

Update from PASSWP

March 2020, "COVID-19 Health Crisis"

Members, guests, and concerned citizens,

As we write this update, we all have had to change gears from our daily routines. This affects each of us in different ways. During this time of crisis, PASSWP is thinking of you all and how we can continue to serve our populations. This message is going to be brief and to the point... We want to provide you resources, links, encouragement as we do our best to get through this. As you continue to provide services and resources for the students and families, also keep in mind that this is a good time to complete CEU's/Act 48 online. It may be a good idea to keep track of what you do from your remote location.

National level:

- **School Social Workers Association of America:**
<https://www.sswaa.org/> The resource page: <https://www.sswaa.org/covid-19-resources>

State level:

- **NASW PA**
<https://www.socialworkers.org/Practice/Infectious-Diseases/Coronavirus>
- **PA Coronavirus Health Website**
<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx>
- **PA Dept of Education**
<https://www.education.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx>
- **Unemployment Benefits**
<https://www.uc.pa.gov/Pages/covid19.aspx>
- **SNAP Benefits/Food Stamps**
<https://www.compass.state.pa.us/compass.web/Public/CMPHome>
- **DHS/COMPASS Help Line: 1-800-692-7462**
- **Utility Assistance**
 - Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
<https://liheappm.acf.hhs.gov/navigator>, 1-866-452-6152
- **2-1-1 United Way: dial 2-1-1** <http://www.pa211.org/>
- **Pennsylvania Utility Law Project: 717-236-9486** pulp@palegalaid.net
 - Provides information, assistance, and advice on low income residential utility and energy matters.

Internet – reach out to an internet provider to explore possible programs or discounts,
www.spectrum.net/support/internet/covid-19-internet-offer-students

Online CEU options: www.ce4less.com, <https://www.socialworkers.org/Careers/Continuing-Education/NASW-CE-Courses>; free mandated reporter training: <https://www.reportabusepa.pitt.edu>