While strolling through the park one day, in the merry, merry month of May ... we welcome in the heart of spring this month with lots of news to share.

Legislative Roundup
The 2021 legislative session of the Indiana General Assembly recessed (temporarily adjourned) on April 22, 2021. During this session, SB 82 - Mental Health Diagnosis passed both the Indiana Senate and House, making Indiana the 49th state in which LCSWs can independently provide mental health diagnosis. There's much more to report from the 2021 session and you can read the final legislative report [here](#).

Register Now for the June Licensure Prep Course
This one-day virtual workshop will walk through the necessary steps to pass the exam, reduce test anxiety and is appropriate for all exam levels (BSW/LBSW and MSW/LSW or LCSW). Additionally, all attendees receive a comprehensive study guide (with sample exam), access to a study app, and access to an exam online learning platform for six months (this includes additional quizzes, a digital copy of the study guide, and virtual study group).
### 2021 Virtual Annual Conference

Plans are underway for our 2021 Virtual Annual Conference! With precautions created from the COVID pandemic, our 2021 conference will be virtual, utilizing the same virtual conference platform we used last year. We're excited to be in the planning stages. There will be the same great CE opportunities, along with new ways for attendees, sponsors and exhibitors to connect. Registration will open in late spring, so stay tuned!

Sponsor and Exhibitor opportunities are still available. [Click here](#) for more details or email [info.naswin@socialworkers.org](mailto:info.naswin@socialworkers.org).

### Last chance for Board of Directors nominations

You still have a few days to submit your nomination to join our Board of Directors and help shape the future of NASW Indiana Chapter! Deadline for nominations is May 12th. Voting will open on May 27th and close on June 26th. [Click here](#) for full details on open positions and to submit your nomination.

### Resources

- **IMPORTANT ACTION ALERT:** Increase reimbursement for social workers. Contact your members of Congress to urge support for the Improving Access to Mental Health Act (S.870/H.R.2035). [Click here to take action](#).
- It's time to cast your ballot in the NASW National Board Elections. Voting ends on May 28, 2021. [Vote now](#).
- An Hour of Private Practice upcoming sessions include "Legal Perspectives When Working With Minors," on May 19th, and "An Overview of New Private Practice Guidelines," on June 16th. Both start at noon EST. Information can be found [here](#).
- The April/May 2021 edition of Social Work Advocates is now online. [Check it out](#).
- Did you miss "Social Work Licensing: The Process and Steps in Indiana?" [Click here](#) to view the recording, or [here](#) to view the slides.
Have you checked out NASW's exclusive member-only benefit?

Next up: May 12 "Victim Advocacy in a Victim-Blaming Society"

CORED next meeting, Monday, May 10th @ 6:30 p.m.

Social workers have been essential components in keeping people connected with the world, helping clients cope and manage during isolation to combat depression, substance abuse and give hope.”

#2021SWM Event Attendee

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