



North Carolina School Social Workers' Association

SPRING 2007

Message from the President

I cannot believe the 2006-2007 school year is coming to an end?

I had the opportunity to attend the SSWAA National Conference this past April. We had beautiful weather and learned a great deal. To name just a few topics from the conference were Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS), cyber bullying, integrating qualitative research into school social work practice, problem solving and Response to Intervention (RTI). North Carolina was well represented.

We had the opportunity to exhibit at the NC Parent Resource Center at Families in Action's 3rd Annual NC Parent Network Conference, *Raising Healthy Children: Parents and Communities*

Together. It was held April 24th and 25th in Elon. This year's conference was designed to meet the needs of prevention professionals, parents, volunteers and others working in the field of substance abuse prevention. Outstanding presenters possessed excellent credentials and expertise presented practical and helpful information that benefits participants who are committed to expanding parent-centered prevention. Our 2007 fall conference planning committee members are hard at work preparing for the upcoming conference in Asheville at the beautiful Grove Park Inn, November 14th-16th. We will be sending out more detailed information over the summer regarding



Danielle Woodall
President NCSSWA

the workshops; please see the registration form within this newsletter. This year we will celebrate our Association's 35th anniversary. I look forward to seeing you in the fall. Have a relaxing and fun summer break!

Sincerely,
Danielle Woodall
NCSSWA President

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Celebrating 100 Years of School Social Work!

**Interested in running for the NCSSWA Board ?
This application is for you!**



Get your name on the ballot today!
All applications are due to Avis Barnes
by October 5, 2007.

NOMINATION FORM

Name of School Social Worker: _____

Employer: _____

Home Address: _____

Work Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

I am interested in holding the office of _____
Experience as School Social Worker _____

What characteristics/skills do you possess to fulfill the duties of this elected office?

Person completing this form: _____

Work phone: _____

Please send completed application to Avis R. Barnes
1219 Kendall Drive, Durham, NC 27703 by October 5, 2007.

North Carolina School Social Work Personnel by the Numbers - 2007

Identifying the school social work staff in North Carolina has been a difficult task, but Dr. Kathy Sullivan, DPI Director of Human Resources and Quality Professionals, has made this task effortless. LEA staff and NCSSWA members sometimes dispute the DPI figures but this may be because those "School Social Workers" working in non-social work positions (principals, teachers, counselors), those retired, and in some cases those who left this earth permanently are in the count. However, these are the most accurate figures we have.

As of December 2001, 640 (FTE) school social workers were employed in NC. As of January 2007, 892 were employed. The largest number of school social workers are employed in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg (84), Guilford

(72), Cumberland (68), Wake (61), and Winston-Salem/Forsyth County (44) school systems. In 2000-2001, 32 of 117 districts functioned without school social work staff, these were reduced to 22 in 2001-2002 and to 18 of 115 districts now.

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Those without school based social work support include: Beaufort, Camden, Caswell, Clay, Clinton City, Edenton/Chowan, Granville, Henderson, Hickory City, Jones, Macon, Mitchell, Mt. Airy City, Newton-Conover, Polk, Swain, Thomasville City, Washington County. If you know of SSW practi-

tioners in these districts, please let me know.

Most school social workers are employed by state funds; 46% are MSWs, 51% are BSWs and 3% are without social work licensure. Of the total, 261 hold Advanced 6th Year Licensure (Specialty), 153 hold MSW licensure, and 451 hold BSW licensure. Twenty-six are without social work licenses. Unfortunately for the communities and students we serve, some persons are hired through "lateral entry" who lack any formal social work training. It is not clear how these persons will achieve licensure status.

G. L. Shaffer, submitted April 2007 to the NC School Social Workers Association Newsletter.

Pre-register for the NCSSWA Fall Conference November 13-15 at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville. Reserve early and you may stay Friday night at the same conference rate.

Childhood Depression Awareness Day and Mental Health Month

For more than fifty years, our country has celebrated May as Mental Health Month to raise awareness about mental illnesses and the importance of mental wellness for all. According to the Center for Mental Health Services approximately one in every 33 American children under the age of 12 may experience depression and approximately one in eight adolescents, 12 to 18 years old, experiences depression. If left untreated, depression can lead to school failure, substance abuse or even sui-

cide. Join the Mental Health Association in North Carolina in pro-

"If left untreated, depression can lead to school failure"

moting the tenth annual Childhood Depression Awareness Day on May 4, 2007. The goal is to raise community awareness that childhood depression is real, that it is serious and that it is treatable.

By knowing the signs and symptoms, we can help North Carolina's children access treatment and have a brighter future. For a Mental Health Month activity guide, posters, brochures, etc., go to; <http://www.nmha.org/go/may>

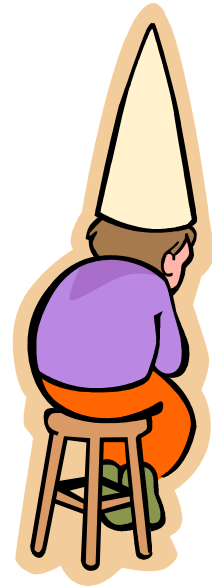
Corporal Punishment Ban in NC Schools

Recently H.B. 853 was introduced into the NC House to Ban Corporal Punishment in NC Schools; a companion bill was introduced into the NC Senate. Representatives Alexander (D. Mecklenburg), Fisher (D. Buncombe), Parmon (D. Forsyth), and Glazier (D. Cumberland) were the primary sponsors. Forty-one N.C. districts (41%) ban corporal punishment and sixty-eight (59%) permit it. In 2005 -6, Burke County School used it 508 times, followed by Robeson (297), McDowell (246), Iredell-Statesville (108) and Caldwell County Schools (94). This, however, is only a partial list as districts are not required to report corporal punishment use to DPI. Fortunately, the large majority of NC students are in districts that already ban this form of discipli-

ne. H.B. 853 has strong backing from the NCSSW Association, NASW-NC, the Covenant for North Carolina Children, Prevent Child Abuse NC and Action for Children as well as many individuals across the state. School district and legislative resistance comes primarily from smaller and more rural school districts. Rep. Ronnie Sutton (D. Robeson) stated recently, "I support corporal punishment...It's good for the school system...A good paddling on the buttocks with an appropriate paddle...will do the student some good." A teacher in his district badly bruised a student in 2005 with a paddle with holes drilled in it. Appropriate?

To sign a petition to the legislature supporting a ban on corpo-

ral punishment go to <http://www.nospank.net/banncp-nc.htm> (Warning- graphic pictures attached). For more information regarding alternatives to corporal punishment see www.stophitting.org/.



A note from the Vice President:

It is time to plan for our break-out session speakers at the Fall Conference. If you have ideas of topics and/or speakers, please send me contact information for those people. Many of the topics this year were suggestions made from the membership. So please give me your ideas for speakers with interesting topics and reasonable fees. If you have been blessed with the gift of speaking then consider yourself as a resource as well.

Thank you!

Looking forward to a wonderful
Fall Conference and celebrating
35 years!

Peggy Mann
Vice President of NCSSWA



Committee Reports

Membership

NCSSWA has 265 members!
New member receipts and membership cards were mailed and we are notifying potential members of membership rates and benefits via email, mail, and phone calls.

Committee chair:
Amanda Rose

Legislative Committee

The Covenant's Legislative Agenda; The Covenant, Education Work Group is focusing on 2 bills for endorsement: a proposed suspension bill and proposed bully prevention bill. The Education Work Group supports the Supreme Court in the Leandro Case and believes that all students should receive a "Sound Basic Education".

Juvenile Justice- Raise the age allowing juveniles to receive services through the Juvenile Justice System.

Action For Children- Executive Summary Report which focuses on Short-Term Suspensions; Long Term Consequences; and Real Life Solutions.

Compulsory School Attendance- Raise age to 17 or finish high school.

Communications

We welcome your input, suggestions and submissions for the newsletter. Phone (336) 748-4007, or email lberry@wsfcs.k12.nc.us or twhite-kennedy@wsfcs.k12.nc.us

Committee Co-Chairs:
Lynne Berry,
Tina White-Kennedy

Public Relations

We obtained the Governor's Proclamation for School Social Work Week and mailed it to all LEA Superintendents, Directors of Student Services, and Lead Social Workers. We exhibited NCSSWA information at the NC Parent Network Conference on April 24th and will exhibit at the 2007 Summer Leadership Conference June 24th -27th.

Committee Co-Chair
Melinda Willingham/ Sandi Hall

Regional Reports

Raleigh Region

The Raleigh Region welcomed Officer Bryan Walker of the Chapel Hill Police Department to the April 27th regional meeting in Chapel Hill. Officer Walker spoke about MySpace, cyber-crime, and internet predators. Along with sharing information that all school social workers should hear, Bryan spent some time looking at actual MySpace profiles and explaining how to navigate the MySpace site.

Committee Co-Chair:
Stephanie Faron-Minter
Amber Doby

Southwest Region


Interested in joining the planning committee?

Sure you are!!

Please contact Sara Morrell at
980-343-6450 x262
or email her at
sara.morrell@cms.k12.nc.us .


Thank you!
Committee Chair:
Sara B. Morrell

Personals...




To Gary Shaffer,
Continued best wishes
for your health from
NCSSWA.
Wishing you a speedy
recovery from your
surgery!

SOCIETY NEWS



Retro Restaurant

Danielle Cathy' and Melinda's trip to Washington DC
SSWA Conference this summer



Pool

Know someone who isn't a member of NCSSWA?

We have great Spring and Fall Conferences and would love to have new members join us.

Benefits include:

- Quarterly newsletters Legislative updates
- Advocacy for policies affecting school social workers and students
- Professional development opportunities

And much more!

You can retrieve the application for membership on our website under "Join NCSSWA".

- Regular membership \$35.00
- Student membership \$17.50
- Retired membership \$17.50

Membership chair:

Amanda Rose (336) 570-6180
Amanda_rose@abss.k12.nc.us (336) 570-6180 x286 voicemail

Student Support Services and NCLB

"Most school districts offer a range of programs and services oriented to student needs and problems. Some are provided throughout a school district, others are carried out at or linked to targeted schools. Some are owned and operated by schools; some are from community agencies. The interventions may be for all students in a school, for those in specified grades, for those identified as "at risk," and/or for those in need of compensatory or special education. Looked at as a whole, a considerable amount of activity is taking place and substantial resources are being expended. But, it is widely recognized that the whole enterprise is not well conceived, practices are fragmented to the point of dysfunction, and school planners continue to treat the work as nonessential. For various reasons, those concerned with addressing barriers to learning and teaching have focused narrowly on specific matters such as parent involvement, school safety, mentoring, and coordination of services. These types of efforts often are referred to as low-hanging fruit by politicians looking to show they are "doing something." Unfortunately, such a piecemeal and ad hoc approach tends to increase the widespread problems of fragmentation, wasteful redundancy, and counterproductive competition for resources. In turn, this has exacerbated, rather than reduced the marginalization of efforts to address barriers to learning and teaching and has made a mockery out of stated commitments to close the achievement gap and reduce dropout rates. Instead of tinkering around the edges, you should focus on the big picture and the central policy question:

How can school and community resources be braided together to develop a comprehensive, multi-faceted, and cohesive systemic approach for addressing barriers to learning and development?"

GLS

Gary L. Shaffer, Ph.D.
Associate Professor &
School Social Work Coordinator
UNC School of Social Work

For more information go to
<http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu/pdfdocs/PromotingaSystematicFoc us.pdf>

OOPS



Correction– It came to our attention that not all shown in this picture in the **Winter 2007 Newsletter** are past presidents. Also not all of the **NCSSWA's** past presidents are pictured.
Thank you.

To sign up for the DPI Student Support Services E-group go to
[http://](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/studentssupport/)
[www.ncpublicschools.org/](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/studentssupport/)
[studentssupport/](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/studentssupport/)

NCSSWA 2007 **FALL CONFERENCE**

35TH ANNIVERSARY: FULFILLING THE PROMISE

Grove Park Inn, Asheville

NOVEMBER 14 – 16, 2007

Ron Glodoski

Leading National Expert on
Bullying, Substance Abuse & Resiliency
Nov. 14th, Wednesday 4:30-6:30

Allyson Bowen

Creative Strategies for Working
with Relational Aggression
Nov. 16th, Friday 9:00-12:00

Wednesday Specialty Sessions (1:00pm-3:00pm) include:

- Networking for Lead School Social Workers
- New School Social Worker Orientation
- School Social Work Ethics
- John Edwards – Going Beyond the Parent Meeting

- Mental Health in the Schools: Smokey Mountain Counseling
- John Edwards: Going Beyond the Parent Meeting
- Love and Logic Parenting Classes
- Reel to Reel Therapy
- Adolescent Risky Behaviors
- Establishing Community Collaboration for Dropout prevention
- Gangs and Violence
- Cyber Bullying and Sexual Harassment
- Allyson Bowen: Relational Aggression

NCSSWA membership dues of \$35.00 must be paid with registration fee of \$105.00 to receive discounted registration amount. (Total fee: \$140.00)

Registration must be postmarked by 10/14/07 - late fee of \$15.00 / Onsite Registration Available

Member registration fee: \$105.00		Thursday only: \$90.00		Student/Retiree: \$60.00		Total Enclosed:
Non-member registration fee: \$150.00		NCSSWA membership: \$35.00		SSWAA membership: additional \$40.00		

Refund Policy: All cancellations must be in writing. Requests postmarked before October 14, 2007 will be refunded less 25%.

Make checks payable to:

**NCSSWA, Attn: Casey Hill, Treasurer
116-A Albany Street, Graham, NC 27253**

Name: _____
 Address: _____ Phone: _____
 LEA (school system): _____ email (required): _____
 Emergency contact: _____ Phone: _____
 BSW _____ MSW _____ PH.D _____ Other: _____

Are you licensed in School Social Work? Yes _____ No _____

Questions? Call ...
 Peggy Mann, Vice-President,
 919-718-2400 X 3260
 Room rate: \$129.00 through October 4, 2007
 Call or log on to www.groveparkinn.com for reservations
 1.2 CEUs will be issued the last day of the conference; .6 CEUs will be issued for Thursday only

NCSSWA Regions

Western

Buncombe
Cherokee
Clay
Graham
Haywood
Henderson
Jackson
Macon
Madison
McDowell
Mitchell
Polk
Rutherford
Swain
Transylvania
Yancey

Wilson

Northwest

Alexander
Alleghany
Ashe
Avery
Burke
Caldwell
Catawba
Davidson
Davie
Forsyth
Iredell
Stokes
Surry
Watauga
Wilkes
Yadkin

Southwest

Anson
Cabarrus
Cleveland
Gaston
Hoke
Lincoln
Mecklenburg
Montgomery
Moore
Richmond
Rowan
Scotland
Stanley
Union

Raleigh

Alamance

Caswell
Chatham
Durham
Franklin
Granville
Guilford
Harnett
Johnston
Lee
Nash
Person
Randolph
Rockingham
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Bertie
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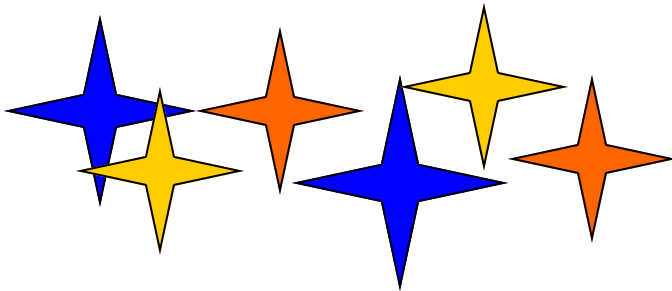
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Brunswick
Carteret
Columbus
Craven
Cumberland
Duplin
Greene
Jones
Lenoir
New Hanover
Onslow
Pamlico
Pender
Robeson
Sampson

Attention NCSSWA Members!

2007 is a voting/election year for NCSSWA! There is no time like the present to start thinking about running for office.

If you are interested in volunteering to serve the school social work profession in this way or if you would like to nominate someone, please contact **Avis Barnes** at avis.barnes@orange.k12.nc.us

We have a lot of exciting things in store and what better way to be part of the celebration of the **NCSSWA 35th Anniversary!!**



FYI: This newsletter will be posted on the NCSSWA website at www.ncsswa.org and two editions per year are printing and sent to our membership via the U.S. Mail.

2007 Dates to Remember

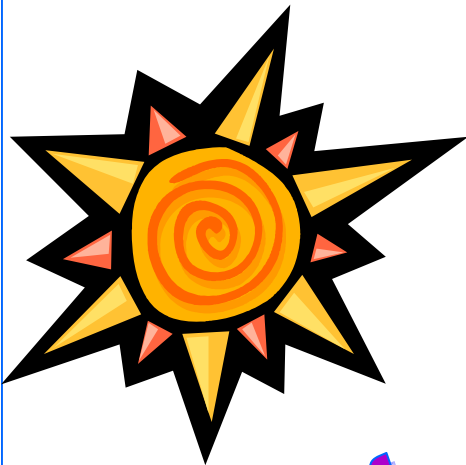
SSWAA Leadership Summit: July 8th-11th, Arlington, VA
NCSSWA Board Meeting: August 10th, 10:00-4:00, Raleigh
NCSSWA 2007 Fall Conference November 13th-15th, Grove Park Inn, Asheville
NCSSWA Board Meeting: November 14th, 9:00-11:00, Asheville

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Have a safe and wonderful summer!

