These times are challenging, but we keep moving forward as we navigate this "new normal." Our May news is here to share things we’re doing and to thank you for all you are doing!

June Licensing Prep Course is on - virtually!

We're excited to offer Dr. D's Social Work Licensure Prep Course in June through our GoToWebinar platform. And we’re happy to have NASW Colorado, Kentucky and West Virginia chapters join us! The course is taught over three days (June 24, 26 and 27). For full details and to register, click here.

Only a few more days to nominate Board candidates

It is a perfect time to join the Indiana Chapter’s efforts by running for a position on our Board of Directors! Now more than ever we need enthusiastic and committed leaders to help guide the chapter. Elections will open at the end of the month, so if you are interested, or know someone who is, consider submitting your nomination today.

SAVE THE DATE
MEMBERS VIRTUAL FORUM
Wednesday, May 20th @ 6:00 p.m.
Implications of Coronavirus (COVID-19) for America's Vulnerable and Marginalized Populations

This social justice brief addresses NASW's concern for equitable treatment of all Americans effected by natural disasters and national public health emergencies, especially America's vulnerable and marginalized populations. Based on past experiences, we know that the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on marginalized and vulnerable populations will be exponentially increased. The social justice brief provides an overview of several major population groups who are at high risk of exposure to or contracting the novel coronavirus. It also identifies very important intersectional events (the 2020 elections and the 2020 Census) that will negatively impact marginalized families and individuals if interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The brief looks at:
1. Economic Impact on Low-Income Americans
2. Incarcerated, Detained, and Justice-Involved Individuals
3. Detained Immigrants
4. Immigrant Families
5. Homeless Populations
6. Older Americans and Long-Term Care Facilities
7. Child Welfare and Foster Care

The full brief can be found online at: Implications of Coronavirus (COVID-19) for America's Vulnerable and Marginalized Populations.

Get Involved! We encourage you to join NASW's Advocacy Listserv to stay up-to-date on legislative, regulatory and other activity at the Federal level. We also have a variety of valuable resources on our web page to guide members in connecting with their lawmakers.

The world is a little crazy and rather chaotic right now, but there's something you can count on ...

OUR 2020 ANNUAL CONFERENCE - STAY TUNED!

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SEPTEMBER 21ST & 22ND, 2020

NASW INDIANA 2020 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Resources

- If you or someone you know is having trouble accessing food, FSSA has an online interactive statewide map to find food pantries and meal sites nearby.
- COVID-19 is causing stress and anxiety. The Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction has a new website, BeWellIndiana.org. This includes tools and resources to assist people with these mental health problems and many more.
- Governor Eric Holcomb issued Executive Order 20-27, which extends the renewal deadline for any individual licensed by the state. This is an extension of Executive Order 20-09 and gives the deadline of June 4, 2020. All social work licenses, such as LBSW, LSW and LCSW, are included in this executive order.
• World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD): Preparations for WEAAD (June 15) are underway. Visit the [WEAAD website](#) of the National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA), an ACL-funded resource center based at the University of Southern California Keck School of Medicine.

**May is:**

- **Older Americans Month 2020**
  - [More info](#)

- **Mental Health Month 2020**
  - [More info](#)

- **National Foster Care Month 2020**
  - [More info](#)

**Useful Links**

- NASW Indiana Chapter
- Join NASW - renew your membership

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**Make time for self-care**