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MASSW NEWS



Region M—Macomb County

WELCOME BACK!!!!

Hopefully your September has been a smooth transition into a successful school year. For those of you that participated in the September 12th workshop on ADHD Evidence Based Assessments, presented by Dr. Steve Foley, **please take note** that the course approval number is **091608-09**. You may write this number directly on your certificate.

Upcoming MASSW Meetings/Workshops (held at the MISD)

November 7, 2008—Adrienne Gasperoni
on Domestic Violence Impact on Children and Community Based Interventions

January 9, 2009—Dr. Ruth Anan on *Selective Mutism*

March 13, 2009—School Social Work Month (TBD)

May 15, 2009—Rebecca Konarz on *Grief and Loss*

ATTENTION ALL REGION M MEMBERS!

The **MASSW Meeting Place** is now open for business. The *MASSW Meeting Place* is a new blackboard website designed to help you with challenges, resources and ideas. Social workers throughout the county can log in to find resources, ask questions and share suggestions.

To log in, go to www.bb.misd.net Log in name is: **masswguest**, password: **guest**.

Click on **MASSW- Region M**.

Check out your area of interest. There is a **resource section** with various websites that pertain to school social work. There is a **discussion section** where you can ask questions and share ideas and resources. You can share social stories, logs and other tools that you have found helpful by uploading them to the board. Region M news may also be found including upcoming meetings.

If you would like your own personal account, you can contact **Steve Whitmore**, website manager, at STEVEN.WHITMORE@UticaK12.org. **Log in today and log in often!**

URGENT NEED FOR AUCTION ITEMS!!

Region M is in urgent need of donated items for the Political Action Committee (PAC) Fundraising Auction that will be held at the state MASSW conference in Grand Rapids, October 16-18, 2008.

Monies raised by the auction are used to support the interests of school social workers in the political arena. Examples of recent positive issues our PAC has supported include state licensure for social workers, funding increases at the state level for at-risk students and support for measures that would limit the ability of school districts to outsource school social work positions.

Your Region M board is requesting that you consider donating an item, soliciting an item from a local business, or making a cash donation that can be used by Region M to purchase items for the auction. Examples of auction items include handicrafts, artwork and jewelry, as well as themed gift baskets, gift certificates, and social work games or books that can be used at school.

If you need more information contact Region M Secretary **Mary Brooks** at mbrooks@mail.eds.misd.net or 313-410-5283 this week regarding auction items.

Thank you everyone for your support!

Look Who's in the Spotlight

Each month the *Spotlight* will shine on a newsworthy project, program, or endeavor made by one of our own Region M School Social Workers. If you are working on something worthy of the spotlight, or know an SSW who is, please make your submissions to Sarah Selaty at sselaty@roseville.k12.mi.us. Will your contribution be the next to take center stage? Our first *Spotlight* contribution has been made by



Leah Scheuer

Chippewa Valley School District

She writes:

Over the past few years I have been trying to find a way to utilize the RtI process in an affective manner. As most educators know, the RtI tier system works well when you are able to use standardized assessments and benchmarks with objective numbers; however, when it comes to being able to assess subjective behaviors, it can get tricky. Last year I piloted a program that I used with kindergarten-aged students. I was able to modify the "Skill Streaming" curriculum into a questionnaire format for teachers to complete on each student. With the information that I gathered, I was then able to set my own benchmarks in order to determine which students needed what type of support. Based upon the data that I gathered, I was able to identify my three target behaviors. Any student that fell below the determined benchmark was then eligible for "Tier II" intervention. Tier II intervention was delivered three days per week over a six week period. After the six-week process, each student was reassessed in order to determine growth. In addition to group assessments, I also collected data from the entire class during my intervention in order to review my benchmarks and local norms of my school. Overall, my results illustrated that 50 to 75% of all students that participated showed growth within the target area. My intervention also confirmed that school social workers are able to be integral members of an RtI team. With a little ingenuity, I was able to modify an existing curriculum, utilize it with the RtI model, and apply the process to an affective domain. If you would like any information about this model, please contact me via Chippewa Valley Schools at LScheuer@cvs.k12.mi.us

MUST HAVE WEBSITES!!!

If you don't already have these websites saved in your "Favorites" now's the time to put them there!

www.jimwrightonline.com
www.interventioncentral.org
www.behavioradvisor.com
www.pbis.org
www.misd.net/ssw
www.masswmi.org



UPDATE YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Visit the MASSW website for a membership form and update your membership today!

www.masswmi.org



A Word from Our President. . .

Hope everyone is off to a great school year! It was wonderful to see those of you who were able to make it to our first meeting and workshop. We were honored to have Steve Foley, PhD, speak to our group on Friday, September 12th about using evidence-based practices with students diagnosed with ADHD. It was a great presentation. The handout he provided was a useful tool for evaluating students and helping to decide what would be the most effective school intervention.

OTHER NEWS. . .

- It's official! The MISD is an unlimited provider of CE's for our group. Thanks to the many people who helped make this happen! We must realize that the MISD is doing the best they can to apply to as many conferences that fit our criteria. Let's stay positive and be prepared to work out "the bugs" this year. PLEASE, PLEASE remember to have your license number with you to write on the sign-in sheet. This information is **required** and needs to be on the sheet along with your signatures. **If you come late to a workshop or leave early, you will not be able to earn the CE's.** It's no different for those who attend our Region M meetings. So please don't forget to bring your number! Also, expect to pay a \$10 CE fee for each MISD sponsored workshop you attend.
- New this year, for those social workers who are **not** MASSW members and attend our meetings and workshops, they will be charged a \$10 fee for CE's. Members **do not** have to pay.
- Are you a current member? MASSW, our state organization, is preparing a "members only" web section that will provide great resources and opportunities to chat with one another. Stay tuned! For your convenience, a membership form is provided as an attachment on our MISD newsletter website.
- Don't forget the state conference this year in Grand Rapids. Better register early to get the section you want and the room at the hotel! This is our 60th year celebration and it promises to be a "GRAND" one!
- Please see Mary Brooks for getting auction item donations to her. The profits from the auction help fund PAC. More information is in the newsletter. If you are not able to donate an item, please consider making a donation directly to PAC by using the PAC form provided as an attachment on our MISD newsletter website.
- Steve Whitmore has done a great job getting a Macomb County SSW Black Board site. Please read the article in today's newsletter.
- The MASSW Region M Board met over the summer and established the following **goals for the 2008/2009 School Year**:
 1. Update Bylaws;
 2. Maintain a county-wide list of SSWs;
 3. Increase membership;
 4. Improve coordination with MISD and county recognition;
 5. Improve use of technology with Black Board;
 6. Explore data piece that relates to accountability—establish an Ad Hoc Committee.



PLEASE REVIEW THESE ATTACHMENTS at WWW.MISD.NET/SSW

Student Assistance Network Meetings and Student Assistance Programs and Trainings calendar for the year.

Ethics and Stress Management, Thursday February 19, 2009. Social workers have the opportunity to earn the required 5 CE hours of ethics and 1 CE hour of stress management.

Focus on Results, August 2006. Yes, it's an oldie but goody. Please scroll down to page 6 and read the section, **"The Role of Special Education Consultants and Evaluation Personnel Changes With Rtl."** If you are not aware, you need to be....the model for Rtl in Michigan is MiBLSi. If you don't know what that means, it is strongly recommended that you find out and start by reading this issue.

For your convenience, an **MASSW membership** form is attached. Please renew your membership, or if you've been putting it off, it's now easier than ever to sign up and join your professional group. Don't delay! . . . Join today!

Please seriously consider making a donation to support our political action committee, PAC. If we want to be heard in Lansing, we must show this group our support by making a donation of any amount. A **PAC form** is attached for your convenience. . .any amount helps! Thank You!!!!



Upcoming C.E. Opportunities Hosted by UCS Social Workers

Tuesday, November 18, 2008: Art Expression
Presented by Rosie Chapman, LMSW

Tuesday, December 16, 2008: CPI Refresher*
Presented by Martha Pollock, LMSW
Michelle Vinluan, LMSW

*(*Open only to those who have taken the training within the last couple of years.)*

Tuesday, January 13, 2009: Using Writing with Symbols to Support ASD Students
Presented by Jenni Mahar, LMSW

Sessions will be held from 4-6 p.m.
Conference Room D
UCS Board Office
11303 Greendale, Sterling Heights, 48312

Space is limited to 30 attendees
You must be a member of MASSW

Please RSVP to
Mary Ellen Bross at Maryellen.bross@uticak12.org
or (586) 797-2308
by the Friday before each presentation you would like to attend.

Cost: \$10 for 2 CE's-collected at the session
Checks payable to Utica Community Schools

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Please check the accuracy of the district rep. names, district and email addresses. We would like to make sure we have accurate info...thanks!

If corrections need to be made, please notify
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