

APRIL 2021 is:

VIRTUAL ADVOCACY MONTH

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT TO YOU?

IPS advocates for you and your patients. It is **VITAL** that we make our voices heard and our position known. **BUT...**the most effective way to do this requires participation from **YOU!**

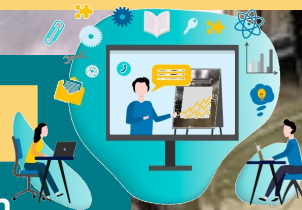


PART 1: ADVOCACY 101

Thursday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Whether you are new to advocacy or a seasoned pro, this training will provide useful tips that you can apply at home in the virtual setting.

Visit Illinois.psychiatry.org to register.



ALL HANDS IN!

IPS Advocacy Month is designed for members to get involved based on their comfort level. Choose to participate in only one activity on your own time or participate in them all. **YOU DECIDE!**

PART 2: AT HOME LOBBY ACTIVITIES

More Details at Illinois.psychiatry.org. IPS is here to help with every step.

1. Who are your state legislators? Find out and get their contact information.
2. Social Media Outreach: Locate your legislators on social media.
3. Involve a Friend: Ask a friend to advocate with/for you.
4. Call your legislators. (IPS will provide talking point.)
5. Send a letter to your legislators. (IPS will provide fact sheet.)



PART 3: VIRTUAL VISITS

IPS will set-up and facilitate short (20-30 min.) virtual group meetings for members with like legislators, who want to participate in a more traditional meeting format. This will be similar to the past in-person advocacy days. You must sign up for this in advance. Please contact kmalloy@ilpsych.org.

