

2017 NASW-NC Social Work Advocacy Snapshot

Did you know? NASW-NC's advocacy efforts benefit the **entire social work profession**, not just clinicians! Check out our 2017 clinically-specific social work achievements [here](#).

What did NASW North Carolina's advocacy look like in 2017?

Represented Social Work at 70+ Coalition Meetings

NASW-NC serves on over **30 statewide coalitions** and provides the social work perspective to these groups. These coalitions provide policy recommendations to state leaders, lawmakers, and community organizations on a variety of issues from aging, child welfare, insurance reimbursement, addictions, and more.

➔ We advocated for the social work profession during the 6-month 2017 North Carolina Legislative Session.

- Met with various legislators to advance the [NASW-NC Legislative Agenda](#) and advocate on behalf of bills that supported the social work profession and our clients. Similarly, we met with legislators on behalf of bills that would hinder the practice of social work and violated the [NASW Code of Ethics](#).
- **Sent out 23 Weekly Legislative Updates and Alerts** detailing bills filed, bills on the move, and any action needed by the profession.
- Held monthly in-person meetings with the [NASW-NC Legislative Committee](#) to review legislation and take positions on bills such as [House Bill 630 which examines how to reorganization and provide supervision to Departments of Social Services](#).
- Hosted **500 social workers at Social Work Advocacy Day** on March 1, 2017 empowering social workers used their social work voice and visit their legislators!

➔ **Hosted 30 faculty** at the [Third Annual Social Work Policy Educators Summit](#) to discuss innovative classroom ideas to help engage students in advocacy & policy at the local, state, & national level.

➔ Met monthly with leadership in various North Carolina State Departments.

- NASW-NC met regularly with the North Carolina Department of Public Safety to advocate for the profession and to review and change policies related to behavioral health, intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- NASW-NC also met with the North Carolina Secretary of Health and Human Services and her team of social workers to discuss the [social work role in integrated care and Medicaid Transformation](#).
- NASW-NC encouraged members to apply for statewide boards & commissions and **9 NEW appointments were made!** Many of these boards and commissions provide policy recommendations to legislators and the Governor and now have a social work voice!

16 NASW-NC members represent the social work profession on state boards and commissions!