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Title

**Social Justice in Action: Advocacy at the State House**

Description

To make change happen, you need to lobby! Whether your cause is securing health care for everyone, increasing the minimum wage, or improving the profession by seeking equity or expanded responsibility for social workers; you can be an effective agent for Social Justice. This program will examine ways social workers can lobby at the State House in Massachusetts and the value of advocacy.

3 Learning Objectives

1. Develop a foundation of the legislative process
2. Increase knowledge on how to be an effective advocate.
3. Learn how to get involved in advocacy and the legislative process.

Bibliography/Helpful Resources

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