, so it is important to be informed. The more people know, the more they can use this knowledge to help implement change. As future social workers, students in attendance at LEAD were inspired to learn more about policy and how it shapes the work social workers do. NASW Indiana Chapter thanks the Indiana University School of Social Work for sponsoring the 2022 LEAD event. It would not have been possible without IUSSW’s generous contribution.
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2022 General Assembly Wrap-Up from NASW Indiana

The Indiana General assembly wrapped up the 2022 short session earlier this week. The NASW-IN Public Policy/LEAD committee met weekly during the session, reviewing legislation and talking through strategy and how to present NASW-IN’s position on bills.

There were over 850 bills filed at the start of the session and over 150 successfully made it through the process, some have been signed into law by the Governor and others are still awaiting signature. We are reviewing the legislation that passed and will be posting summaries of key legislation on our website (under the Advocacy Tab) over the next few weeks.

In the next column is a list of some of the bills that the Public Policy/LEAD committee discussed during the session that passed both chambers of the General Assembly and have been signed into the law by the Governor or are due to be signed into law. You can read the full text of the legislation on the General Assembly Website.

- SB 5 – Reciprocity
- SB 239 – Practitioner advertising
- SB 266 Department of child services matters
- SB 284 Telehealth matters
- HB 1041 – Participation in school sports
- HB 1140 Medicaid coverage for pregnant women
- HB 1222 Various FSSA matters
- HB1294 Restraint of pregnant inmates

You can find a full list of all legislation that was filed online here.

If you are an NASW member and interested in joining the Public Policy/LEAD committee, please email the chapter office at info.naswin@socialworkers.org.
Resources

- A new blog post, *Revisions to DSM-5 Coming in March 2022*, has been posted. It provides a brief overview of the changes made to the DSM 5 Text Revision (DSM-5 TR).
- An Hour with Private Practice (HOPP) on March 18 will discuss Ethical Considerations for Upholding Privacy and Confidentiality in Private Practice. Details and log-in information can be found [here](#).
- The NASW Indiana Chapter's 2022 LEAD Educational session is available on our [YouTube Channel](#).
- **Member benefit: MyNASW.** MyNASW is a virtual community where you can learn from peers, share your knowledge and grow your connections. Post questions and participate in discussion.

Events/News

- **Nominate your Social Work Superhero by March 25, 2022**
- **Exciting opportunities to sponsor & exhibit 2022 Annual Conference**
- **June Licensing Prep Course registration will open soon**

Submit a nomination  
Email for info!  
Stay tuned here
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We wish you a very happy one!

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