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From the desk of the Registrar



Tribute to all social service professionals

This is a special tribute to all social service professionals from all walks of life. I am writing to you a more personal message reflecting on the role you played from the onset of the COVID-19 virus outbreak to date.

I salute all the child and youth care workers who braved the fear of contracting the virus and stood up to be counted amongst the heroes and heroines who selflessly continues rendering essential services in communities and in child and youth care centres across South Africa.

I brim with pride and admiration for all the social workers and social auxiliary workers working within the health care system who from day one were thrown in the deep end, and to this day are gallantly defying the fear and anxiety that comes with being a frontline worker where you smell and touch the unspoken fear of worrying whether you might have contracted the virus or not.

I sing praise to all the social service professionals of different designations within the NGO sector who continues to render essential services supporting key government strategies day in and out whether COVID is present or not.

I give a bow to the social workers who continue to render services at the gender based violence command centre and those that render psycho-social services to the homeless people's shelters erected in various Metros across South Africa.

A big shout out to all social workers in private practice and I want to thank the social workers in academia, the military, in SAPS, in correctional services and of course, those working in the national Department of Social Development assisting with policy development and directives, and those front line workers working across different service points in the country. Well done and keep on doing the sterling job you are trained for and rise and shine every time you are called upon to claim your rightful space.

In support of all the heroes and heroines acknowledged above, Council adopted a humanitarian approach through special COVID-19 response projects to ensure that our social service professionals' employers who heeded the call to render essential interventions since

Quote for the month

Behind the mask beats a loving heart, willing to save others. - Helene Munson

March 17, could be able to continue to do so whilst maintaining safety of all staff involved. Close to 30 000 preventive accessories were distributed to a range of employers across the country.

In the next edition, I will address issue affecting unemployed graduates.

Langi Malamba

What's on for social service professionals

24 June - Closing date for public comments on the *Social Service Practitioners Draft Bill*. Have your say and click [here](#) read the draft Bill and send your inputs.

15 June - World Elder Abuse Awareness [Day](#)

16 June - [Day](#) of the African Child (also Youth Day)

16 June - International [Day](#) of Family Remittances

20 June - World Refugee [Day](#)

23 June - International Widows' [Day](#)

26 June - International [Day](#) against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

Click on the word [Day](#) to find out more about the specific day.

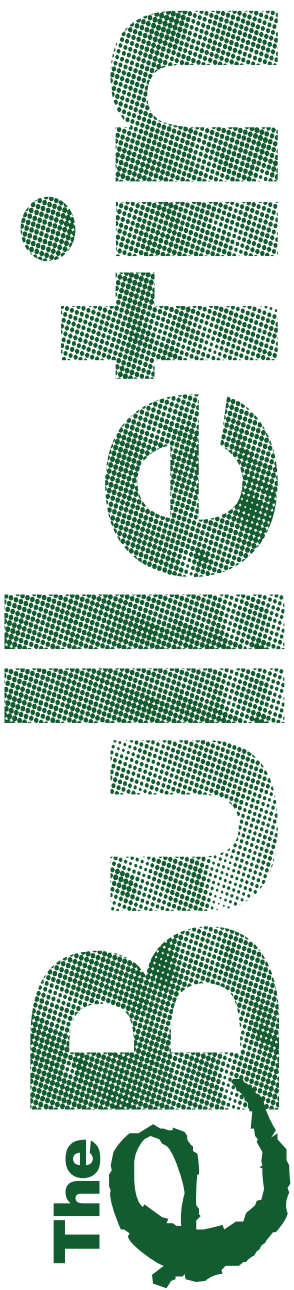
SHARE your important date or event in this column by sending an email before the end of any month to communications@sacssp.co.za

RESOURCE Corner

CYC-online (*eJournal of the International Child and Youth Care Network - CYC-Net*) for June 2020 is out. It has some insight articles linked to the editorial that focus on "CYC workers hold vital keys to global COVID-19 recovery". Access it [here](#).

A child and youth care response to the COVID-19 pandemic is a FREE online in-service training course of the SACSSP's Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work in collaboration with the NACCW, the Children's Institute, Jelly Beans, Durban Child and Youth Care Centre and UNICEF South Africa. Find out more about it [here](#). or visit www.sacssp.co.za.

Ethical Exceptions for Social Workers in Light of the COVID-19 Pandemic and Physical Distancing. In this article Dr. Allan Barsky, professor of Social Work at Florida Atlantic University and author of *Ethics and Values in Social Work* (Oxford University Press) reflects on ethical issues and dilemmas during the COVID-19 pandemic. Access it [here](#).



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3 questions to IDASTRYDOM

Deputy Chairperson of the Professional Board for Social Work



Tell us who is Ida the person?

I am from Williston in the Karoo. I still love visiting the area and enjoy nature and the open space. I am the proud mother of 2 sons and an adorable grandson. I am interested in photography and consider myself an amateur. Doing some gardening helps to open my mind.

What is the biggest highlight in your career as a social worker?

Nothing specific jumps to my mind, but looking back at my career of 38 years 6 months there are many good memories. I started in Warrenton in the Northern Cape with CMR where I met my first client who considered herself "famous" in the organization! Moving to the Department of Social Development (with various name changes over 37 years), working as a social worker in probation and later as a manager in all divisions, provided me with many opportunities for self-development but also to share knowledge and experience. In between I've also spent 4 years at Zonderwater prison (as a social worker!).

What is your vision for social service professionals in the country?

To see more integration between the services of different government Departments, NPO's and private practise, as more can be achieved in working together. To see more social workers in specialization, as this will contribute to the status and recognition of the profession. And jobs for all qualified social service professionals!

UPDATE ON

Continuing Professional Development

All social service professionals, whether at professional or auxiliary level, have an ethical and professional responsibility to continually update their professional knowledge and skills for the end benefit of the clients and communities that they serve. The following is now available on the SACSSP's website (www.sacssp.co.za) or just click on the document name below for a direct link:

- [Policy on continuing professional development \(CPD\) for social workers and social auxiliary workers \(2019\)](#)
- [Norms and standards relating to the continuing professional development \(CPD\) for social workers and social auxiliary workers \(inclusive of guidelines\) \(2019\)](#)
- [Policy on continuing professional development \(CPD\) for child and youth care workers \(2019\)](#)
- [FORM E.2.1: Application: CPD Training provider/ programme](#)
- [FORM E.2.5: Appeal by CPD provider](#)
- [FORM E.2.3: CPD:Portfolio of evidence](#)
- [FORM E.2.4: CPD Self-study report](#)

REMINDER

TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONSULTATION ON THE 'GLOBAL SOCIAL WORK AGENDA: THE NEXT TEN YEARS 2020-2030'

The next *Global Agenda for Social Work and Social Development* for the years 2020 to 2030 is under development. The International Federation of Social Workers

launched a consultation process, where your input is essential to build a robust and inclusive Global Agenda that meets the real needs of all people. The consultation period will end in July 2020. Please make your contributions to the *Global Agenda for Social Work and Social Development 2020 – 2030* by filling in the comments box at the bottom of this [page](#).



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LOCAL & international NEWS

INTERNATIONAL CHILD AND YOUTH CARE WORKER'S WEEK

International Child and Youth Care Workers' Week was celebrated globally from 4 to 10 May 2020 under the theme "Making Moments Meaningful" emphasising the importance of meaningful professional engagements by child and youth care workers with children, youth, families, and communities. During *International Child and Youth Care Workers' Week* the SACSSP joined many organisations, employers, service users and, most significantly, child and youth care workers in the country and across the globe to recognise and celebrate the role of this profession in social service delivery. Find more information about *International Child and Youth Care Workers' Week* [here](#).

WEBINAR: SOCIAL SERVICE WORKFORCE SAFETY AND WELLBEING DURING THE COVID-19 RESPONSE

On 14 May 2020, the *Global Social Service Workforce Alliance*, the *Alliance for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action*, *UNICEF* and the *International Federation of Social Workers* held webinar to review the technical note and learn from country-specific examples of how they are supporting the workforce by developing remote supervision, criteria for determining in-person or remote case management and advocacy strategies to government for workers to be protected and recognized as essential service providers. Amongst the presenters was the Registrar, Ms Langi Malamba. Click [here](#) for the presentations.

NON-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS (NPO) ANNUAL REPORTS

Section 18 (1) (a) of the NPO Act (Act No. 71 of 1997) prescribes that every registered organisation must, in writing provide a narrative report of its activities in the prescribed manner together with its financial statements and the Accounting Officer's report within 9 months after the end of its financial year. The Minister Lindiwe Zulu has extended the deadline for the submission of all NPOs annual reports to 30 June 2020.

SOURCE: Department of Social Development

DRAFT REGULATIONS ON SPECIALITIES IN SOCIAL WORK

The Minister of Social Development published *Draft Regulations relating to the requirements and conditions for registration of a seven specialities social work* in Government Notice No 582 of 22 May 2020 (Government No-tice No. 43343) published for public comment. These draft regulations include specialities in adoption social work (amended), occupational social work (amended), school social work (new), social work supervision (new), social work in health care (new), clinical social work (amended) and forensic social work (amended). Comments may be submitted as indicated in the announcement (find it [here](#)) by **21 June 2020**.

In Memoriam

Council joins the NACCW in mourning the loss of **Ms Zameka Faku** (child and youth care worker) in May 2020. May her soul rest in peace.