

Conference Highlights

Workshops

Most of the workshops this year are oriented toward research methods, measurement, and analyses with range of substantive topics. Samples include:

- Evaluating Practice—Discerning What Works and for Whom; Design & Implementation Challenges ; Single Systems Research
- Qualitative Methods—Phenomenological; Observational; and Participatory Witnessing Methods
- Mplus applications: Ordinal, Non-Normal, and Hierarchical Data; Latent Class and Profile Analysis: Expanding Statistical Opportunities
- Additional topics include Meta-Analyses; Genetic Matching, Critical Theory Applications; Building Research Capacity in Service Settings, Writing and Publication, and much more!

Roundtables

Roundtables this year include a broad range of challenging topics for researchers. Samples include:

- Ethical Issues of: Cross-Cultural Research; Qualitative Research with Youth; Evidence-Based Practices
- Qualitative Research Dimensions: Reflexivity; Applications to Intervention Research and Evidence-Based Practice; Varied Methods' Potential in Research with Children
- Community Level Intervention Research
- Neighborhood Effects Research
- Building Team: Interdisciplinary Team Models; University and State Agency Partnerships; Asset Building in Native Communities; Linking Policy and Research
- Additional topics include Research Challenges and Priorities with Persons with Disabilities; Federal Funding; Research Decision Making; Practice-Based Evidence, and many more.

Symposia

Symposia this year include presentations related to:

- Older Adults Health: HIV Risk/Infected; Depression; End of Life Challenges; Multigenerational Adversity; Aging and Sexuality

- International and Immigration Issues: Asset Building; Adolescent Substance Use; Immigration Status of Latinos; Women's Empowerment
- Muslim American Youth—An Emerging Population
- Military Families and Intervention Science
- Engaging Fathers in Child Welfare Services
- Community-Based Participatory Research Processes and Outcomes
- Other symposia examine Services related to Autism Spectrum Disorders, Welfare-to-Work Policy Among Low Income Families, HIV Prevention Among Incarcerated Women, Supporting Adolescents to Succeed in School, Measuring Community Level Interventions, Services to People with Severe Mental Illness, and many others!

Papers

The many varied papers to be presented this year have been carefully chosen for their rigor and interest to SSWR members. Although only a few examples of this rich pool are possible here, we believe that members will find many presentations of keen interest. Examples of topics include:

- Mental Health: Self-Esteem as a Mediator; Multi-Level Models of Outcomes in Schizophrenia; Family Caregiving with Mental Health Problems
- Child Welfare: Fathers' Involvement and Child Outcomes; Disproportionality in Foster Care Outcomes
- Violence: Helping Seeking; Cultural Factors; Bullying; Relationship Violence Links to Sex Trafficking
- Poverty and Social Justice: Disparities in Health Risks, Access, Outcomes ; Housing Interventions; Welfare Participation and Developmental Outcomes
- Health & Disabilities: Organ Transplant Parity; Mindfulness Intervention Outcomes
- International: Maternal Mortality; Organizational Factors of Program Effectiveness in International Settings;
- Aging: Spirituality Effects on Social Justice Perspectives; Depression; Working Beyond Retirement Years
- Gender: Unique Needs of Women Veterans; Gender Differences in Service Priorities; Sexual Health; Perspectives on Women's Empowerment
- Sexual Minority: Youth and Substance Use; Stigma and Mental Health; School Engagement
- Addictions: Effectiveness Tests of Various Interventions; Untangling Complexities in Co-morbid Conditions

- Organizations and Management: Organization Context Effects on Worker Attitudes; Multi-level Analysis of Stressed Worker Outcomes