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Job Title	Government Relations Director
Employer/ Agency	National Association of Social Workers
Job Description	Under the strategic direction of the Chapter Executive Director, the Government Relations Director will direct the implementation of the Texas Chapter Work Plan fo the board approved legislative agenda in order to advance the interests of social work practice and the profession. This position assists the Executive Director in achieving NASW's vision, mission, values, goals, and strategic plan and acts as a liaison and provides staff support to the NASW/TX PAC: TPACE (Texas Political Action for Candidate Election) Committee. The primary function of the GR Director will be the implementation of the Legislative Agenda through statutory and regulatory means, and Staff Support to TPACE. The GR Director will work closely with the Board, and other groups associated with the implementation.
	II. BASIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: 1. The GR Director is responsible for the implementation of the Legislative and Interim Agenda, supporting the TPACE committee, and implementation of the strategic Work Plan for advocacy for NASW/Texas. The GR Director leads and coordinates the development, management, implementation, and evaluation of strategies to inform and influence public policy at the state level on issues and in area of importance as determined by the Board and Executive Director. Promotes the profession of social work to government officials, public and private agencies, and the general public. 2. Works closely with Executive Director in strategy development, evaluation, and continuous planning. Works closely with chapter leadership and in tandem with the
	national efforts to develop chapter's legislative agenda, policies, and positions as the apply to implementation of the legislative and advocacy Work Plan 3. Drafts or otherwise prepares legislation related to Work Plan and takes all necessa action to obtain passage of bills; Communicates support, opposition, or amendments to applicable legislation through letters, fact sheets, testimony, and meetings with legislators and committee staff
	 4. Provides materials, training, and technical assistance to chapter leadership in the regional and local implementation of Chapter goals and activities. 5. Participates in public/press events which support the Chapter's legislative agendary Assists in facilitation of Association events.
	 6. Responds to membership and media inquiries regarding pertinent legislation and i impact; Oversees Social Work Advocacy Day Events 7. Provides staff support to NASW-TPACE (Texas Political Action for Candidate Election) to assist the Board with their candidate endorsement process, distribution contributions, fundraising efforts, Texas Ethics Commission reporting, and other activities.
	8. Registers as a lobbyist in Texas9. Supervises interns/fellows as appropriate.
Qualifications	 Bachelor's degree in Social Work or a related field. (Pre or post masters). MSW preferred Knowledge and/or experience with political advocacy and lobbying preferred

	Experience:
	1. Minimum four years experience in administration and planning
	Ideal candidate will have demonstrated success in strategic planning and implementation
	3. Ideal candidate will have demonstrated experience with regulatory, legislative and political processes, preferably in Texas
Salary/Hours	
Employer/Agency	NASW
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City, State, Zip	
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Opening Date	Immediate, Closes 8/18/19

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