National Association of Social Workers, Illinois Chapter
Presents

2024 SOCIAL WORK ADVOCACY DAY
Tuesday, April 16, 2024
Springfield, IL

Tentative Agenda

Meet Up / Find Your Lobby Leaders / Lobby Training
Time: 9:00–10:00am
Location: Rendezvous Room on the 2nd floor at the Wyndham Springfield City Centre, 700 E Adams St, Springfield, IL 62701
Advocacy Day participants should arrive at the Wyndham to meet up with their lobby groups. Participants will receive an e-mail no later than Friday, April 12th containing their lobby group number and their group lobby leader. Groups will be labeled by lobby group numbers and spread throughout the hotel space on both the 1st and 2nd floor lobbies. Lobby leaders will be leading participants through a quick training on how to lobby with legislators before heading to the capitol. Departures to the capitol will vary depending on when legislator meeting times are. NASW-IL staff will be available on the 2nd floor for additional questions.

Lobbying
Time: 10:00am–2:00pm
Location: Illinois State Capitol Building, 401 South 2nd Street, Springfield IL 62701
Participants will walk to the capitol (approx. 0.5-mile walk) for lobbying. Each group will have different appointment times with their legislators for lobbying. Groups may meet with or stop into the offices of other legislators as well as listen in on committee hearings for both the Illinois House and Senate (see Advocacy Day Dropbox folder on day of event for updated committee hearing times).

Lunch on Your Own
Participants should prepare to bring a sack lunch or bring money to purchase a lunch. We **strongly recommend** participants to eat with their lobby groups so as not to lose contact with their lobby leader in the likely event a legislator’s schedule suddenly changes their appointment time or allows them to be available to meet with constituents. The capitol has an on-site cafeteria located in the basement of the William G. Stratton Building that can be accessed using the underground tunnel beneath the main stairs; otherwise, you can walk outside between buildings but will need to pass through security again.

Closure
End of day should close approximately around 2:00pm. This will vary by group depending on time of legislator appointments and other activities in the capitol.

Have questions or need further assistance?
Check in with NASW-IL staff in the rotunda at the Illinois State Capitol.