

# NASW-TN Children & Families Connection

July 2019 Newsletter



Welcome to NASW-TN's e-newsletter. This will be a monthly publication focused on supporting your work with children & families in Tennessee. Monthly issues will be emailed to our members and shared with the public through our Facebook page and website. Each issue will include a theme for that month, the latest information and research related to children & families, as well as tools and resources you can use in your practice.



**This month's theme is Voting!**

**Voter Engagement is Central to Social Work Values!**

Participating in elections is important, because those elected will ultimately determine the policies that affect us all. Elections are the foundation of democracy. Yet those who are young, not white, poor, and less educated are disproportionately unlikely to vote (Pew Research Center for the People and the Press, 2006). Increasing voter participation for these groups, many of whom may be the clients of social workers, is important as those elected will make decisions on policies that affect lives of society's most vulnerable populations.

Voting rights is a critical issue for the National Association of Social Workers. We hope you find the resources in this newsletter helpful for you in your work and that you will join with NASW in supporting the importance of voting and voter engagement.



## **Resources for You from NASW!**

NASW provides a variety of resources to assist our members. Click the button below to access a list of some resources NASW provides related to voting:

**NASW Resources on Voting**

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The University of Tennessee's  
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**September 26 & 27, 2019**  
NASHVILLE, TN

Deciding when and how to Run for Office  
Campaign Planning · **FUNDRAISING** · Communicating Your Message  
USING SOCIAL MEDIA · **Public Speaking**  
Career Paths for Social Workers in Political Settings

University of Tennessee  
College of Social Work  
Nashville Campus

**THURSDAY**  
8:30am Registration  
9:00am - 5:00pm

**FRIDAY**  
9:00am - 4:00pm  
continental breakfast  
and lunch provided both days

**APPLY AT**

<https://campaignschool.questionpro.com>

**ACCEPTING  
APPLICATIONS  
Until August 1st, 2019**

Attendees eligible to earn 12 CEUs



Questions? Email Julie Franks  
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**The Campaign School for Social Workers** is for anyone who wants to be more politically active as a candidate, staff, volunteer and/or advocate. Taught through the lens of the profession's values and Code of Ethics, this powerful workshop also addresses issues like race, identity and ethics in politics.

**Day One** focuses on how to prepare for and run a winning campaign, including messaging, voter contact, fundraising and leadership.

Led by Kate Coyne-McCoy, MSW president of nationally recognized Campaign Fixer / KCM Consulting, who has trained more than 8,000 candidates and assisted with hundreds of successful elections.

**Day Two** features interactive workshops, small group activities and panel discussions with highly regarded political social workers and elected officials who serve in Tennessee and the United States.

Apply early as space is limited to 50 Attendees!

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**Tennessee Faces Lawsuit Over New Voter Registration Law**

The League of Women Voters of Tennessee, along with American Muslim Advisory Council, Mid-South Peace & Justice Center, Rock the Vote, and Spread the Vote, filed a federal lawsuit challenging a new Tennessee law that imposes new requirements and substantial penalties on groups that engage in voter registration efforts. The complaint charges that the new law violates freedom of speech, freedom of association, due process, and the fundamental right to vote under the First and Fourteenth Amendments. The lawsuit is currently pending in federal court.

**Tennessee Online Voter**

# VOTING is Social Work

## [National Social Work Voter Mobilization Campaign](#)

The National Social Work Voter Mobilization Campaign began in 2016 with the first launch of the [VotingIsSocialWork.org](#) web site crafted by Influencing Social Policy, the Nancy A Humphreys Institute for Political Social Work and the Congressional Research Institute for Social Work and Policy with funding by the Fund for Social Policy Education and Practice. The new website and current leadership team includes the Humphreys Institute, the Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College and Bryn Mawr Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research with many people involved in the larger task force.

The Campaign seeks to:

- Raise awareness of the importance of voting to social work practice and social policy;
- Integrate voter engagement activities into class and field education for all micro and macro students;
- Provide information about voter mobilization skills and strategies to field instructors, students and faculty for use in agencies and the classroom, and
- Ensure that all the people served by social workers have access to the vote.

[Read more about the campaign and how to get involved.](#)

## [Registration System](#)

Did you know that you can register to vote online in Tennessee?

What you will need to complete your online voter registration: you must have a Tennessee driver's license or Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security ID in order to submit this application online.

Instructions:

- Fill in all the required fields on the application.
  - An online application for a new voter registration must be submitted at least thirty (30) days before the next election.
- or
- A printed voter registration application for a new voter registration must be postmarked or hand delivered to the proper county election commission office at least thirty (30) days before the next election.

[Click here to begin registering to vote online!](#)

View [frequently asked questions](#) about online voter registration or call 877-850-4959 for additional information.



## #GoVoteTN

Are you registered to vote?

[www.GoVoteTN.com](http://www.GoVoteTN.com)

Tennessee Secretary of State Tre Hargett

## Resource Corner

### [NASW-TN - Tennessee Student Voting Guide](#)

General election and voting information for students living on or off campus in Tennessee

### [League of Women Voters Tennessee](#)

A nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

### [League of Women Voters - Tennessee State Voting Guide](#)

## Need to get your CE Hours? Here are some upcoming Continuing Education Workshops from NASW-TN!

### [West Branch Meeting - Social Work Licensure in Tennessee](#)

1.0 CEU with Lunch  
August 15, 2019  
Memphis, TN

### [Middle Branch Meeting - You Can't Pour from an Empty Cup: Addressing Wellness in Trauma-Informed Organizations](#)

This guide provides Tennesseans with up-to-date information on when to register, your voting rights, and general election information.

[Disability Rights TN - Resources and Tools for Voting](#)

Find information on how to register to vote, printable publications/ materials to share, videos, and more.

[TN Secretary of State - General Voter Information](#)

Here you will find updated information on voting in Tennessee. You can find information from the election calendar to general FAQs on voting.

[Voter Registration Information Lookup](#)

Do you know if you are registered for the upcoming election? Click the link above to check whether you are registered to vote!

1.0 CEU with Lunch  
August 28, 2019  
Nashville, TN

[Best Practices in Social Work Supervision](#)

6.0 CEUs with 3.0 in Ethics  
September 27, 2019  
Nashville, TN

[Best Practices in Social Work Supervision](#)

6.0 CEUs with 3.0 in Ethics  
October 4, 2019  
Memphis, TN

[Licensure Examination Preparation](#)

15.0 CEUs with 3.0 in Ethics  
November 1-2, 2019  
Nashville, TN

## HELP4TN

Free civil legal help is available through resources provided by Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services. Visit [www.HELP4TN.org](http://www.HELP4TN.org) or call 1-844-HELP4TN to talk to an experienced Tennessee attorney for free legal advice and referrals.

NASW, Tennessee Chapter helps support the inclusion of information on social services through this website.

## kidcentral tn

HOME

Free, one-stop resource for TN families to raise healthy and happy kids. kidcentral tn features articles on health, education, development and more. It also includes a searchable directory for state-sponsored services for children & families.

The site is maintained by the Tennessee Commission and Children and Youth.



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