

CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

2021 LEGISLATIVE LOBBY DAYS

A VIRTUAL EVENT

Created December 2020

About Legislative Lobby Days

Legislative Lobby Days is a two-day event that educates students and professionals about important legislation affecting clients and the social work profession.

This is a great opportunity to learn more about the legislative process and to get a "hands-on" lobbying experience talking with state legislators and/or their staff about important issues.

Reasons To Attend

- Discover the legislative process and how to lobby Legislators and/or their staff. Ocidion of Social Workers
- Learn about important legislation that affects social workers and the clients they serve.
- Find out how all social workers, students, clinicians, organizers and managers can have an impact on state policy.
- Meet Legislators, their staff and other important political contacts in Sacramento.
- Network with other social workers and "Stand Up For Others" on important social issues.

<u>Earn CEUs</u>

You may earn up to 8 CEUs for participating in this event, 3 units for Sunday only; 6 units for Sunday and Monday; and 8 units for being a Team Leader. Advanced registration is required for CEUs via Lobby Days online registration. The fee is \$25.

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What is a Legislative Appointment?

A legislative appointment is a meeting in a Legislator's office where you, as a NASW Advocate, can educate and lobby Legislators and/or their staff on key issues affecting social work professionals and our clients. You will be representing NASW on specific issues of great importance to the CA Chapter. During the registration process, you may request an appointment with a Legislator's office where you will have the opportunity to educate and advocate on the issues you learn about during Sunday's presentation.

NASW makes every effort to schedule legislative appointments with the attendee's local Assemblymember or Senator, however they are extremely busy and their availability is dependent upon many factors. Legislative appointments are limited and available on a first come first serve basis.

Participants will not have to go to a legislative appointment alone! You will be teamed up with other participants and a Team Leader, who will assist you in preparing for your legislative appointment on Sunday and during the appointment on Monday.

TESTIMONIALS

"I learned that even as a student I am making a difference just by being here!" Student Participant "One of the highlights of the trip for me was walking into the conference room and seeing over 900 social workers; it was truly inspiring!" "Another highlight was the opportunity to watch our students put theory into practice. They were a little nervous walking into the legislator's offices; but came out with confidence and a sense of accomplishment." *Ruth Chambers, Ph.D. Asst. Professor, CSU Long Beach*

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You can register to attend by clicking <u>here</u>!

Registration Deadlines

January 29, 2021 - Register early and save! March 8, 2021 - Group Registration Deadline March 22, 2021 - Final Registration Deadline Space is limited and event may sell out earlier!

Registration Fees Attendees Must Pre-Register by March 22, 2021

Fees if Registered By:	1/29/2021	3/22/2021
Student Member	\$30	\$40
Student Non-Member	\$45	\$55
NASW Member	\$55	\$75
Non-Member	\$75	\$95

Cancellation/Refund Policy

To receive a refund, requests must be made in writing and emailed to NASW-CA before 5pm Monday, **March 22, 2021**. A \$10 cancellation fee will be charged for all refund requests. <u>No refunds after **March 22, 2021**</u>.

Team Leader Opportunity

Team Leaders are needed to assist in preparing participant groups or "teams" for legislative appointments. Team Leaders are required to attend an orientation and training on Saturday.

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VIRTUAL EVENT AGENDA*

SUNDAY - APRIL 11, 2021

ZOOM Webinar & ZOOM Meetings

- 9:00am Opening Remarks
- 9:40am How a Bill Becomes a Law
- 10:00am Specific Bill Content #1
- 10:45am Specific Bill Content #2
- 11:05am Specific Bill Content #3
- 11:25am Keynote Address
- 12:45pm How to Lobby
- 12:55pm Prep Group for Team Meetings
- 1:00pm Film on Sample Team Meetings

1:10pm Legislative Team Breakout Groups 2:30pm Sunday's Program Ends

Legislative Lobby Days registration contact information: NASW - CA Chapter 1016 23rd Street, Sacramento, CA 95816

(800) 538-2565 ext. 2117 (CA only) (916) 442-4565 ext. 2117

Email: lobbydays@naswca.org

MONDAY - APRIL 12, 2021

ZOOM Meetings

- 8:30am Appointments with Legislators/staff
- 12:00pm Rally with Legislators via ZOOM
- 1:00pm Appointments with Legislators/staff
- 5:00pm Monday's Program Ends
- *Agenda subject to change

Registration opens December 3, 2020 at <u>www.naswca.org</u> Space is Limited - Register Early!



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NASW'S MISSION

NASW is a non-profit membership organization that promotes, develops and protects the practice of social work and social workers. The mission of NASW, California Chapter, is to improve the conditions of life for all California residents through promoting the quality and effectiveness of social work practice in the state.

Legislative Lobby Days is the ideal educational field and learning experience for social work professionals and students alike. Many organizations, agencies, schools and faculty of social work integrate NASW-CAs Legislative Lobby Days into their advocacy and policy curriculums.

