



Social Work Advocacy at the State Level: Critical to the Well-being of Clients & the Profession

PURPOSE

The last section of the NASW Code of Ethics, Section 6: Social Workers' Ethical Responsibilities to the Broader Society, calls for social workers to promote the general welfare of society, participate in public discussions, and engage in social and political action. The Code of Ethics includes advocacy because politics and policy have a tremendous effect on the profession and practice of social work. This is certainly true for social work practice in Ohio. Ohio's state government is facing unprecedented changes and challenges that will require social workers to engage in advocacy work. In this time of change, social workers in Ohio must be informed and engaged. This workshop will offer participants insight into the advocacy process and strategies to enhance their work in this area.

SPEAKER

Danielle Smith, MSW, MA, LSW is employed as the Executive Director at the Ohio Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW). In this position, she is responsible for the chapter's government relations, communications, and membership development. Prior to working for NASW, Danielle worked for the Ohio Senate. She received her Bachelor's degree in Social Work, Master's in Social Work, and Master's in Public Policy and Management from The Ohio State University.

OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of this workshop, participants will be able to:

- Describe Ohio's government & its recent changes.
- Describe the legislative process.
- Discuss the budget process.
- Explain the effect of the budget process on social work practice.
- Identify tips & tools for advocacy work.

HOURS

3.0 Social Work Clock Hours (#RSX059002) 3.0 BENHA (application has been made)
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The Ohio Board of Nursing accepts events approved for Counselors & Social Workers for Continuing Nurse Education Contact Hours.



Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging

174 East Long Street, Columbus OH 43215

614-645-7250 1-800-589-7277 www.coaaa.org

email: coaaa@coaaa.org

FEE \$55.00

The workshop fee includes coffee, tea and handouts. Lunch is not included.

LATE REGISTRATION: \$65.00 (after 2/22/12)

A **REFUND** will be made **ONLY** for cancellations received **5 work days prior to the event**. If less than 5 days, a credit can be issued for use at another program within the next year. If notice of cancellation is not received before the date of the program, no credit can be issued. Any checks returned will be subject to a \$15 bad check fee by the City of Columbus.

**PLEASE
NOTE**

Room temperatures can be difficult to control; dressing in layers adaptable to warm and cool temperatures is recommended. A map and directions are included in this brochure. For events at the COAAA Long Street facility, you **must** pay to park; there is **no free parking** downtown. The COAAA is not responsible for fees or fines. The COAAA does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, age or disability. If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please indicate so on the registration form.

DIRECTIONS



★ COAAA - 174 E. Long Street

Route I-71 to the Broad Street exit. West on Broad Street to 4th Street. North on 4th Street two blocks. The Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging (COAAA) is at the northeast corner of northbound 4th Street and eastbound Long Street.

Parking is available at a variety of lots within a two-block radius. Cost is between \$3.50 and \$8.00 for the day. Some lots require exact change. (The COAAA parking lot is for staff **only**.) There is **no free parking** in downtown Columbus. *A list of nearby parking locations will be mailed upon receipt of registration.*

In case of inclement weather, please call (614) 645-3885 to see if the workshop has been cancelled or rescheduled. In the event of a cancellation or change of date, you will have the option to attend on the new date or receive a credit to attend another workshop within one year.

REGISTRATION FORM

DEADLINE FEBRUARY 22

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Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Agency: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Cty/St/Zip: _____

Special accommodations needed due to a disability: _____

Registration Fee: \$55.00 (*lunch is not included*)

Late Registration Fee: \$65.00 (*after 2/22/12*)

Purchase Order Attached: # _____ \$ _____ Federal ID # _____

Make checks payable to **City of Columbus**, & mail with registration form to: **COAAA Training & Education
174 East Long St, Columbus OH 43215**

If using a purchase order, please attach a copy to the completed registration form. Questions? Call (614) 645-7250 or 1-800-589-7277; fax (614) 645-6146. COAAA will not accept registrations over the phone or fax without a purchase order number.