



## **International Network for School Social Work**

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## **School Social Work is Launched in Nigeria**

NEXT, a news source from Nigeria, has published an article on the first “School Social Work Day” in Lagos. An official of the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Social Development reports that social workers recently started work in a few public schools in the state. The Ministry’s Commissioner, Ademola Adeniji-Adele, says that the social workers will be helping students with truancy, cultism, drug use, gambling and delinquency, such as involvement with the 419 scam.

Wole Suenu, a lecturer at the Department of History and International Relations at the Lagos State University, described a role for school social workers that is different from the role of school guidance counselors. The guidance counselors advise students on courses and careers, while the school social workers deal with social problems, which often go beyond the school environment. The social worker also provides liaison between home, school and community.

The international Network does not have a contact with the school social workers in Lagos yet. The full news story is at: [http://www.234next.com/csp/cms/sites/Next/News/Metro/5422342-147/Lagos\\_celebrates\\_school\\_Social\\_Work\\_Day.csp](http://www.234next.com/csp/cms/sites/Next/News/Metro/5422342-147/Lagos_celebrates_school_Social_Work_Day.csp)

## **The School Social Work Association of America Web Site**

**<http://www.sswaa.org/>**

SSWAA’s redesigned web site offers many resources for school social workers, including:

- A complete calendar of school social work events through 2012
- A Call for Papers for SSWAA’s next annual conference in April 2010
- School Social Work Brochures
- Policy papers on confidentiality, bullying, gay and lesbian youth, group work
- Links for professional resources on topics such as learning disabilities
- News about school social work and school social workers in the U.S.

The web site also provides links to the SSWAA leadership, the Midwest Council and the Southern Council, and State Associations with their web sites. Many of these state web sites have additional information that is useful to school social workers.

For example the Minnesota School Social Workers Association has an excellent manual that has been used by school social workers around the world. <http://www.msswa.org/manual.html>

A casual search on the Iowa School Social Workers' Association web site turned up a 3 minute You Tube video on "School Social Work: What's It Really Like?" [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8S\\_IrBjOjtg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8S_IrBjOjtg). Searching around these state web sites as well as the SSWAA web site can yield a lot of good resources.

**CALL FOR PAPERS**  
**For the SSWAA Annual Conference**  
**APRIL 7 - 10, 2010**  
**The Marriott at Union Station**  
**St. Louis**

*Workshops will be selected through a competitive process based on the quality of the submission. Presentations that feature evidence-based practice and contemporary educational frameworks are particularly desirable, however, all workshops of interest to school social workers are appropriate.*

**See a printable version of the Call for Papers at**  
**<http://www.sswaa.org/index.asp?page=82>**

**A Maori Proverb for School Social Workers**

A slip of the mouse resulted in a word being left out of the Maori proverb in last month's newsletter. Now it makes sense and is a maxim just right for school social work. We have many resources in our social work baskets for helping schools, communities and parents use their own baskets of resources to help the children.

***Ko tou rourou!***

***Ko taku rourou!***

***Kia ora ai nga Tangata***

**With your basket!**

**With my basket!**

**We will help the well being of the people!**