



INSSWA Networker

FROM THE PRESIDENT

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I hope you are still enjoying the wonderful Indian Summer that we are having as I write this letter. On November 5th, the Conference Committee hosted another successful conference called "Putting the Pieces Together." We recognized Lucy Di Michele, our 2010 School Social Worker of the Year; Dee Kempson, the Indiana School Social Worker Consultant; our outgoing board members and welcomed new board members who will begin serving on the board this month. I want to thank all INSSWA members who have served this past year in any capacity.

The data we collected this past year indicates that, although Indiana school social workers faced some layoffs, overall, we fared pretty well. I am concerned about recent changes in our Indiana governing bodies, which may have an effect on school budgets. I encourage you to watch the legislation, become active, and advocate for services for students across the state.

As your President, I am looking forward to working with each of you as we continue to build school social work programs and provide much needed services to students on a daily basis. Our website continues to be developed to meet your needs. It now includes information for school board members and schools superintendents to become more informed about our roles as school social workers in their schools. Please use this information to help advocate for both yourselves and other practitioners in our field.

I continue to appeal to you as valuable members to become more involved in our organization and to help us host the upcoming 2011 Midwest/Indiana Fall Conference, which will be held at the Marriott North in Indianapolis, IN on September 29-October 1, 2011.

I want to thank all the regions of the state for their continued support of trainings and seminars to strengthen our organization.

Take care!

Cynthia Evans, MSW, LSW
President



MINI-GRANTS

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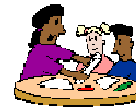
Linda Temme

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For the fifth year, the Indiana School Social Workers Association is offering its members the opportunity to apply for mini-grants in the amount of \$100-\$500. The purpose of these grants is to help school social workers establish or enhance programs that provide direct services to students and/or their families. Grant recipients will be asked to complete their program by June 2011 and to provide a poster display for the 2011 Midwest/INSSWA Fall Conference.

The application and criteria to apply may both be found on the INSSWA website (www.insswa.org) in the "Membership Information" section. Applications must be returned by hard copy to the INSSWA post office box or electronically to Terry Miller (phillip@iquest.net) by December 1st.



2010 INSSWA Committees

Members of INSSWA have the opportunity to get involved in school social work at the state level by being on one or more of our committees. Being a committee member allows you an opportunity to get involved, lead, and participate in our profession to strengthen the services that we provide to students, school social workers, schools, families, and communities. Below are the committees and the chairperson(s) with their e-mail contact. We hope to hear from you soon!

Committee

Conference
Legislation

Membership

Communications
Audit
Newsletter

Website
Midwest
Mini-grants
SSW of the Year
Promotions
Scholarships
Nomination

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Indiana School Social Work Association Southeast Regional Meeting

When:

November 30, 2010

8:30am to 1:30pm

Where:

New Albany-Floyd County School Corporation

Administrative Services Center

2813 Grantline Road

New Albany, Indiana 47150

Topics:

"Suicide Prevention: Warning Signs and Symptoms of Suicide" (2 CEUs)

"Ethical Boundaries in the New Age of Technology" (1 CEU)

Presenters:

Gabriella Brown, The Jason Foundation/ Wellstone Regional Hospital

Deirdre Kempson, IDOE School Social Work Consultant

This workshop is **FREE** to INSSWA members, sponsored by the Indiana School Social Work Association (INSSWA). Lunch will be served at approximately 12:15pm, compliments of INSSWA.

CEUs are **FREE** to INSSWA members and \$5 per CEU to non-members.

RSVP to Shannon Johnson @ (812) 542-2172 or sdjohnson@nafcs.k12.in.us by November 22, 2010. Please specify if you will be staying for lunch.



Please join us for our Southwest Regional meeting

December 1, 2010

Lincoln Heritage Public Library (basement)

Dale, Indiana

11-2 CST

Presenter: Dee Kempson, IDOE School Social Work Consultant

Topic: "Ethical Boundaries in the New Age of Technology" (1 CEU)

Please bring your favorite resources to share with the group (1 CEU)

This workshop is **FREE** to INSSWA members, sponsored by the Indiana School Social Work Association (INSSWA). Lunch will be served at approximately 11:00 a.m., compliments of INSSWA.

CEUs are **FREE** to INSSWA members and \$5 per CEU to non-members.

Please RSVP to Amber Wetzel, awetzel@dspcoop.org or (812) 760-2278 by November 22.

Library address is 105 Wallace St., Dale, IN 47523 phone 937-7170



Above, Dee reacts in the pictures on the left and right to the announcement of her recognition. In the center, she is pictured with INSSWA President, Cynthia Evans.

School social workers in Indiana are extremely fortunate. We are one of only a few states which have a School Social Work Consultant at the Department of Education. We are doubly blessed in that our consultant is Dee Kempson. Dee works diligently to support the work of school social workers across the state and in doing so, ensures that students and families in Indiana have access to the important services provided by school social workers. In recognition for all that she does, INSSWA presented Dee with a plaque of appreciation during the Fall Conference on November 5th. Thank you, Dee.



GET YOUR TICKET AND SAVE THE DATE!!!

Indiana is hosting the 2011 Midwest Conference
September 29 and 30, 2011
Marriott North, Indianapolis, IN

Check out our website at www.INSSWA.org for more information about the conference as well as to view the excellent article by one of the conference keynote speakers:

Creative Interventions for Children and Families

By Liana Lowenstein, MSW, CPT-S



Calendar of Events

- December 1 **INSSWA Mini-Grant Applications are due.** phillip@iquest.net
- December 7-8 **IYI Kids Count Conference** iyi.org/conferences/kids-count.aspx
- January 19 **INSSWA Scholarship Applications are due.** cevans@kokomo.k12.in.us
- February 1 **2011 Midwest School Social Work Conference Call for Proposals are due!** plawrenc@mccsc.edu

- February 1-28 **Black History Month** www.teachervision.fen.com/black-history-month/teacher-resources/6602.html

- February 6-12 **National School Counseling Week** **Celebrate**

2011

September 28-October 1 Indiana will host the 43rd Midwest School Social Work Conference! lindatemme@comcast.net

To gear up for the 2011 Midwest School Social Work Conference, read below about the experiences of INSSWA member Jeanne Milligan at the 2010 Midwest School Social Work Conference.

The Midwest School Social Work Conference Experience by Jeanne Milligan

I was fortunate this fall to attend the Midwest School Social Work conference in Bloomington, Minnesota. It was 2 days full of great workshops, inspiring keynote speakers, and fellowship with school social workers throughout the midwest as well as our enthusiastic group from Indiana. It always reenergizes me to be around such dedicated professionals.

One keynote speaker touched all of our hearts as he challenged us to refocus the vision of the hardest to reach youth. Roberto Rivera uses the culture of hip hop to work with youth in Chicago. He suggested that helping youth change the vision of themselves, modeling forgiveness, connecting youth to their community, and providing opportunities for service to others can make an important impact in a youth's life. He pointed out that we can be the avenue to change for our youth.

Two of the other workshops that I attended provided useful information for working with children with special needs. One workshop focused on the autism spectrum and the other focused on children diagnosed with fetal alcohol disorder. Both workshops stressed structure and providing coping strategies. The workshop on fetal alcohol disorder presented interesting information on how a diagnosis is determined.

There were many other wonderful workshops. Check out the handouts on msswa.org. Make plans to attend the next Midwest School Social Work conference in Indianapolis!!! Don't miss out on this inspiring opportunity.