



International Network for School Social Work

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Recent Developments in School Social Work "学校社会工作"

In the last few months, we have learned of new school social work programs in several countries.

- In Luxembourg 25 school social workers are active.
- In Mauritius, social workers started last year working to assist schools with children that they cannot manage on their own.
- Social work education and practice has quickly become established in HoChiMinh City in Vietnam.
- In Soculuk in the Kyrgyz Republic, the Children and Family Center provides social work services to a group of socially vulnerable children to keep them attending school. The Social Work Department of the Bishkek Humanistic University is interested in introducing school social work into the curriculum so that services could be offered around the country.
- China, with one fifth of the world's population, has started to pilot school social work, 学校社会工作, first in Shanghai (where there are now 38 school social workers) and more recently in Guangzhou (with 2 school social workers). The Center for Social Work Education and Research of Sun Yat-sen University provides training. You can read about the social work training and research at <http://www.zsusw.org/English/>. Leung Tong Lit Charles, who worked as a school social worker for five years in Hong Kong is now teaching at Sun Yat-sen. He is editing a book on the development of school social work in China that will provide an important addition to the literature.

Vietnam

Development of school social work is progressing in Vietnam. On May 25, there will be further training and study on the need for counseling in Vietnamese schools. The College of Pedagogy in HaNoi will hold a workshop on the "Model of Training for School Counseling". The workshop will establish training methods and also share experiences in counseling practice between Vietnam and the US.

Resources for School Social Workers

Coping with traumatic events

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSA) of the US Health and Human Services Administration has extensive information online about helping people of all ages cope with traumatic events. The web site at <http://www.samhsa.gov/trauma/index.aspx> is a clearinghouse for information on how to help in natural disasters, violence, trauma at school, death in the family, terrorism and personal trauma. The information is intended for health professionals, schools, parents and families and students.

Links to International Social Work Organizations

1. The International Federation of Social Workers (<http://www.ifsw.org/>) has links to 83 social work associations around the world.

The International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) is a global organization striving for social justice, human rights and social development through the development of social work, best practices and international cooperation between social workers and their professional organizations.

2. Global Social Work: An Internet-Based International Social Work Community (<http://hometown.aol.com/egeratylsw/globalsw.html>)

You can learn about the international social work community, international social work organizations, social work search engines, humanitarian and human rights issues.

Brochures from the School Social Work Association of America

1. School Social Work: A Life Changing Career

This bright brochure is designed to highlight school social work services. It is an appropriate resource for social work educations and those interested in knowing more about a career in this specialty practice field of social work. It can also serve as a great introduction for anyone who is not familiar with school employed social workers.

<http://www.sswaa.org/brochures/Blue/Career.pdf>

2. School Social Work - Ensuring Student Success

This brochure addresses the role of school social work in removing barriers to education. With the current focus on academic achievement this publications shows the relationship between academic achievement and the healthy student. A student who has good mental health is a student who is ready to learn and take advantage of the educational opportunities available to them.

<http://www.sswaa.org/brochures/Purple/Connecting2.pdf>