



SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS

The e-Bulletin is a monthly informal communiqué to persons registered with the South African Council for Social Service Professions and other stakeholders.

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From the desk of the Registrar



This month I am writing about *promoting healthy relationships in the work place (part one!)*. 2019 is a year of great beginnings, a year of declarations, a year in which we must

take a stand as citizens and also as professionals. Social service professionals have the duty of care and skill to take a stand against all forms of violence and discrimination and not to perpetrate such. I want us (practitioners) to reflect on the vision and mission espoused by the 4th Council, which contain some key words that I believe should be embraced by all in order to contribute to healthy relationships in the workplaces, and in communities where service delivery takes place.

Kindly note the following: united (unity is key and is fostered by shared goals and values); excellence (quality in service delivery, quality in report writing and quality interactions with the self and with other colleagues etc.); serve (go an extra mile and serve with pride); best interest of practitioners and service users (have empathy and patience towards colleagues, clients and employer) promoting (whatever action or planned programmes should encourage personal growth of all involved); innovative (infuse creativity and adapt intervention strategies in order to remain relevant), responsive (every practitioner must be alert to the needs of others, especially newly qualified practitioners who need support and guidance, and also be attuned to the needs of clients)

I am challenging all of us to declare commitment to fight all forms of violence in the workplace and to promote healthy relationships for a better integrated and responsive social service sector.

Lastly, remember that annual fees are now due and you have until 31 March 2019 in which to bring your registration up to date. It is illegal to practise without being registered. Pay your registration and annual fees for 2019/20 on time. It is the right (and legal) thing to do!

Langi Malamba



Quote for the month

If you can do nothing else, do whatever is in your power to make the people in your life feel completely unashamed of who they are.

Sam Killermann (author)

What's on for social service professionals

18 to 20 March 2019 - the The Africa Institute of South Africa (AISA) within the Human Science Research Council (HSRC) in partnership with the University of Johannesburg will be convening the 13th Africa Young Graduates and Scholars (AYGS) conference organised under the theme "**Youth Development in Africa: Challenges, Solutions and the Way Forward**". Click [here](#) for more information.

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

Your ANNUAL FEES 2019/20

ALL social workers, child and youth care workers, social auxiliary workers, auxiliary child and youth care workers, student social workers and student child and youth care workers are reminded the ANNUAL FEES are payable no later than 31 March 2019.

IMPORTANT:

1. EMPLOYERS who are willing to pay fees for their employees can send a list of registrants for verification and generation of a bulk invoice.
2. Employers in Government sector may use the central data base supplier (treasury) number **MAAA0676907** to make payments, however a list is still required to verify the registrants and generate an invoice.
3. Please use the SAGEPay option or electronic transfer option. Remember to put your registration number for reference (10-, 40-, 50-, 70- or 90-).

RESOURCE Corner

The Society for Social Work and Research: a free-standing organisation dedicated to the advancement of social work research. SSWR works collaboratively with a number of other organizations that are committed to improving support for research among social workers. You can access it here <https://secure.sswr.org/> You can access it [here](#).

CYC-Online e-journal is celebrating 20 years (240 issues in total). Read more about it in their February edition of CYC Online [here](#).

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3 questions to ALFRED HARRIS

Chairperson of Council's IT and Business Re-engineering Committee



Tell us who is Alfred Harris the person?

I am married to Denise and we have 2 adult children and are the grandparents of 3 beautiful grandchildren. I am passionate about the field of child and youth care work and am always looking for ways to promote the field whenever the opportunity allows me. I work for the Western Cape Department of Social Development and am in the process of completing a Master's degree at the University of the Western Cape.

What is the biggest highlight in your career as a child and youth care worker?

There are so many highlights that I can reflect on, so it will be difficult just to highlight one. If I can go back to one of my early memories in the field of child and youth care work when I completed my first training course as a child and youth care worker. Not knowing at that stage that my first qualification assisted me to study further at, that time, TechnikonSA, which is now Unisa. A second highlight was a study visit to the USA. I discovered that our child and youth care work is on par, if not better than what I observed in the USA.

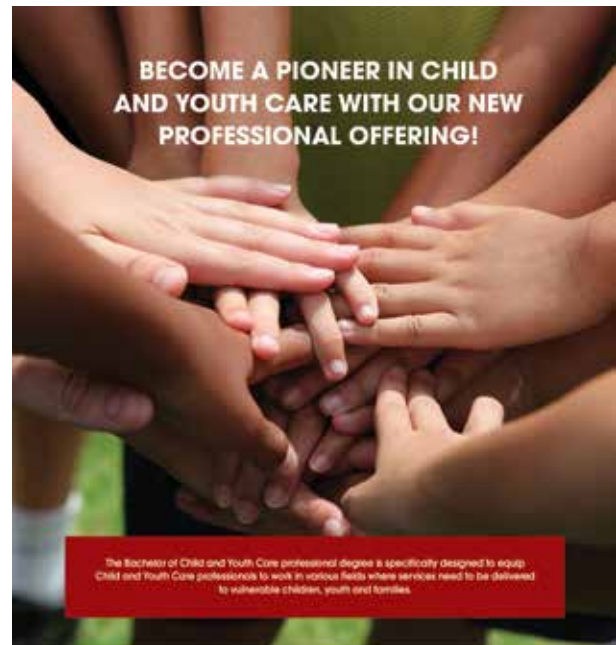
What will you say to this year's (2019) matric learners to motivate them to study child and youth care work?

It sometimes dawns upon us that we have to get a job that pays a lot of money. You will soon find out that it is not what you want to do. Therefore, my advice to you is to pursue your passion. Once you pursue your passion, doors of opportunities will open automatically for you.



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Pay your annual fees for
2019/2020 by 31 March 2019

LOCAL & international NEWS

NEW INTEREST GROUP NOW FORMING ON ADVOCACY AND OUTREACH

Global Social Service Workforce Alliance is forming a new interest group on the topic of advocacy and outreach for social service workforce. A planning call to determine the focus and plan the work of this group was done on 29 January 2019. If you are interested in joining this group click on this [link](#) subscribe to group.

UN REPORT ON VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN

The Secretary General of the United Nations' Special Representative on Violence against Children earlier this year. In her report, the Special Representative provides an overview of major initiatives and developments to sustain and scale up efforts to safeguard children's freedom from violence and advance implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The report highlights the strategic milestone that will be reached in 2019 – the 30-year anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child – during which the high-level political forum on sustainable development will review progress towards the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 16, including its target 16.2 to end all forms of violence against children, and the General Assembly will mobilize accelerated action for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Read the full report [here](#).