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## **Social Policy & Research Communication Program**

### **Policy Proposal Topic Ideas**

This document is aimed towards helping you identify a topic area for your policy brief. Topics for the SPRCP abstract proposal are not limited, however emphasis should be made to apply your topic to local communities or the State of Indiana. The topics areas introduced here are only suggestions, one should feel free to choose a topic beyond the scope of suggestions listed here.

### **Potential Topic Areas**

#### **Grand Challenges for Social Work**

- Ensure healthy development for all youth
- Close the health gap
- Stop family violence
- Advance long and productive lives
- Eradicate social isolation
- End homelessness
- Create social responses to a changing environment
- Harness technology for social good
- Promote smart decarceration
- Reduce extreme economic inequality
- Build financial capability for all
- Achieve equal opportunity and justice

#### **NASW Policy Issues**

##### **Ensuring Child & Family Well-Being**

- For Youth
- Healthcare for All
- Older Adults Needs
- Foster Children

##### **Fortifying the Social Fabric**

- Veteran Issues
- Access to Mental Health Treatment
- Homelessness
- Right of Individuals with Disabilities

##### **Building a Just Society**

- Equity for All
- Improve Criminal Justice System
- Reform Immigration Policy
- Reduce Extreme Economic Inequality

Additionally, the Indiana Chamber releases a set of prioritized legislation areas for each year. For 2019, the areas of interest can be found in the resource section below. While their agenda proposes whether to support or oppose certain policies, you can identify how you, through a social work lens, would address the identified issues.

Lastly, innovative ideas outside the scope of the topics listed here are encouraged. The needs of local communities and the state receive priority when being considered for the SPRCP policy brief. Again, please do not feel limited to the topics proposed here.



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## **Online Resources**

<http://grandchallengesforsocialwork.org/grand-challenges-initiative/12-challenges/>

<https://www.indianachamber.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/2019TopLegislativePriorities.pdf>

<https://www.socialworkers.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=KdViBtJaxtw%3d&portalid=0>