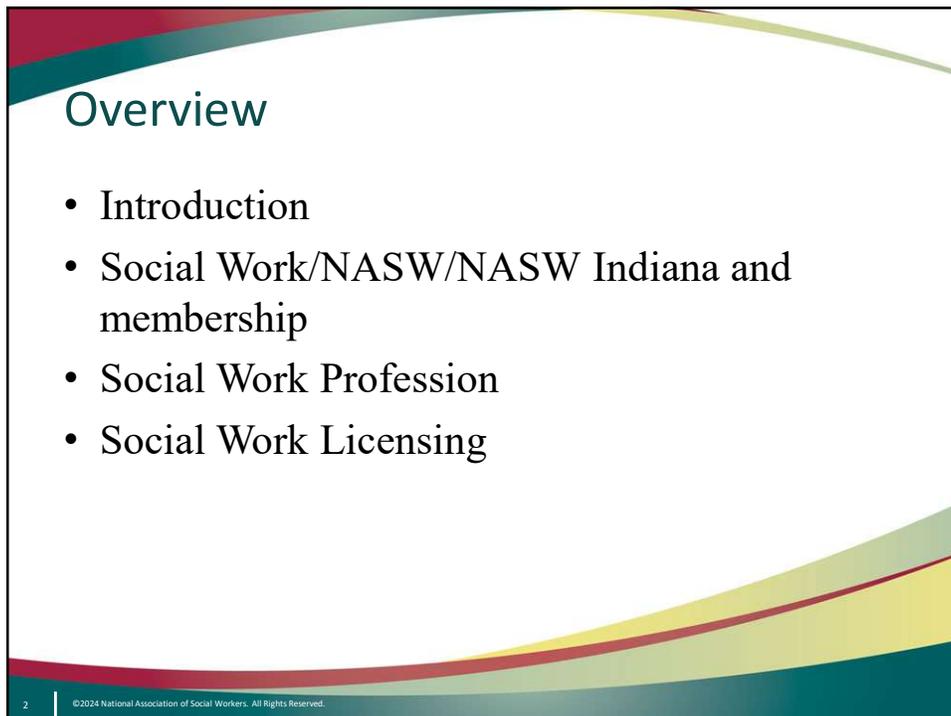


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## Introduction

- Active member of NASW since the early 1990's. Served as the NASW-Indiana PACE chair for over 10 years and active in the public policy committee
- Registered lobbyist in Indiana for over 15 years. Worked on behalf of low-income families and individuals at Prevent Child Abuse Indiana and running the Indiana Network for Economic Fairness.
- Served as the Deputy Director of the Division of Family Resources during the O'Bannon and Kernan administration.
- Spent 10 years doing contract work
- Executive Director NASW Indiana Chapter since April of 2017

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## NASW

- Began in 1955 with the merger of 7 organizations
- NASW and the 55 chapters are *ONE* organization.
- NASW works to enhance the professional growth and development of its members, to create and maintain professional standards for social workers, and to advance sound social policies.

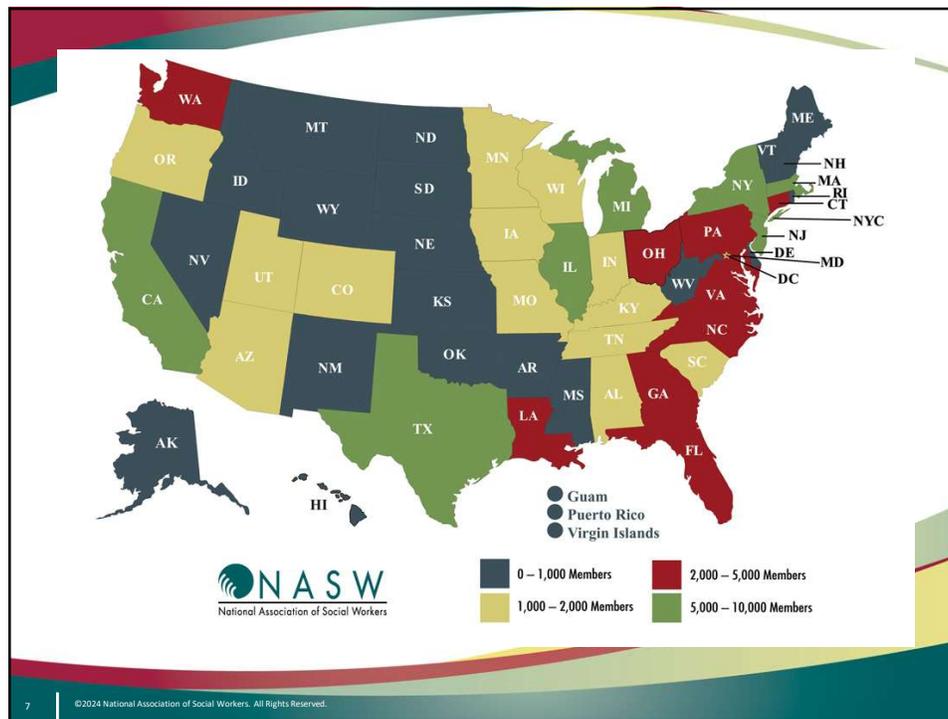
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## NASW is your professional association.



- Largest organization of professional social workers
- 120,000 members
- 18,000 student members

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## NASW Indiana

- Membership of about 1825 and active in public policy advocacy and programming
- Indiana is divided into 7 regions. The chapter board includes representatives from each region, and a BSW and MSW student representative.
- Committees include:
  - SOGI – Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity
  - CORED – Committee on Racial and Ethnic Diversity
  - Public Policy/Advocacy & LEAD
  - PACE - Political Action and Candidate Education
  - Program/Conference Committee
  - Ethics committee

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## Joining NASW as a student benefits you throughout your career.

- News and information
- Advocacy efforts
- Career resources
- Training and education
- Ethics and legal guidance
- Practice resources
- Malpractice insurance
- Building a professional network



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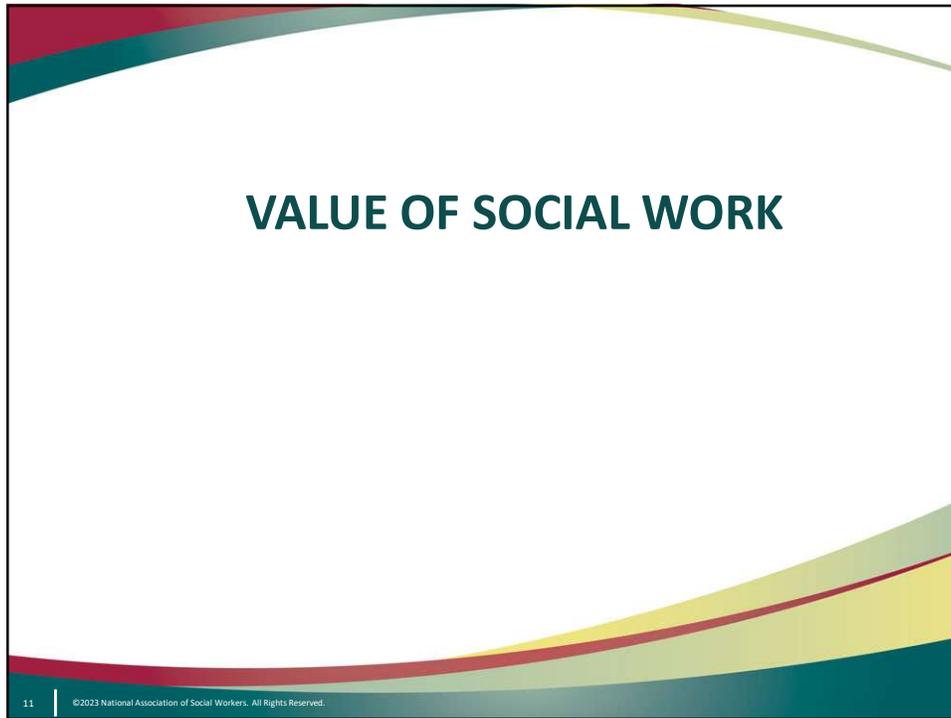
## Membership Rates

- **Regular (Full) MSW, DSW and PhD Full Membership Dues:** \$236
- **BSW Full Membership Dues:** \$158
- **BSW and MSW Student Dues:** \$60
- **Transitional Rate for BSW & MSW student members who are continuous members after graduation.**
  - **BSW** students - two years of transitional dues of \$116 each year.
  - **MSW** students - three years of transitional dues of \$116 in years 1 and 2, and dues of \$179 in year
- Eligible NASW transitional members may apply for discounted professional liability insurance for the first two years of professional practice.
- NASW student members may apply for discounted professional liability insurance for student field placement.

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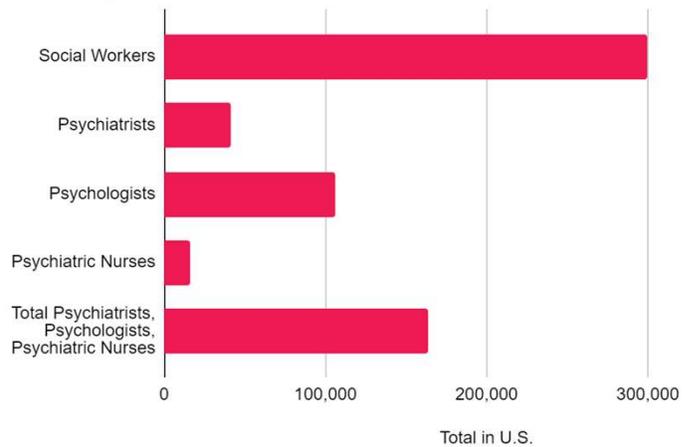
## Accomplishments of Social Workers

- Civil Rights
- Voting Rights
- Minimum Wage & Employment Rights
- Reproductive Rights
- Racial Equity
- Immigration
- Telehealth
- Conversion Therapy Bans
- Interstate Licensure Compact
- SO much more!!

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## Clinically-Trained Professionals

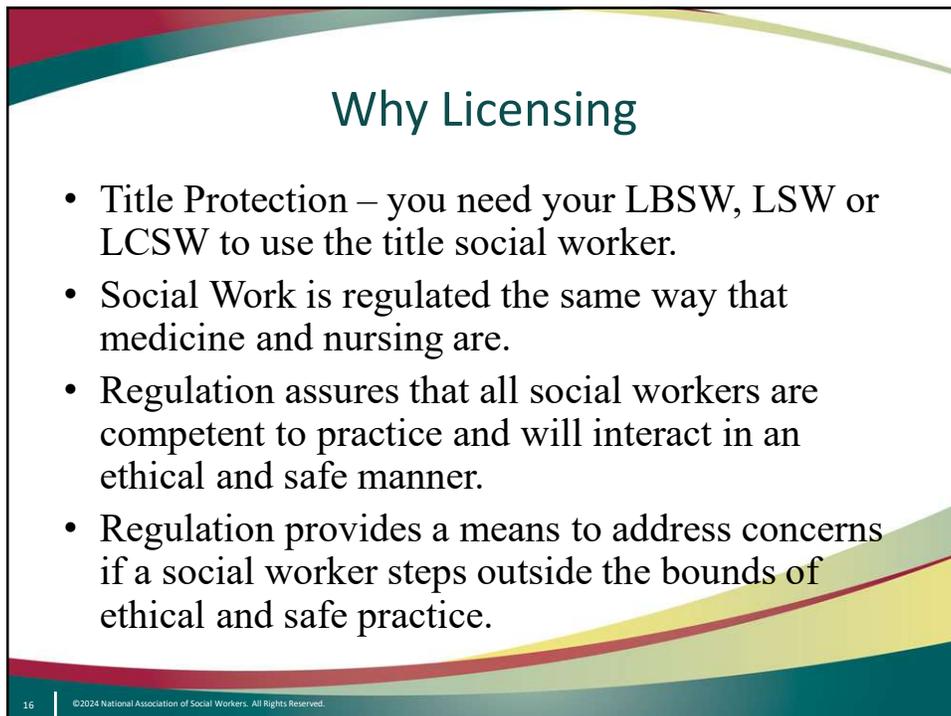


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## Licensing Board

- Establish rules and regulations of the profession and the standard for licensure and issue licenses to social workers who meet the set professional standards.
- Requires that social workers complete continuing education to maintain their licensed status in good standing.
- Investigate complaints and as necessary, decide whether a social worker continues to deserve a license.

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## QUESTIONS ON WHY LICENSING IS IMPORTANT?

### NEXT SECTION - OVERVIEW OF THE LICENSING PROCESS IN INDIANA

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## 3 LEVELS OF LICENSING IN INDIANA

1. **LBSW – Licensed Bachelor of Social Work**
2. **LSW – Licensed Social Worker - Masters level license**
3. **LCSW – Licensed Clinical Social Worker – Masters plus experience.**

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## Licensing Oversight

- The Behavioral Health and Human Services Licensing Board provides oversight for
  - Social Work
  - Marriage and Family Therapists
  - Mental Health Counselors
  - Addictions
- <https://www.in.gov/pla/professions/behavioral-health-and-human-services/>

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**Step 1**  
<https://www.in.gov/pla/professions/behavioral-health-and-human-services/>

**Indiana Professional Licensing Agency**

**Behavioral Health and Human Services**

PLA > Professions > Behavioral Health and Human Services

**Announcements**

**Licensing Information**

- Apply for, Renew, or Maintain your license
- Application Instructions and Requirements
- Renewal Forms, List of Approved CE Providers, and Renewal Cycle
- Telehealth Certification for Out-of-State Practitioners
- National Exams & Testing Agency Contacts
- Continuing Education Provider Application and Information
- Fee Schedule

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**Step 2**  
<https://www.in.gov/pla/professions/behavioral-health-and-human-services/behavioral-health-and-human-services-licensing-information/#1A1>

Click on the license you're applying for to review the:

- Application checklist/ requirements
- Detail of the requirements and links for more information

**Indiana Professional Licensing Agency**

- Marriage and Family Therapist Associate (LMFTA)- Master Level
- Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT)- Master level with 2 years experience
- Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) Reciprocity
- Bachelor Social Worker (LBSW)- Bachelor Level
- Bachelor Social Worker (LBSW) Reciprocity
- Social Workers (LSW)- Master Level
- Social Worker (LSW) Reciprocity
- Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)- Master level with 2 years experience
- Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) Reciprocity
- Temporary Permits
- Repeat Applications

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### Application Checklist

For Applicants who have graduated with a Master of Social Work Degree. Use this section to ensure you've submitted all requirements.

Completed Application	Application Fee (\$50)	Name Change Documentation
Positive Response Documentation	Criminal Background Check	Official Transcripts
License Verification		

#### Requirements: Detailed

- **Completed Application:** Applications may be submitted online at [MyLicense.IN.gov](https://mylicense.in.gov).
- **Application fee of \$50.00:** Fee is paid online during the online application process. **All application fees are nonrefundable.**
- **Criminal Background Check**
- **Positive Response Documentation:** If you answer "Yes" to any questions on the application, explain fully in a statement that includes all details. Include the violation, location, date, cause number, and disposition. Submit copies of court documents for each instance to support the statement. If malpractice, provide the name(s) of the plaintiff(s). Please upload at the time of application or log back into your account and use the License Update option.
- **Name Change Documentation:** Documentation of any legal name change if your name differs from that on any of your documents. Documentation may include a copy of your marriage certificate or divorce decree. Please upload at the time of application or log back into your account and use the License Update option.
- **Official Transcripts:** Applicants must upload an official transcript from obtained from their university. The transcripts from your university where you obtained your degree must show that all requirements for graduation have been met and the date the degree was conferred.
- **Verification of Licensure (if applicable):** If you hold a license or certification in another State, you must provide verification of that information. Verifications must be completed from the state of issuance and can be uploaded to your online account. Those jurisdictions may provide their own verification, or complete our verification form [here](#). **Copies of license cards from other jurisdictions are not accepted as proof of verification of licensure.**
  - The top portion of this form should be completed by the applicant and sent to the appropriate state licensing board for their submission to the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency. The form may be duplicated if you hold multiple licenses. Other jurisdictions may charge a fee to verify licensure. You may wish to contact the state boards prior to your request for verification. You do not need to complete this form if you only hold licensure or certification in the State of Indiana.
- **Examination Approval:** Once all documentation has been reviewed and approved, an applicant who has not taken the national exam will receive an exam approval from our office. An applicant who has been approved by the Board to take the examination must take the examination within one (1) calendar year from the date of the initial Board approval. If the applicant has not taken the examination within one (1) calendar year from the date of initial Board approval, the approval will be invalid and the applicant must submit a new application and all required documentation must be resubmitted. **No extensions will be granted. Please review the Exams and Testing section for contact information on the ASWB Master exam. If you have already taken the ASWB Master exam, please contact that agency to provide an official copy of your score.**
- **Official Score Report:** Upon completion of the ASWB Master level examination, results will be released to our office **the following week** from when you took your exam. If you passed the examination, your master of social work license will be issued. If you failed the examination, you will receive notification from our office via email. Please follow the Repeat Application instructions on our website for information on how to reapply to retake the examination. Please allow 7 to 10 business days for our office to process examination results once they are received.

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## Step 3

<https://www.in.gov/pla/professions/behavioral-health-and-human-services/>

### Announcements

- **Licensing Information**
- [Apply for, Renew or Maintain your license and more!](#)
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## Step 5

<https://www.in.gov/pla/license/>

Everything you need to complete the application process can be found on this page. You can:

1. Create an account to process all licensing applications.
2. Complete your renewal process
3. Track your application
4. Submit documents

And more.

**Apply Online**

Apply for your professional license here!

Apply for a New License

**Renew Online**

Renew your license and maintain your account here!

Renew Your License

### Indiana Professional Licensing Agency Online Services

- Schedule an Appointment**  
The PLA is now accepting in-person appointments for limited transactions at our office.  
[Get Started >>](#)
- Apply for a New License**  
Apply for most licenses issued through the Professional Licensing Agency 24/7.  
[Get Started >>](#)
- Renew License and Update Address**  
Renew most licenses issued through the Professional Licensing Agency and update your address 24/7.  
[Get Started >>](#)
- Track Your Application**  
Track outstanding items to complete your pending license application. ➔  
[Get Started >>](#)
- Submit Documents**  
Submit documents to the Professional Licensing Agency online using the "License Update" service.  
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## Things to Remember - Application

The screenshot shows a web browser window at [mylicense.in.gov/eGov/Questions.aspx](https://mylicense.in.gov/eGov/Questions.aspx). The page contains a list of questions for a license application, each with a dropdown menu for the answer. A red arrow points to the first question.

Has disciplinary action ever been taken regarding any license, certificate, registration, or permit you hold or have held?	No
Have you ever been denied a license, certificate, registration or permit to practice any regulated health occupation in any state (including Indiana), country, or U.S. territory?	No
Do you have any condition or impairment (including a history of alcohol or substance abuse) that currently interferes, or if left untreated may interfere, with your ability to practice in a competent and professional manner?	No
Except for minor violations of traffic laws resulting in fines, and arrests or convictions that have been expunged by a court,	
(1) have you ever been arrested;	Yes
(2) have you ever entered into a prosecutorial diversion or deferment agreement regarding any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state;	No
(3) have you ever been convicted of any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state;	Yes
(4) have you ever pled guilty to any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state; or	No
(5) have you ever pled <i>nolo contendere</i> to any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state?	No
Have you ever been denied staff membership or privileges in any hospital or health care facility or had such membership or privileges revoked, suspended or subjected to any restriction, probation or any other type of discipline or limitations?	No
Have you ever been admonished, censured, reprimanded or requested to withdraw, resign or retire from any hospital or health care facility in which you have trained, held staff membership or privileges or acted as a consultant?	No
Have you ever had a malpractice judgment against you or settled any malpractice action?	No

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## Licensing in Indiana

1. Submit appropriate application for LBSW, LSW or LCSW.  
You will need:
  - Official transcripts from CSWE program showing the degree you earned.
  - Complete criminal history check
  - Pay fee
2. Once approved you will receive email confirmation from the BHHS licensing board to contact ASWB and register for your test.
3. Temporary permit LSW & LBSW is good for 12 months or until you pass the test. Only 1 permit allowed its part of application and costs \$25

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## Licensing via Test

- Testing for all 3 levels of licensing is through Association of Social Work Boards  
[www.aswb.org](http://www.aswb.org)
- You can not take the test until your application is approved by the Indiana licensing board.
- You should review information from the ASWB website prior to registering for your test.
- Once you've registered with ASWB to take the test the next step is scheduling your test via PSI.
- All information is available online at  
[www.aswb.org](http://www.aswb.org)

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## Reciprocity for LBSW, LSW, LCSW

- Have a valid license to practice from another state or jurisdiction;
- Passed an exam substantially equivalent to the exam required for Indiana licensure;
- Do NOT have a pending disciplinary action in another state and pass criminal history/background check; and
- Submit your completed application with the \$50 application fee and all required documents.

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## Questions About Licensure

At <https://www.in.gov/pla/professions/behavioral-health-and-human-services/> you can find:

- Licensure information for each license;
- Applications instructions;
- FAQ section;
- Statute and rules;
- Information on criminal background checks;
- Continuing education; and
- License Renewal

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## Social Work Interstate Licensure Compact

- Interstate compacts are constitutionally authorized, legislatively enacted, legally binding agreements among states.
- The SW Compact will enable regulated social workers with bachelor's, master's, and clinical licenses to serve clients in every state that joins the compact.
- Each compact member state agrees to mutually recognize licenses issued by every other member state.

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## Benefits of the Social Work Licensure Compact for Licensees

- Eases mobility
- Expands employment opportunities
- Allows for continuity of care for clients who move to a new jurisdiction or travel.
- Leverages technology like telehealth
- Simplifies licensing process by replacing reciprocity license with a compact license.

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## Compact Resources & Information

SW Compact website – [www.swcompact.org](http://www.swcompact.org)

NASW Compact info & Resources

<https://www.socialworkers.org/Advocacy/Interstate-Licensure-Compact-for-Social-Work>

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## Where to find Information - NASW

NASW National website - [www.socialworkers.org](http://www.socialworkers.org)

- Membership
- Practice area specific information
- Federal advocacy issues & advocacy alerts
- Information on licensing and the Social Work Compact
- Ethics

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For more information on NASW Indiana please  
visit our website at [www.naswin.org](http://www.naswin.org)

Email us at [info.naswin@socialworkers.org](mailto:info.naswin@socialworkers.org)

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