

**The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest School Social Work Council Conference**  
**Cleveland, Ohio**  
**Orchestrating Harmony**  
**School, Home and Community**

**Dates/ Location:** The 2007 MSSWC Conference will be held on **October 4, 5, 6, 2007** at Marriott Key Center, 127 Public Square, Cleveland, Oh 44114. Room rates are \$139 for single or double occupancy. All rooms are totally updated with flat screen TVs, new pool/exercise room in the very heart of the city. Everything is in walking distance.

**Airport:** Cleveland/Hopkins is a 20 minute ride from the hotel. You can take the Rapid Transit from the airport to Public Square and walk 2 blocks to the hotel, or utilize a taxi service. Shuttle service is being sought.

**Program:** The conference theme is '**Orchestrating Harmony – School, Home and Community**'. **Thirty workshops in addition to those presentations listed below will be offered.**

Thursday Pre-Conference workshops:

**Sophia Dziegielewski, Ph.D.** is a tenured professor and Director of the School of Social Work at the University of Cincinnati. Dr. Dziegielewski has been the keynote presenter at many national conferences, most recently at the NASW Florida State conference. She is a Vietnam and Persian Gulf Veteran and has over 110 publications in the area of health and mental health. Her six hour workshop will include Part I: DSM-IV-TR IN ACTION: Children and Adolescents, The Specifics in Process and Application. Part II: Psychopharmacology and Mental Health Practice with Children and Adolescents. The primary supporting text for this presentation is Dziegielewski, S.F. & Leon, A.M., (2001). Social Work Practice and Psychopharmacology. New York: Springer Publishers.

**Nic Dibble, MSW**, is the Consultant for School Social Work Services at the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI). His work for the state includes provision of technical assistance, training, and resources development, as well as networking with other state-level organizations. Mr. Dibble's work covers the areas of child abuse and neglect, school age parents, adolescent pregnancy and suicide, domestic and dating violence, school - community collaboration, confidentiality of student records, mental health, professional ethics, and pupil services teams. For 12 years he worked as a school social worker in Marathon County in north central Wisconsin. Prior to joining DPI in 1991, he served as the Project Manager for the Families and Schools Together (FAST) program at Family Services in Madison, Wisconsin. Mr. Dibble comes from a family of social workers. In his spare time, he serves on the Stoughton School Board, currently in the office of president. Mr. Dibble will present on the topic of Wisconsin's nationally acclaimed School Based Suicide Prevention Programs.

The **Thursday evening banquet** is a celebration, recognizing all Midwestern states' School Social Workers of the Year. We are very excited about our speaker. **Barbara Eady, MSSA, LISW**, is the past President of the National Association of Black Storyteller, as well as a psychiatric social worker for Kaiser Permanente. She presides over an organization of more than 400 story tellers and eleven affiliate organizations, including the Cleveland Association for Black Storytellers of which she is the founder. Barbara Eady reminds us that storytelling "is how we process things, death, tragedy, joy, opportunity. The telling soothes us, inspires us, empowers us. It is how we come to understand each other. It is hard to hate people when you have heard their story."

The **Friday morning keynote speaker** will be **Dr. George Batsche**, Project Director of the Center for Student Support Services and Shared Services Network Grants from the Florida Department of Education. He is also Co-Director of the Institute for School Reform at the University of Southern Florida in Tampa. He is currently directing the implementation of the Problem Solving/RTI Method in Florida for the Florida Department of Education and served as one of the writers of the Policy Document on the Implementation of Response to Intervention for the National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDE) in 2005. He is a certified school psychologist, licensed clinical psychologist and certified school administrator.

The **Saturday Brunch speaker** will be Dr. Adolph Brown, III. Doc Brown was born into poverty. He has experienced parental divorce, gang involvement, issues of loss and abandonment, bereavement, as well as having the victim mentality. As an adult, he has dedicated his life's mission to help others overcome the major stumbling blocks by self-motivation and self-improvement. He has experienced living in the inner city, raised in a rural area and as a parent of a large family, has direct experience with 'every child'. He earned a Ph.D. in psychology, is a psychoanalytic therapist, a structural family therapist and a kickboxing instructor, having successfully trained four U.S. champions and one world champion. In addition, he is a tenured university professor and administrator at Hampton University Psychology and Psychology/ Education Department. He has been the recipient of over 200 awards and has shared the platform with all living presidents and First Ladies Barbara Bush, Hillary Clinton and Nancy Regan. Doc Brown has given over 3,000 presentations that include conferences for the NEA, the Money 2005 Conference, the Alabama Association of School Boards, the Oklahoma Education Association and the National At-Risk Youth Conference.

**Special Events:** The Friday night meet, greet and have fun in Cleveland will be at the renowned **FAT FISH BLUES!** Enjoy a Mardi Gras Buffet and cool jazz. Enjoy a stroll around downtown with its' many clubs including House of Blues, Pickwick and Frolic, Flannery's Irish Pub, the W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street Clubs – all within walking distance or taxi for under \$5. There will also be reduced admission to the Rock N Roll Hall of Fame!

Also being planned is an '**Student Support Services Summit**' to be held on Friday after Dr. Batsche's presentation. Invited attendees will include Dr. Batsche, Ken Gaughn, Director of School Social Work Services for Hillsborough County Schools, Tampa, Florida, and current president of the Florida Association for Student Support Services, representatives of Ohio Department of Education, Ohio Department of Mental Health, Ohio Network for School Based Mental Health, Ohio Community Collaboration Model, Ohio Alliance of Pupil Services Organizations, Ohio Association of Elementary School Administrators, Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators, Ohio Legislature's Education Committee, Greater Cleveland School Superintendent Association, Cuyahoga County Family and Children First Council Directors, Midwest School Social Work Council members, Midwest State Departments of Education consultants and the School Social Work of America Association (SSWAA).