

INSSWA PRESENTS

# 25TH ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE

RE-ENERGIZING SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS:  
OUR WORK COUNTS!

HOSTED VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

8:30-4:30

12 CEUS AVAILABLE

ATTENDEES MAY WATCH ALL RECORDED SESSIONS ON DEMAND AT A LATER DATE

# RE-ENERGIZING SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS: OUR WORK COUNTS!

## AGENDA

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8:30-10:30: KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

10:45-11:45: SSW ADVOCACY PANEL DISCUSSION

12:00-1:00: BUSINESS MEETING & LUNCH

1:15-2:45: BREAKOUT SESSION I

3:00-4:30: BREAKOUT SESSION II

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Youthlight Bookstore will be available online.

This will be a "green" conference. Handouts will be available two weeks in advance at [www.insswa.org](http://www.insswa.org).

Please download or print the handouts you would like.

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# KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: SHAWNIEKA E. POPE

## THE AFTERMATH OF THE PANDEMIC-SCHOOL

### SOCIAL WORKERS NAVIGATE THE DOMAINS OF SAFETY & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Shawnieka E. Pope MSW, LCSW, LISW is the Assistant Clinical Professor for the Family Science and Social Work Department for Miami University, Ohio. Her course load includes teaching BSW and MSW students Human Behavior in the Social Environment, Agency Administration, Social Work Ethics and Intro to the Social Work Profession. Shawnieka previously served as a program coordinator with the Montgomery County Alcohol Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board overseeing a multimillion dollar grant supporting communities impacted by trauma. Shawnieka also served as Director of Guardianship for Montgomery County Probate Court. She is a trained mediator, elder mediator and a nationally certified Eldercaring Coordinator. As the Guardianship Director, Shawnieka developed and facilitated the court's education and supportive services for court appointed guardians. Shawnieka developed the court's first social work internship program and has served as a field instructor for over 26 Bachelor's and master's level social work students for Indiana University, Central State University, Xavier University, Wright State University, Ohio State University and Miami University. Shawnieka was named Ohio State University's MSW1 2018 Field Instructor of the Year. She was invited to participate on a national task force commissioned by the American Bar Association-Dispute Resolution Section to develop the only elder abuse screening tool for elder mediation. Shawnieka is a nationally certified mental health first aid instructor and teaches adult and youth mental health first aid in the community and many organizations within the state. Shawnieka is also a certified Trauma 101 and QPR suicide prevention instructor. She is also a certified crisis responder with The National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA). Shawnieka has a B.S. Degree in Psychology and a Master of Social Work Degree both from IUPUI. Prior to relocating to Dayton, OH in 2014, Shawnieka worked for over 22 years as a mental health therapist and crisis clinician for a community mental health agency. She also worked as a school social worker for the largest urban school district in Indiana. Shawnieka was appointed lead for the Indianapolis Public School's crisis response unit, providing crisis support to schools impacted with trauma and loss. Shawnieka relocated to Ohio in 2014 and served as Director of Social Services for a long-term care facility giving her experience with individuals and families across the life span. Shawnieka previously served as a social work adjunct instructor for Sinclair Community College, Miami University (Oxford) and Xavier University (Cincinnati).

Shawnieka has presented on mental health, bullying prevention and intervention while in Indiana. Shawnieka currently facilitates Trauma 101, Mental Health First Aid, suicide prevention and professional development workshops. Shawnieka served four years as a volunteer for Grace United Methodist's youth ministry department. She is the mother of three beautiful children.

School Social Workers made a necessary pivot during COVID-19. As school districts in Indiana consider the educational needs of students for the upcoming school year, school social workers remain vital to ensure school systems are meeting the needs of the whole student. This presentation will navigate the 4 domains of safety and its application to school social work. Participants will learn strategies for building resilience in self and those they serve. Additionally, participants will navigate social justice principles and understand social justice scope and application in school social work.

# BREAKOUT SESSION I:

1:15-2:45

## A. SUICIDE & BLACK YOUTH: LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!

Shawnieka E. Pope, LCSW, LISW

The purpose of this session is to make Social Workers and Educators partners in suicide prevention amongst Black youth. A recent report to Congress from the Congressional Black Caucus highlighted the emerging crisis of black youth suicide in America. The report concluded the suicide death rate among Black youth has been found to be increasing faster than any other racial/ethnic group. Social Workers and Educators are vital in the process of suicide prevention.

## B. LIVE HAPPIER & HEALTHIER: THE HABITS OF SELF-CARE FOR SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS

Kyle Walke, LCSW, LSSW  
Joanie Smith, LMSW

IU School of Social Work  
IDOE

This presentation will focus on how to turn self-care needs into practical daily/weekly habits. We will explore the science of habit formation, multiple domains of self-care, and how creating a system of habits can improve overall quality of life when there is an emphasis on personal wellness.

\*THIS BREAKOUT QUALIFIES AS AN ETHICS CEU

## C. RESTORATIVE PRACTICES 101

Kristina Hulvershorn

Peace Learning Center

Participants will focus on why restorative practices are a useful and effective framework for communication, behavior, and discipline.

# BREAKOUT SESSION I:

3:00-4:30

## A. ADVOCATING FOR PUBLIC POLICY & FUNDING

Suzanne Clifford, BS, MBA

Inspiring Transformations

Your voice matters! The goal of this workshop is to mobilize and prepare participants to advocate for critical school mental health policies and funding. Public officials and policy experts will share important updates about the 2022 legislative session and describe strategies to join the Indiana Mental Health Coalition of elected officials, families, community leaders, public safety, schools, and mental health and substance use disorder treatment providers to advocate for critical mental health services and funding.

## B. FAMILY ENGAGEMENT WITH SCHOOLS

Jeanne Milligan, LCSW

Indianapolis Public Schools

The workshop will focus on connecting with families, communicating intentionally to build relationships with families, collaborating with families, and building a family program that supports and encourages families.

## C. IMPLEMENTING SEL CURRICULUM: MERRILLVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION SUMMER SEL CAMP

A. J. McKeague, LSW, LSSW

Merrillville Community Schools

Nancy Fleming, LSW, LSSW

Merrillville Community Schools

Jose Mendez, LSW, LSSW

Merrillville Community Schools

MCSC is piloting a summer SEL Curriculum for incoming 7th grade students at Clifford Pierce Middle School. The purpose of the program is to assist incoming 7th grade students understand and implement CASEL/IDOE competencies utilizing engaging activities through summer enrichment. The program will continually assess its efficiency through the use of real time data analysis (Class Dojo, Google Forms), and make appropriate adjustments as needed. Learn about how to implement a similar program in your school!

# ***Re-energizing School Social Workers: Our Work Counts!***

Registration fee includes general session, workshops, lunch and snacks. Deadline for registration is 10/29/21.

We encourage you to visit [www.insswa.org](http://www.insswa.org) to register for the fall conference.

	<b>Early Bird</b> Postmark by 10/10/21	<b>Regular</b> Postmark after 10/10/21
<b>INSSWA Member (Current)</b>	<b>\$75</b>	<b>\$90</b>
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<b>Student</b>	<b>\$55</b> (includes 1 year student membership)	<b>\$70</b>
<b>Non-Member</b> (or if not renewed by 9/1/21)	<b>\$145</b> (includes membership)	<b>\$160</b>

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Degree: MSW \_\_\_\_\_ BSW \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title/Description: \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Choice      2<sup>nd</sup> Choice

Breakout Session 1      \_\_\_\_\_

Breakout Session 2      \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Breakouts are limited in the number of participants, so you may be placed in your 2<sup>nd</sup> choice.

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