"Tango Yankee," you ask? "Tango" is the radio dispatcher code for the letter T, and "Yankee" is the radio dispatcher code for the letter "Y." Just one of the ways people are saying thank you these days. In the month of giving thanks, we say Tango Yankee to our members, friends and supporters. You made our 2019 conference a great success and we'll share a recap in our December newsletter with pictures and highlights. In the meantime, a few news items of note ...

It's time to recognize the stars in our state!

Every year, the National Association of Social Workers observes Social Work Month in March as a time to pay tribute to our colleagues and others who make outstanding contributions to social work practice and educate the public about vital contributions of the profession. During our many Social Work Month events throughout the state, we recognize 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. These awards honor NASW Indiana student members who exemplify the profession’s values/ethics, goals, and mission. Student scholarship award recipients will be selected from nominations submitted from across the state. The highest scoring MSW and BSW students overall will receive a $1000 scholarship. This is an excellent way for field instructors, educators, supervisors, co–workers and others to acknowledge a student who exemplifies what it means to be a Social Worker. Click here for more information. Deadline to submit is February 28, 2020.
Building an Inclusive, Thriving Workforce: Meeting the Needs of Working Parents, Children, & Childcare Workers

In order to work, parents and guardians must have affordable, accessible childcare. Unfortunately, cost and availability are considerable barriers for far too many families in Indiana. This disproportionately pushes women who might otherwise work out of jobs and career paths. At the same time, the lack of public investment in childcare means that childcare workers and preschool teachers - also disproportionately women - often experience financial hardship. The Indiana Institute for Working Families’ third policy brief in the Institute’s ‘inclusive, thriving’ workforce series dives into this topic.

This policy brief and more information about the inclusive, thriving workforce policy series, including a downloadable one-pager of all five topics, can be found here.

Call for Proposals: Influencing Social Policy's First Ever MACRO Social Work Conference

For 20 years, Influencing Social Policy (ISP) has supported social work educators, practitioners, and students eager to engage in social policy and the policy process. Its 2020 Conference broadens its MACRO focus. In partnership with ACOSA, Clark-Fox Policy Institute, CRISP, Grand Challenges for Social Work, #MacroSW, the Special Commission to Advance Macro Practice in Social Work and other macro partners, ISP announces the first-ever MACRO Social Work Conference: The Power of Macro Social Work: Forging Pathways Toward a More Just and Equitable World. ISP is now accepting conference proposals through November 22, 2019. Click here for full details.

Resources

- The Open Enrollment period to register for health insurance coverage for 2020 began on November 1st and ends on December 15th. NASW has posted a new Practice Alert 2020 Health Insurance Marketplace Open Enrollment with resources for this year.
- NASW also recommends these additional resources on Open Enrollment from partner organizations:
  - Get America Covered Toolkit and social media assets
  - Get America Covered historical fact sheets on Open Enrollment
  - Young Invincibles Open Enrollment Toolkit OE7 Partner Toolkit
  - Community Catalyst: Outreach Hub Google Drive
  - Health Affairs blog from Katie Keith: Open Enrollment Period Is Coming: New Premium Data From CMS
Events/News

3rd Annual SOGI Conference
February 27 & 28

Last chance: Donations accepted by November 15

LEAD Day 2020:
February 20, 2020
Indiana State House

Holiday Food Drive
Region 7 & Salvation Army Corp. of Johnson County

Online registration will open mid-December

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