Voting is Social Work! 2021 North Carolina Municipal Elections
North Carolina has more than 550 cities, towns, and villages – also known as municipalities. Municipalities are local governments, which control local tax rates and make decisions about development, policing, trash service, and other issues that affect voters’ daily lives. **There are a number of October and November 2021 municipal elections across North Carolina.**

Find if your municipality has an October or November election date at the [2021 Municipal Voter Tool](#).

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**10.02.2021**

**RALLY FOR ABORTION JUSTICE**

**BICENTENNIAL PLAZA | RALEIGH, NC | 11:00 AM**

**HOSTED BY:**

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On Saturday, October 2, people across the country will come together to rally for abortion justice in response to Texas’ near-total ban on abortion.

Over a decade of attacks on reproductive rights and health care by state legislators have already made abortion inaccessible for many people in North Carolina. And these same lawmakers have long made clear their intention to continue to pass as many laws as possible to stigmatize abortion and restrict access to care, if not block it entirely. If you don’t want North Carolina to follow in Texas’ footsteps, join us in Raleigh to stand up for abortion access.

Access to abortion and reproductive health care have been on the [NASW-NC Legislative Agenda](#) for years: “Oppose any and all efforts to restrict access to abortion and reproductive health care, allow providers the ability to fully practice within the scope of their profession, and grant young people access to factual, comprehensive, and medically accurate sexuality education.”

[Click here for more info, including registration info!](#)
NASW-NC is accepting submissions for our next quarterly newsletter. If you have articles you would like to contribute, please do so up until the **deadline on Friday, October 22, 2021**. Submitted articles should be between 500-1000 words and may need to be edited for length and/or clarity.

[Click here to view the most recent NASW-NC newsletter!](#)

Articles should be about work you or other NASW-NC members are doing or about topics of general interest to social workers in North Carolina. Please note that submission does not guarantee publication in an NASW-NC newsletter.

Please submit all articles (or questions) to Seth Maid, NASW-NC Director of Membership & Communication: [membership.naswn@socialworkers.org](mailto:membership.naswn@socialworkers.org).

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**Registration for the 2021 NASW-NC Virtual Fall Conference is Now OPEN!**
13 hours of LIVE CE! All sessions will be recorded for the chance to receive an additional 18 hours of CE via distance learning!

Due to the continued uncertain nature of the global pandemic, the 2021 NASW-NC Fall Conference will be held virtually on November 15-16, 2021.

This year, we are featuring a track on racial bias and cultural humility, multiple sessions on the needs of the aging population, and other great topics, including sexuality and gender, rural communities and ethics, self-care, and digital advocacy!

**Session highlight**

**Keynote 1: Ethical Practice in Politicized Practice Settings: Remembering Your Training**

Many of us work in and with settings that are not centered in social work ethical thinking and practice. This workshop is a "survival guide" when you find yourself at odds with the agency, team, or partners with which you are working. We will review the NASW Code of Ethics and best practices.

[Click here to register!](#)
NASW-NC members... join our next NASW-NC Staff Q&A! Meet the staff of NASW-NC and hear more about what we're up to and how we can help you. PLUS: Have questions about new licensure rules? CE requirements? Membership benefits? Our advocacy work? Take advantage of this Q&A session to get the answers you need.

This event will be held on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 from 12pm-1pm on Zoom.

Registration is free, but you MUST register to receive the Zoom link. The link to access the meeting will be sent out the day before the event.

Click here to register!

Don't Stress About the Test... Registration Open for NASW-NC's Virtual Fall LCSW Exam Prep Session!
NASW-NC offers Licensed Clinical Social Worker Exam Preparatory Courses twice a year (spring and fall). This year's Virtual Fall LCSW Exam Prep Session will be held on October 22, 2021!

This training is designed for anyone seeking to prepare themselves for the Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) social work license exam administered by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) in North Carolina.

We will explore alternative learning styles that incorporate experiential components as well as a combination of partner, small group, and large group work. Instead of simply reading and reviewing material, we will collectively participate in engaging activities so the content 'sticks' in your mind.

The session will cover practice theory, social work terminology, therapeutic strategies, treatment, practice techniques, ethics, social work values, DSM, psychopharmacology, and diversity sensitive practice.

We will review helpful practice test questions including actual questions designed by ASWB.

Register here: https://bit.ly/2XnUI91
Lillian's List Future Candidate Training

It may not feel like it, but election season is just around the corner! And if you’re thinking of running for office next year or even in a few years, Lillian's List wants to train you! Join them via Zoom on October 16th and 19th for their next Future Candidate Training and get the nuts and bolts you'll need to prepare a run for office.

Future Candidate Training covers network building, fundraising, compliance, social media, and personal story development. Trainees will have access to an online Resource Center to help build their campaigns as well as campaign consultations with Lillian's List staff.

Click here for more info!

Redistricting

Redistricting hearings for North Carolina are wrapping up at the end of September! Just three hearings are left. If you’d like to register as a speaker for an upcoming hearing, registration closes a few hours before the meetings begin. The remaining meeting times are listed below!

Sept. 28 | UNC-Pembroke, 4 p.m.
Sept. 29 | UNC-Wilmington, 5 p.m.
Sept. 30 | Fayetteville Technical Community College, 6 p.m.

You can register as a speaker at https://www.ncleg.gov/Redistricting. They will post sign up forms as meeting dates approach so be sure to check back for registration.
if it is not yet available. If you are unable to attend a hearing, you can follow this link to submit a public comment.

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**Upcoming NASW-NC LPU Events!**

**ORANGE COUNTY**

**Charges to Change: The Impact of Co-Responder Models on Community Safety**

10/6/21
6:00pm-8:00pm
CE: 2 Hours

[Click here to register!](#)

**CAPE FEAR / WILMINGTON**

**School Social Work**

10/13/21
5:45pm-7:00pm
CE: 1 Hour

[Click here to register!](#)

**COASTAL**

**The Invisible Struggle: Expanding Holistic Cultural Awareness for Self-Development and to Increase Effectiveness When Working with Black Clients**

10/15/21
12:00pm-1:00pm
CE: 1 Hour

[Click here to register!](#)

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**UPDATES FROM NC DHHS**

**Tailored Care Management 101 Webinar Series**

Tailored Care Management will be the predominant care management model for the Behavioral Health and Intellectual/Developmental Disability (I/DD) Tailored Plan population, which includes individuals with significant behavioral health conditions (including serious mental illness, serious emotional disturbances and severe substance use disorders), I/DD and traumatic brain injury (TBI).

The Tailored Care Management 101 webinar series was designed to help develop a shared understanding of the model across the North Carolina provider community (including advanced medical homes and behavioral health, I/DD, and TBI providers) and anyone interested.
The webinar series will run from October through mid-December, on Fridays from 12 to 1 p.m. [Click here for session topics and registration information!]

**Food and Nutrition Services Benefits to Increase by 25% Starting Oct. 1**

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services today announced households enrolled in the Food and Nutrition Services program will see their [benefits increase by 25%](#) beginning Oct. 1, 2021, as part of a national re-evaluation of benefit amounts by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. More than 1.6 million people are enrolled in FNS in North Carolina.

[Click here for more info!]

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**NASW-NC Board Member Spotlight!**

"I am a board member of NASW-NC because I believe social workers must engage and promote the voices of our communities. In these dark times, it is also important to connect social workers to one another."

-Sarah Brown, MSW Student

NASW-NC Board Member Since 2021
NASW Member Since 2020

This week’s NASW-NC Board Member Spotlight is Sarah Brown... for more information about Sarah, [click here!](#)

For more info about NASW-NC’s Member of the Week spotlight, [click here](#). To nominate someone (or yourself) to be NASW-NC’s Member of the Week, please email [membership.naswnc@socialworkers.org](mailto:membership.naswnc@socialworkers.org).
This email is distributed as a NASW member benefit.

* NASW-NC aims to showcase services that will be valuable to members, however showcasing services does NOT imply NASW-NC endorsement. NASW-NC is not liable for any actions that occur as a result of utilizing external services.*

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Click here for more information!