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Dear Child Serving Agency Director/Provider,

The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest School Social Work Council Conference will be held in Ohio for the very first time at the Cleveland Marriott Key Bank Hotel on October 4, 5, 6, 2007! The Ohio School Social Work Association is proud to host this event, **Orchestrating Harmony...School, Home and Community**. Over 400 school social workers, school psychologists, school counselors, administrators, social services providers, mental health therapists and juvenile justice personnel from across the country will gather for this professional training event.

A Student Support Services Summit will also be held on Friday to draw together local, state and national leaders in education, mental health and other child serving local and state organizations. Those leaders will hear about effective service delivery models and search for solutions to braiding services and funding to ensure academic and employment success for students.

**Your organization will benefit from ensuring your staff attends this outstanding conference!** School based mental health providers and child/family therapists will benefit from participation in this professional development opportunity. Workshops by school social workers and other child serving professionals from across the country will increase the skills and promote the use of best practices for your staff. **We need the support of social service agencies like yours to showcase our state and host an outstanding event!**

We invite you to join our current sponsors, the *Ohio Department of Mental Health, Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University, College of Social Work at Ohio State University, School of Social Work at University of Cincinnati, Fairview Hospital and Cleveland Christian Children's Home* to provide a professionally enriching experience for your staff.

Please find attached for your convenience the Conference Informational Sheet, Call for Sponsorships/Exhibits/Advertisements and a Sponsorship Agreement for your convenience. Goto [www.osswa.org](http://www.osswa.org) for more information. The conference brochure will be available in May. We look forward to providing a professionally enriching experience for your staff and joining as a community to celebrate our accomplishments and commitment to support children and families!

Sincerely,

Kathleen Usaj, MSSA, LISW  
2007 Conference Co-Chairperson