

**NASW Illinois Chapter
2009 Legislative/Social Policy Agenda**

- NASW IL will work to establish the rules process for PA 95-510, the social work Medicaid reimbursement law, secure funding and advocate for favorable reimbursement rates.
- NASW IL will seek a line item in the FY2010 State budget to fund Child Welfare Student Loan Forgiveness Program.
- NASW IL will actively support proposals that address the State's structural budget deficit, solvency and capacity to support a thriving human services infrastructure to meet the needs of the State's most vulnerable residents in the short-term and long-term.
- NASW IL will seek to re-educate the public and social work practice areas about social work licensure and the importance of social work confidentiality, the foundation of the profession's Code of Ethics.
- NASW IL will closely monitor and review, and support when deemed appropriate, initiatives to expand health care access and availability in Illinois, including behavioral health services.
- NASW IL will closely monitor and review, and support when deemed appropriate, initiatives to eliminate or reduce poverty in Illinois.
- NASW IL will support legislation and policies that enhance the safety of social workers in the performance of their work.
- NASW IL will support initiatives that provide for and protect the human rights of all Illinoisans.
- NASW IL will support initiatives that ensure that women will have reproductive choice and reproductive health services in Illinois regardless of their financial circumstances.
- NASW IL will work to promote the three areas of its Social Work Reinvestment Initiative State Plan:
 - >Maintain and enhance jobs for the social work profession
 - >Maintain and expand reimbursement for social work services
 - >Strengthen and expand loan forgiveness in the state of Illinois

As always, the NASW IL is guided by the policy statements that appear in *Social Work Speaks* in its advocacy efforts. NASW's Delegate Assembly, a national body of 300 professional social workers, meets every three years (most recently this past August, 2008) to develop *Social Work Speaks* policy statements.