



DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK  
FIELD NEWSLETTER  
SPRING 2022

Welcome to the Spring 2022 semester! The ISU Department of Social Work, Field Department, is excited to send this edition of the Field Newsletter to keep you informed about ‘everything field’. Please contact the [Field Director](#) if you or your agency has an update that you would like to have included in a future newsletter. Thank you for your continued support of our students and your ongoing dedication to our program!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please mark your calendars:

- **January 11, 2022** Spring Semester Begins
- **February 7, 2022** Professional Development Night, ISU Department of SOWK Field Education Program (5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.)
- **February 21, 2022** LEAD Day, Indianapolis, Indiana
- **February 23, 2022** College of Health and Human Services Career Fair (1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.) Indiana State University HMSU
- **March 25, 2022** ISU and HCI Collaborative Conference (Virtual) on “Ethics” presented by Dr. Reamer (8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)
- **March 25, 2022** Field Instructor Meeting (Virtual) 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.
- **May 7, 2022** Commencement
- Please refer to the attached “Spring 2022 ISU Department of Social Work Field Calendar” for other important Field-related dates

## FIELD MANUAL

Please take a moment to review the revised Department of Social Work Field Manual soon. The manual is located on the Department website.

## FIELD INSTRUCTORS

If you have a BSW or an MSW and are interested in providing supervision for a Social Work Intern—we need you! Please contact JoEllen Henson, Field Director, [by email](#) or at 812-237-4536 for more information!

### **FIELD INSTRUCTOR SPOTLIGHT—Mandi Jeffries**

Mandi Jeffries is a social worker at The Villages. She does a variety of things for her role there, including managing her case load for foster homes, providing post adoption resources, licensing for Terre Haute foster parent families, doing home studies for foster families and private adoption, and training for foster parents.

Her experience with her own field instructors, good and bad, had a big impact on her education. She wanted an opportunity to help shape and prepare the next generation of social workers. She was able to learn best from social workers who were in the field daily and wanted to be able to provide that same experience to students. While being a field instructor can be stressful, it is a very rewarding role. She enjoys being able to watch the growth in the students from beginning in the field program until they graduate.

Mandi will be serving as an adjunct instructor for the ISU Department of Social Work in the Spring 2022, teaching SOWK 240: Family and Child Welfare.

Submitted By: Julianna Gallion, Field GA

### **AGENCY SPOTLIGHT—Pride Center of Terre Haute**

The Pride Center of Terre Haute is a local resource hub for folks in the LGBTQIAP+ community. The agency provides services such as individual counseling, case management, and support groups. The Pride Center of Terre Haute also provides social events on a regular basis in order to help decrease the isolation that LGBTQIAP+ folks in the Wabash Valley Experience.

In addition to these services, the PCTH also has a community center which we open on the weekends for community members to come in and spend time with friends and family, playing games or just spending time together in a space where everyone can be themselves. This is such an important resource for this area and the experiences interns gain from this internship placement are wonderful!

Submitted By: Rachel Magill, MSW Student Intern

### **BSW STUDENT SPOTLIGHT—LaMonica Sykes**

LaMonica Sykes is a BSW senior who will be graduating in May of 2022. As LaMonica will soon receive her Bachelor's of Social Work, she will be advancing on her aspirations of becoming a physician with an understanding of diversity, disproportion, and ways to enhance access to inclusive healthcare. As LaMonica was significantly impacted by her community and allied health professionals upon a traumatic accident, she recognized the importance of equitable systems and inclusive practices. Furthermore, LaMonica sought to utilize her field of study and involvement for professional and personal development in the following.

Initially, LaMonica had an internship with the ISU Women's Resource Center. At this point, she served as a peer educator. As Vice President of Tobacco Free Blue and involvement with Tobacco Prevention and Cessation, she engaged in macro-level interventions. In participating in Vigo County tobacco audits and grant proposal meetings, she assisted campus leaders with Indiana State's tobacco-free campus initiative. While LaMonica recently interned with Hamilton Center's assertive care treatment services, she is currently a case management intern at the ISU Student Counseling Center.

La Monica is also a residential life social justice educator. Within this role, she persists in enhancing her competency of communities and identities to uphold advocacy/allyship within the community. As the BSW student representative for the NASW Indiana Chapter, LaMonica seeks to conclude her undergraduate studies by impacting the field of study that has enriched her in various ways. Overall, her experiences at ISU have further supported her desire to become a culturally competent doctor.

### **MSW STUDENT SPOTLIGHT—Kassondra Horn**

Kassondra Horn is a student in the Part-Time Advanced Standing Master of Social Work Program here at ISU. She graduated with her Bachelor of Social Work in the wake of COVID-19 in May of 2020. During her time in the BSW program, she completed her internships at Signature HealthCare and Harrisons Crossing Health Campus.

In the MSW Program, Kassondra has interned at DaVita Kidney Care and Cummins Behavioral Health. At these placements, she has helped create safe places for clients and families. During her time at DaVita Kidney Care, she worked closely with the American Kidney Foundation and the National Kidney Foundation to help individuals and families with any needs while battling renal failure. In her time at Cummins Behavioral Health, Kassondra has served as an intern for Addiction Therapy. She helps run the Intensive Outpatient Therapy group and the Lasting Recovery group. Kassondra finds this position to be both challenging and rewarding. She is also able to provide education in the Intensive Outpatient Therapy group twice a week. She is excited to see what the rest of this internship brings her.

Since starting at ISU in 2016, Kassondra has been involved in Dance Marathon for Riley Hospital for Children. She raised over \$2,500 and since Dance Marathon has started in 1991, over three million dollars have been raised for the Children's Miracle Network. In May of 2022, Kassondra will graduate with her MSW.

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT NIGHT—February 7, 2022 (5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.)**

We have traditionally provided field students with professional development presentations from graduate assistants, but we decided to change things up a bit for an event in the Spring 2022. We will be hosting a Night of Professional Development for all of our Field Program students. This event will provide students with professional development presentations by Field Instructors, specifically relating to the field of social work. This event will offer a variety of topics presented

by Field Instructors from the community. This event will take place on February 7, 2022 from 5:30pm-7:00pm located in the College of Health and Human Services Arena rooms C013 and C015.

Last semester, our topics included Time Management, Professionalism in the Workplace, and Self-Care to finish out the year. We sent out surveys to gain knowledge on the professional development areas that Field Instructors see as being highly important for the growth of our students. With bringing in Field Instructors as speakers, we hope this education will be of benefit for the students in their field placements.

Submitted By: Julianna Gallion, Field GA

### **SONIA UPDATE**

Our transition to Sonia has gone very well so far, we have only been using it for 7 months and it has been a definite improvement. We have received a good amount of feedback at this point and there are some alterations that will be made to improve our system. We will be working on updating some forms to make this aspect more user friendly. Another addition we are in the process of incorporating is inputting all the onboarding and orientation requirements for each placement so that the students can have this information prior to starting at their sites.

We have established a [Sonia Support email](#) to which you can send all questions and concerns. The Sonia Support Team works hard to get to every email, and this is a large part in streamlining our transition. During the upcoming summer, we will be assessing what has been working and what could still use adjusting.

Submitted By: Julianna Gallion, Field GA





# NIGHT OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Hosted by the Department of Social Work  
Field Education Program

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**FEBRUARY 7, 2022 | 5:30PM-7:00PM**

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
ARENA C013 AND C015

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We are hosting a night of professional development specifically for students in our Field Program!

The intention of this is to have professionals in the Social Work field share their knowledge with you on professionalism in Social Work.

If you have any questions or want to register, please contact [Julianna Gallion](#).

## SPRING 2022 ISU Department of Social Work Field Calendar

<b>Tuesday, January 11, 2022</b>	Spring Semester Begins: Students may begin placements after in-class orientation
<b>Monday, February 7, 2022</b>	Professional Development Night, ISU Department of SOWK Field Education Program (5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.)
<b>Monday, February 21, 2022</b>	LEAD Day, Indianapolis, Indiana
<b>Wednesday, February 23, 2022</b>	Health and Human Services Career Fair (ISU) 1:00 p.m.-4:00p.m.
<b>March 7-March 11, 2022</b>	ISU Spring Break
<b>Wednesday, March 23, 2022</b>	CHHS Student Symposium (10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.)
<b>Friday, March 25, 2022</b>	ISU/HCI Collaborative Conference (Virtual) on “Ethics” with Dr. Reamer (8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.)
<b>Friday, March 25, 2022</b>	Field Instructor Meeting (Virtual) 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.
<b>Friday, April 29, 2022</b>	Last Possible Day of Field Placement
<b>May 2, 2022-May 6, 2022</b>	Finals Week
<b>Friday, May 6, 2022</b>	Graduate Commencement
<b>Saturday, May 7, 2022</b>	Undergraduate Commencement

Please feel free to view the [ISU Calendar](#) as well as the [Department of Social Work Events](#) for additional campus events and information.

**For Questions, concerns, or feedback, please contact:**

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