

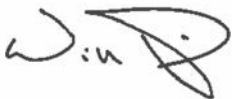
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NASW/TX Statement on Reproductive Health & Access

NASW/TX remains opposed to any efforts to limit, restrict, or ban reproductive care and access for any person, including abortion and conversations with social workers about abortion and reproductive options. We believe in the expansion of healthcare, and abortion is a form of healthcare. Social Work Speaks, 12ed, and the NASW/TX Legislative Priorities are guided by a person's right to choose their care:

- "NASW supports opposing the repeal of Roe V. Wade." (Social Work Speaks, 12th Edition)
- "NASW supports efforts to objectively educate individuals on the range of options available to them when facing an unplanned pregnancy, including abortion and adoption services, based on evidence and the beliefs of the client." (Social Work Speaks, 12th Edition)
- "Ensure that every Texan has access to affordable, quality healthcare, with an emphasis on low-income and at-risk populations, including reproductive health, and explore ways to increase Medicaid eligibility and access." (NASW/TX 2021 Legislative Priorities)

During the 87th Texas legislative session and subsequent special sessions, we opposed numerous legislative efforts to restrict abortion access. NASW/TX advocates for safe, legal access to reproductive care for all persons in our state, and we support all discussions between a provider and a client around reproductive care. [Data shows](#) that in 2018 the maternal mortality rate for every 100,000 births was 18.5, and we believe policy makers in Texas should focus their priorities on supporting Texans throughout the pregnancy process rather than banning one procedure. NASW/TX will continue to support access to reproductive health, including abortion, and oppose efforts to restrict or limit access.



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