

# 2020-2021 Advocacy Director Report

## A Note from the Advocacy Director

The success of advocacy programming in the 2020-21 academic year was a direct result of leadership in the College of Social Work recognizing the need for this work in the years leading up to a historic presidential election and period of social activism. This created the space to develop skills, programs and relationships that allowed the college to intervene at critical moments in creative ways. We hope to build on this work in the coming year for deeper impact and sustained partnership with our community.



Stephen David, LSW  
Advocacy Director

## Voter Engagement

CSW Advocacy presented **18 workshops and speaking engagements** on nonpartisan voter engagement, with a focus on incorporating these practices into human services settings, reaching **496 attendees**.

Hosted **five phone banks** with partners from the Ohio Voter Rights Coalition, as well as **National Voter Registration Day** and **Poll Worker Recruitment** events for the 2020 election.

## Policy and Advocacy Supervision

First developed as a response to COVID and the transition to online instruction, CSW Advocacy hosted bi-weekly virtual policy and advocacy group supervision sessions for students in field placement. These sessions were open to all students and provided legislative updates, condensed versions of focus area presentations, and space to discuss current events and challenges in advocacy practice.



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## 2020 VOTER ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

ALL ACTIVITIES APPROVED FOR HRA HOURS FOR STUDENTS IN FIELD PLACEMENT

**Tell Us #WhyWeVote!**

- Like or follow the Nonpartisan Ohio Voter Outreach Committee (NOVOC) on social media.
- Watch the #WhyWeVote video.
- Record and post your own #WhyWeVote video.
- Tag OSU, CSW and NOVOC social media accounts.

**Reach Out to Voters!**

- The College of Social Work is co-hosting phone- and text-bank parties to contact voters about registering and voting by mail. Visit [bit.ly/novocevents](http://bit.ly/novocevents) for a full schedule.
- Write letters to low-propensity voters anywhere in the country by using [vote4wd.org](http://vote4wd.org).

**Celebrate National Voter Registration Day!**

Join us via Zoom on Tuesday, September 22 from 10:11:30 a.m. to learn why social workers should engage the communities they serve around voter engagement. We will be learning together, and reaching out to family and friends to register to vote! Sign up at [go.osu.edu/cswnvr](http://go.osu.edu/cswnvr).

**Be a Poll Worker!**

- Go to [VoteOhio.gov](http://VoteOhio.gov) to sign up to work the polls on Election Day.
- Select a training that fits your schedule.
- Work 5:30 a.m.–7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3.
- Get paid!

Have questions? Attend our Poll Worker Recruitment Fair on Thursday, October 8 from 3–4 p.m. Register at [go.osu.edu/workthepolls](http://go.osu.edu/workthepolls).

**Sign Up for Election Protection!**

The Ohio Voter Rights Coalition is training volunteers to ensure access to the polls on Election Day. Sign up at [bit.ly/eppolls2020](http://bit.ly/eppolls2020).

- Voting Ambassadors
- Poll Monitors
- Social Media Monitors

**Questions?**  
Contact advocacy director Steve David at [david.54@osu.edu](mailto:david.54@osu.edu).

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VOTING in the OSU  
LET'S MAKE EVERY VOTE COUNT

NOVOC

# 2400+

Attendees at virtual events from June 2020 through May 2021.

# 63

Events, workshops, trainings and speaking engagements.

# 14

Credit hours of continuing education provided to the community.

