

# NJ Association of School Social Workers



## WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to the 2008-2009 school year. This is the newsletter of the Gloucester County Chapter of the New Jersey Association of School Social Workers. It contains general information to help you get the year started.

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## FALL INSTITUTE

Save the date! The NJASSW is presenting its annual "Fall Institute" on Monday, October 20, 2008, at the National Conference Center in East Windsor. The Keynote Speaker is Dr. Maurice Elias. He will present "Why School Social Workers Must Become Leaders for Social Emotional and Character Development." There is still time to register. 5CEU's are available for the day. Get more information and an application on-line at [www.njassw.org](http://www.njassw.org).

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## 2008-2009 MEETING SCHEDULE

Here is a list of our chapter's meeting dates for the 2008-2009 school year. All meetings are held from 8am-10am at the Gloucester County Education Office.

- *Tuesday, October 21, 2008*
- *Tuesday, November 18, 2008*
- *Wednesday, December 17, 2008*
- *Wednesday, January 21, 2009*
- *Thursday, February 19, 2009*
- *Thursday, March 24, 2009*
- *Thursday, April 23, 2009*
- *No meeting in May*
- *June dinner to be determined*



## THE YEAR AHEAD...

Here is a list of workshops coming up that may be of interest to you.

~*Suicide Awareness and Prevention* with Sam Bernstein, Wednesday, December 3, 2008, from 6pm

to 9pm at the Gloucester County Office of Education, 1492 Tanyard Road, Sewell. To register, contact Tina Heil at [heilt@harrisontwp.k12.nj.us](mailto:heilt@harrisontwp.k12.nj.us)

*~Identifying Social Isolation and Depression in Adolescents* on Thursday, October 2, 2008, at the Gloucester County Board of Education Office; Contact: Alicia Brannan at 856-384-0207 or [a.brannan@co.gloucester.nj.us](mailto:a.brannan@co.gloucester.nj.us)

*~Understanding the Culture of Urban Poverty: Moving From Entitlement to Empowerment* Presented by Keva White, MSW, LCADC - VIP Community Services, Inc., October 16, 2008, 8:30 – 12:30 pm Hilton Garden Inn, Edison NJ For more information: <http://www.sourcesforhumanservices.com/>

*~Bridging the Cultural Gap: Culturally Sensitive Strategies for Working with Latino Youth and Their Families* Presented by Mia Tanya Kellam, EdS, NCC, LAC, October 16, 2008, 1:30 – 4:00 pm Hilton Garden Inn, Edison NJ For more information: <http://www.sourcesforhumanservices.com/>

*~Broken Bonds: Attachment, Trauma and Dissociation*, Presented by Janina Fisher, Ph.D., Saturday, October 18, 2008 at UMDNJ – University Behavioral healthcare in Piscataway, NJ. For registration information, contact Jeffrey S. Rutstein, Psy.D. at (609) 426-4141, ext. 4

*~Forum on Underage Drinking*, Presented by Donald J. Farish, President, Rowan University, Weds., October 22, 2008, 9am-11:30am at the Ballroom in Chamberlain Student Center, Rowan University. For more information contact Mary Lodge at 856-307-9950, x. 18 or at [gloucesource@southwestcouncil.org](mailto:gloucesource@southwestcouncil.org)

certification or DRCC. Once becoming a DRCC, an individual is then registered with the county and state to be available to provide mental health supports in the event of a natural disaster, terrorist event or any other large scale disaster affecting the community. If you are interested in obtaining more information on becoming a DRCC, go to [www.disastermentalhealthnj.com/Credentialing.htm](http://www.disastermentalhealthnj.com/Credentialing.htm) and [www.njdrcc.org](http://www.njdrcc.org)

## SHARE YOUR IDEAS...

Do you have information that you would like to share with the group related to school social work? Please contribute to future newsletters by forwarding any submission ideas, articles, etc. to Sharon Cardwell at: [scardwell@woodburysch.com](mailto:scardwell@woodburysch.com)



## RESOURCES WE FIND HELPFUL...

We are trying to compile a list of resources that we have found helpful in our work of social work practice in the schools. If there is a book, magazine, article, website, etc. that you find useful, please e-mail the name and author information to Sharon Cardwell at [scardwell@woodburysch.com](mailto:scardwell@woodburysch.com). We will publish this list in our next newsletter.

## DID YOU KNOW...

New Jersey is one of the first states in the nation to undergo a formal process for certification of its disaster crisis response workforce. In order to have an organized, trained team of mental health professionals available in the time of disaster, NJ has developed a "disaster response crisis counselor"