Learning to Make a Difference: Engaging Your Skills in the Legislative Process

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Thursday, August 13
1:00-4:00

UAlbany School of Social Welfare
Downtown Campus
135 Western Ave

Participants will learn how their social work skills and principles of decision making apply to legislative/governmental advocacy. Participants will gain practical knowledge of the process and insights for effective advocacy and engagement. Students will learn about legislative, budget and regulatory research and will explore the challenges of the “right” path vs the path that “yields the greatest benefit” or that is the most “practiced/achievable path to the goal.”

Learning objectives:  
• To analyze the skills and tools of the social work profession and how they directly translate to legislative engagement and advocacy.

• To learn the legislative structure and process and look at their role as advocates in all areas including the processes of bill development; development and adoption of the state budget; and implementation of legislation and policy.

• To learn approaches to legislative strategy, including elements of effective engagement, strategy, working with coalitions, and more.

• To gain familiarity with researching, and analyzing legislation (including, how to read a bill, what it says exactly, why it might be credible or not, reasons to support/oppose).

This program is free of charge. However if you would like to receive Social Work Continuing Education hours, there is a cost of $60/ $30 for SSW field instructors.

This event is approved for 3 CE hours.

REGISTRATION is required – go to http://www.albany.edu/ssw/current-programs-and-registration-ceu.php to reserve your spot as space is limited