
2012 Social Work Day Information & Schedule

February 1, 2012

Social Work Day at the Legislature offers an invigorating opportunity to make a difference by influencing lawmakers' opinions about issues important to our profession and those we serve. The day features an educational orientation and experiential immersion into the legislative process. You can watch legislators in action in committee and in floor sessions, schedule to meet with your legislators, and generally observe the legislative process. The day concludes with a reception honoring West Virginia's professional social workers.

Social Work Day at the Legislature is designed based on your feedback. The training offered is especially useful to social work students and professionals interested in understanding the legislative process and influencing public policy. Continuing Education hours are available for WV licensed Social Workers.

Schedule of Events

<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
8:15 – 8:45 am	Registration and Refreshments	<i>The Culture Center Great Hall</i>
8:45 am	Orientation & Briefing	<i>The Culture Center Great Hall</i>
	Facilitators: Steve Burton, MSW, President, Sam Hickman, MSW, CEO	
	Legislative Guests (<i>invited; committee meeting schedules may interfere</i>):	
	Sen. Dan Foster (D-Kanawha), SW Day Senate Proclamation Sponsor	
	Del. Meshea Poore (D-Kanawha), SW Day House Proclamation Sponsor	
10:30 am	Walk to Senate and House Galleries	
11:00 am	Observe Senate and House Floor Sessions	<i>Main Capitol Building</i>
12:00 pm	Lunch Break (<i>on your own</i>)	<i>Capitol Food Court or local restaurants</i>
1:00 pm	Attend Committee Meetings, Visit Legislators, Etc.	<i>various locations</i>
1:30 pm	Meet and Greet with Governor Earl Ray Tomblin (<i>as available</i>)	<i>Governor's Office</i>
2:00 pm	Debriefing with NASW WV Leadership	<i>The Culture Center Great Hall</i>
3:00 pm	Adjourn: See you at the Reception!	
5:00 pm	Reception	<i>Charleston Marriott Hotel, 2nd Floor, 300 Lee Street, Downtown</i>

Make the Most of Social Work Day!

Contact your Legislators Ahead of Time and Set Up a Meeting

Contact your legislators (read on to find out how) TODAY to schedule a brief meeting with them during Social Work Day. Group from the same district can meet together. If your legislator is not able to set a meeting, tell them you will be at the Capitol that day and will stop by their office. Invite them to attend the Reception from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Marriott Hotel.

Read the Bills You'll be Discussing with Legislators

Visit the West Virginia Legislature's website below to read some of the important bills we are following (see list at www.NASWWV.org). There much more at this site! Read on!

The West Virginia Legislature ONLINE: <http://www.legis.state.wv.us/index.cfm>

Stay Informed About the West Virginia Legislature!

A **daily blog** of legislative activities can be found at www.legis.state.wv.us

At this site you can: [Read bills](#), [track bills](#), [find your legislators](#), [listen LIVE](#), and view a [Citizens Guide!](#)

In addition, WV Public TV's "**The Legislature Today**" offers a recap of daily legislative activities and a guest policymaker interview Monday - Friday at 6:30 pm and 11:30 pm, hosted by Beth Voorhees.

How to Contact your Legislator

Web site:

Member contact information is available on the Legislature's Web site. Citizens can search to find their [House](#) and [Senate](#) lawmakers by name or district, by utilizing interactive [district maps](#), or by typing in their [zipcode](#).

Phone:

Toll Free - 1-877-565-3447

Write:

The Honorable (member's name)
West Virginia Senate/House of Delegates
Room _____, Building 1
State Capitol Complex
Charleston, WV 25305

LOCATIONS, DIRECTIONS, PARKING, SHUTTLE, OTHER INFO

The Culture Center Great Hall

The Culture Center is concrete building on the west side of the State Capitol, directly across from the West Wing of the Capitol Building. The Great Hall is just inside the main doors, which also face the Capitol Building. It also houses the new State Museum exhibition, State Archives and a unique gift shop.

NASW WV Information Table near 'The Well' between the House & Senate

For assistance after we leave the Culture Center visit our information table near "the Well" in the hallway between the House and Senate Chambers.

Elevator Floor Numbers: *You enter the Capitol Building on the Ground Floor. 'The Well' is one level above on the First Floor House & Senate Galleries & some committee rooms are on the Second Floor of the Main Capitol Building. In the East and West Wings, Senate & House offices & committee rooms are located on the Second Floor, which is one level above the entry level and designated as the First Floor.*

Charleston Marriott Hotel: Our Reception is on the Second Floor / Reception Co-Sponsors

The Charleston Marriott Hotel is located at 300 Lee Street, directly across from the Macy's store outside entrance at the Charleston Town Center Mall. ***We are proud to co-sponsor our reception with valuable coalition partners: The WV Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the WV Child Advocacy Network!***

Driving Directions to the Capitol

From points North: Take I-77 South to the Greenbrier Street/ State Capitol Exit (Exit 99), turn right off the exit ramp onto Greenbrier Street, then turn left at Washington Street into the State Capitol parking lot.

From points East: Take I-68 West to I-79 South, then to I-77 South. Take the Greenbrier Street/ State Capitol Exit (Exit 99), turn right off the exit ramp onto Greenbrier Street, then turn left at Washington Street into the State Capitol parking lot.

From points South: Take I-77 North to the Greenbrier Street/ State Capitol Exit (Exit 99), turn right off the exit ramp onto Greenbrier Street, then turn left at Washington Street into the State Capitol parking lot.

From points West: Take I-64 East to the Greenbrier Street/ State Capitol Exit (Exit 99), turn right off the exit ramp onto Greenbrier Street, then turn left at Washington Street into the State Capitol parking lot.

Parking

Parking is always at a premium at the Legislature. Free street parking within 2 or 3 blocks of the Capitol is usually available on the 1500 blocks of Kanawha Boulevard, Virginia, Quarrier and Lee Streets. Limited metered parking in the Capitol parking garage, as well as handicapped parking, is accessed via the parking entrance at the intersection of Washington Street and Greenbrier Street.

Shuttle Service

All day shuttle service is provided between the Capitol Complex and the Laidley Field parking area. The shuttle departs from Laidley Field starting at 7 a.m. and ending at 6 p.m. Each stop is served approximately every 10-15 minutes.

The shuttle does not operate from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The stops include: the Division of Highways Building 5, Building 6 California Avenue, East Wing entrance to the Main Capitol Building, at the Governor's driveway (Greenbrier Street), and Laidley Field. The shuttle bus is handicapped accessible.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Capitol Maps

Planning a visit to the state capitol? [Download a Capitol Map](#) to help you navigate it's grand halls.

Handicapped Access

Handicapped entrances are located in both the East and West Wing loading docks. If individuals are entering the Main Building (also called Building 1) from the fountain side of the Capitol Complex (the courtyard), a ramp and automatic doors are situated on the ground floor adjacent to Room 146-M. A fourth handicapped entrance is located at the entrance to the West Wing facing the Cultural Center. In each of the wings there are ramps located to the sides of the stairs leading to the Main Building. Security guards located on both the east and west side of the Capitol will be happy to provide additional directions.

To obtain bills in Braille format, please contact the Journal Room at (304) 340-3244.

Dispensary

The Dispensary is located on the main level near the Rotunda. Health care professionals are available during the legislative session; a nurse is available throughout the year. Please call (304) 558-3663.

Food

The Capitol Complex Food Court is located in the basement of the main capitol building. There are several sit down and fast food restaurants on Washington Street just one block west of the Capitol Complex.

A snack bar is located in the basement of the West Wing.