

Dear Colleague in Social Work in West Virginia,

Below is a list of events, trainings, links, and resources to help NASW WV members, social work students and faculty, and others become more familiar with issues expected to come before the West Virginia Legislature and how to effectively shape them.

Use these resources to contact your legislators to express your opinion on bills.

THANK YOU!

This document AND NASW WV's 2021 Legislative Action Priorities are also available on our website:
[Click Here](#)

CALANDER OF UPCOMING TRAININGS AND ISSUE EVENTS:

TUESDAY, MARCH 2nd, 10:00 AM

Menstrual VIRTUAL Equity Lobby Day

Register here: <https://www.weareplannedparenthoodaction.org/a/wv-menstrual-equity-lobby-day>

Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/872771076869059>

PVSAT Facebook Livestream (follow us): https://www.facebook.com/PPVSAT/?ref=page_internal

9:15am Lobbying 101 Training

10:00am Meetings

11:00am Media & Message

11:30am Digital Advocacy

12:00pm Lobbying 101 Training

1:00pm Press Conference

1:30 Meetings

4:00 Happy Hour

RECORDED LOBBYIST TRAINING:

Citizen Lobbyist Training

From Health Care for America Now/WV Citizen Action/ WV for Affordable Health Care

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pa3RGvVzSfKfNG5383o96aNO5J57FMTW/view?usp=drive_web

(1 category II – individual professional activities – CE hour for WV Licensed Social Workers)

RECORDED ISSUE BRIEFINGS:

West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy FB LIVE Issue Discussions – FB LIVE Recordings

- ***Preemption: Taking Local Property Tax Control Away from Counties***
URL: <https://www.facebook.com/WVCBP/videos/745419059416601>
- ***The Costs of Eliminating or Reducing the State Personal Income Tax***
URL: <https://www.facebook.com/WVCBP/videos/743325053254661>
- ***Shifting Public Education Funding to Private Schools***

Here are some of resources about tax messaging from Topos Partnership.

<https://www.topospartnership.com/making-a-case-for-taxes/>

Budget & Tax Issues Update (WV Center on Budget & Policy) - Blog

WV's Governor & Legislative majority party propose eliminating the state income tax.

Learn why this is a BAD idea! Read Sean O'Leary's excellent blog at: <https://wvpolicy.org/how-do-you-pay-for-a-2-1-billion-tax-cut/>

Policy Lookahead on Addiction and Recovery - Recording

If you did not catch the live event or want to watch it again: [Policy Lookahead Addiction and Recovery](#)

URL: <https://youtu.be/Tb00f8WzsmY>

LINKS & RESOURCES:

2021 West Virginia Legislature Directory

https://www.wvlegislature.gov/legisdocs/publications/info/DIRECTORY_2021.pdf

Leg Action Team for Children & Families Bill Tracking list - https://teamwv.org-my.sharepoint.com/:x:/g/personal/jim_teamwv_org/EWbnfUpHM-FMr8jvqyfYZe4B97aZYGsf1_i4Oh2H05G3qQ?e=T5Uif9

Sign Up for Legislative Action Team Bill Alerts here: <https://www.voterve.net/TeamWV/home>

Video on the value of in-home family education programs, childcare, and other supports

Change the First Five Years and You Change Everything

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GbSp88PBe9E>

Fair Shake Network Legislative Team Meetings start Feb 10 & continue every week until Apr 7

Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/99567449722?pwd=QWITb09ZV2ZLbVpVT2RlVTFuUm1MUT09>

Meeting ID: 995 6744 9722 & enter Passcode: 518862

2021 WV Health Care Agenda – West Virginians for Affordable Health Care:

https://www.healthcareforallwv.com/2021_health_agenda

Planned Parenthood South Atlantic

Sign up for Prioritize Periods campaign alerts here:

<https://www.weareplannedparenthoodaction.org/a/prioritize-periods>

WV Environmental Council

Sign up for our legislative updates and action alerts here:

<https://wvecouncil.org/civicrm/?page=CiviCRM&q=civicrm/profile/create&gid=14&reset=1>

WV Rivers Coalition

Sign up for weekly water policy updates here: <https://wvrivers.salsalabs.org/policynews/index.html>

WV Citizens for Clean Elections

Sign up for action alerts here: <https://wvoter-owned.org/action-alerts-signup/>

Mountain State Spotlight (News Service) Bill Tracking List -

https://capitoltracker.mountainstatespotlight.org/?_gl=1*_1d7iaxb*_ga*YW1wLXJld2RfNmJZQnVmZkliblNqTlpwVFE

WV Center on Budget & Policy Budget Coalition

Sign on letter urging state leaders to protect revenues and public services in the upcoming session.

Press release [here](#) or

URL: <https://wvpolicy.org/broad-coalition-of-organizations-calls-on-state-leaders-to-protect-revenues-public-services-in-upcoming-legislative-session/>

Budget Coalition Letter [here](#) or

URL: <https://wvpolicy.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/020121-letter-to-state-leadership-31.pdf>

Here is an Action Alert link to send messages by email - **personal contacts are STRONGLY encouraged**

<https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-wv-legislators-no-tax-cuts-for-the-wealthy-instead-invest-in-families-and-fight-covid?source=direct> link

Here is a letter specifically for higher ed staff and faculty to sign onto in support of protecting revenues and public services: <https://forms.gle/2UzFWQZqngnmaXcK7>

The Kennedy Forum Mental Health Parity Model Legislation (basis of proposed WV legislation):

<https://www.thekennedyforum.org/press-releases/new-model-state-parity-legislation-named-in-honor-of-former-u-s-rep-jim-ramstad/>

WV Legislature Select Committee on Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse:

<http://wvlegislature.gov/committees/house/housecommittee.cfm?chart=scptsa>

WV Office of Drug Control Policy:

<https://dhr.wv.gov/office-of-drug-control-policy/about/Pages/default.aspx>

West Virginia Collegiate Recovery Network - Offering peer recovery support services on seven higher education campuses:

<https://www.marshall.edu/crn/>

NASW (National) 2021 Blueprint of Federal Social Policy Priorities:

<https://www.socialworkers.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=KPdZqqY60t4%3d&portalid=0>

(Federal) Biden Health Care Plan:

https://joebiden.com/healthcare/?campaign_id=9&emc=edit_nn_20210128&instance_id=26537&nl=the-morning®i_id=72017625&segment_id=50580&te=1&user_id=031afa5ecb5a4fb8285b3304e4b10a96

Press Release on Reopening ACA Marketplace: <https://www.communitycatalyst.org/news/press-releases/president-biden-opens-door-to-health-care-coverage-and-protections-for-millions>

WV Public News Service Feb. 9, 2021 Story on Personal Income Tax & Impact on Child Welfare

<https://www.publicnewsservice.org/2021-02-09/childrens/wv-bid-to-abolish-income-tax-called-devastating-to-children/a73102-1>

FEDERAL ISSUES:

ONGOING

West Virginia Citizen Action Group & People's Action Deep Canvass Phonebank to WIN Covid Relief NOW!

Texting Tuesdays and Deep Canvass Phone Bank to get WV'ians to message or click through calls
<https://www.mobilize.us/mobilize/event/373911/>

Text with People's Action to Defend Democracy

<https://www.mobilize.us/peoplesaction/event/289553/>

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