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/1pa3RGvzSfKfNG5383o96aNO5J57FMTW/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 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

Leg Action Team for Children & Families Bill Tracking list - https://teamwvorg-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.votervoice.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=QWITb09ZV2ZLbVpVT2RIVTFuUm1MUT09 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/
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](https://wvpolicy.org/broad-coalition-of-organizations-calls-on-state-leaders-to-protect-revenues-public-services-in-upcoming-legislative-session/)

Here is an Action Alert link to send messages by email - personal contacts are STRONGLY encouraged [here](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: [here](https://forms.gle/2UzFWQZqngnmaXcK7)


WV Legislature Select Committee on Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse: [here](http://wvlegislature.gov/committees/house/housecommittee.cfm?chart=scptsa)

WV Office of Drug Control Policy: [here](https://dhhr.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: [here](https://www.marshall.edu/crn/)

NASW (National) 2021 Blueprint of Federal Social Policy Priorities: [here](https://www.socialworkers.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=KPdZqqY60t4%3d&portalid=0)

(Federal) Biden Health Care Plan: [here](https://joebiden.com/healthcare/?campaign_id=9&emc=edit_nn_20210128&instance_id=26537&nl=the-morning&regi_id=72017625&segment_id=50580&te=1&user_id=031afa5ecb5a4fb8285b3304e4b10a96


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/

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&regi_id=72017625&segment_id=50580&te=1&user_id=031afa5ecb5a4fb8285b3304e4b10a96


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