



# NASW-KS Chapter/KS Council on Social Work Education Legislative Education Advocacy Day (LEAD)

Washburn University – Memorial Union – Washburn Room – A/B  
March 6 – 2024 – 8:30 am – 11:30 am

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## Draft Agenda (subject to change)

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. – Coffee and breakfast - stop by our exhibitors' informational tables.

- After visiting the exhibitors then enter your name into our raffle drawing.

9:00 – 9:10 a.m. – Welcome

- Dr. Tonya Ricklefs - Assistant Professor of Social Work – Washburn University
  - President of NASW-KS Chapter Board of Directors

9:10 - Communicating our Stories with Kansas Legislators:

Social Work's 'Story': *Who We Are, What We Do, Why it Matters*

- Melinda Lewis, LMSW – Associate Professor of Practice – KU School of Social Welfare

9:20 – Inside the Dome Interview

Social Work Perspective from our Kansas Social Work Legislators

- Representative Susan Ruiz, LSCSW
- Representative Heather Meyer, BSW

9:45 – Advocacy in Action: Effective Conversations with Legislators

*Example: Reforming the statute of limitations through grassroots efforts*

- Lesa Patterson-Kinsey, MSW – Survivor & Co-Organizer Protecting KS Children from Sexual Predators

10:00 – Advocating for Change – the Power in Association - Why Join NASW?

- Phelica A. Glass, LSCSW, GCCAC, FAAGC, CSOTP

10:15 Break

10:30 – Community and Legislative Organizing to Expand Medicaid

- April Holman and Marissa Alcantar, Alliance for a Healthy Kansas

10:45 - Community Based Advocacy in Rural Kansas to Address Poverty

- Andres Mata, Executive Director, Kansas Civic Network

11:00 – Expanding Access to School-Based Mental Health Supports Across Kansas

- Angie Brungardt, MHIT Field Liaison Coordinator

11:15 - NASW-KS Legislative Priorities - Becky Fast – NASW–KS Chapter - Executive Director

Lunch at Washburn University Memorial Union is recommended as options are limited at or near the Kansas Capitol. **Please check out the exhibitor informational tables:** Special thank you to our sponsors and to Washburn University Social Work Department for hosting the event.