

Dear Social Work Internship Supervisor,

Every long legislative session in North Carolina the [National Association of Social Workers North Carolina Chapter \(NASW-NC\)](#) invites of hundreds social workers and social work students to the North Carolina General Assembly to participate in [NASW-NC Social Work Advocacy Day](#). The goal of this event is to further social workers' knowledge about policy issues in substantive areas of social work practice, teach participants about legislative advocacy, and provide an opportunity for social workers to educate their legislators about the social work profession and important client issues.

### Why Should You and Your Interns Attend?

Social Work Advocacy is incorporated into your student intern's learning agreement. What better way to introduce this social work ethical standard to your students than to have them participate in the **NASW-NC Social Work Advocacy Day on Wednesday, March 25, 2015?**

[NASW Code of Ethics](#): 6. SOCIAL WORKERS' ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE BROADER SOCIETY

#### 6.04 Social and Political Action

(a) Social workers should engage in **social and political action** that seeks to ensure that all people have equal access to the resources, employment, services, and opportunities they require to meet their basic human needs and to develop fully. Social workers should be aware of the impact of the **political arena on practice and should advocate for changes in policy and legislation to improve social conditions in order to meet basic human needs and promote social justice**.

### What are the Important Issues?

- Every legislative session, NASW-NC Chapter sets priority legislation, including the most important issues to our members and the social work community. [Click here to see the NASW-NC Legislative Agenda](#).
- Stay up-to-date on [NASW-NC's advocacy efforts](#).
- Prior to the event, NASW-NC will provide talking points and information on relevant bills that participants can use as a guide when talking to their legislators.

You have heard that there is strength in numbers and this is precisely what we strive to achieve by gathering as many social workers as possible at the North Carolina General Assembly on March 25.

Advocacy is an integral part of the social work profession. Without advocacy, we could not be the strong profession that we are. Should you have further questions or concerns about [2015 Social Work Advocacy Day](#), please do not hesitate to reach out to the NASW-NC office.

Sincerely,

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