

International Network for School Social Work

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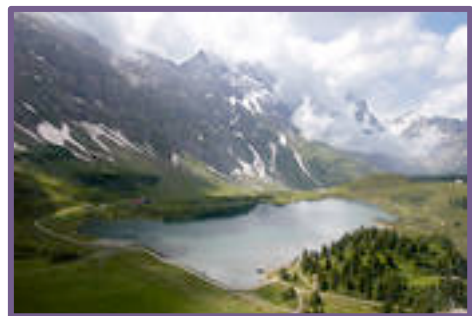
School social work (学校社会工作) in China

The official 2011 estimate of the population of China was 1,347,350,000. School social work services have been started within the last decade, provided by non-governmental organizations in a number of different regions of China including Guangdong and Sichuan provinces, Shanghai, Beijing and Shenzhen. Although there are no official statistics regarding the number of school social workers around the country and specific information is only available in a few areas, it is estimated that there could be more than a thousand currently. According to the 2011 *Reports on Development of Social Work in Shenzhen*, there were 144 school social workers working in Shenzhen. Many social work student placements are now providing services in non-stationing mode or in specific school projects (such as anti-bullying programs that are a collaboration between a school and an NGO). *Information provided by Charles Tong-Lit Leung, plus colleagues who are working as school social workers in Beijing city, and Sichuan & Guangdong provinces.*



Schulsozialarbeit in Switzerland

The 2011 population was 7,655,628. German, French and Italian are the official languages. In the French speaking part of Switzerland school social work started in the 1970's and in the German speaking part in the 1990's. Currently there are about 600 social workers working in the school system. In some communities school social work is responsible to the department of social affairs, in other communities school social workers are employed by the school or by the department of education. In other cases representatives of both departments and of the school share the responsibility. It is the fastest growing service amongst all youth services in Switzerland. Normally the school social workers have an office directly at school where they can see students. There is more information, including news, links, contacts and publications, at the web site for the School Social Workers Association (*SchulsozialarbeiterInnen-Verband* <http://www.ssav.ch.vu/>) and also at <http://www.schulsozialarbeit.ch/>. *Information provided by Dr. Florian Baier.*



Skolkurator in Sweden

The population of Sweden is 9,103,788. School social work is well established. It started in the 1950's and there are now between 1500 and 2000 *Skolkuratorer*. They provide a full range of services and are employed mostly directly by the school or county. The School Social Work Association of Sweden supports school social workers with active regional groups, educational programs, advice, and through collaboration with other professional groups and unions. The *Sveriges Skolkuratorers Förening* web site at <http://www.skolkurator.nu/> includes many documents, links and the quarterly newsletter. The most recent newsletter is at http://www.skolkurator.nu/nr3_2012.htm. Information from Yvonne Wester, President of the *Sveriges Skolkuratorers Förening*.



2012 International Survey of School Social Work

The Goals of the International Network

To provide:

- Information about school social work around the world
- Links between school social work associations

The 2011 – 2012 survey of the status of school social work around the world will be published in the next issue of this newsletter. Responses were received from 31 countries: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Canada, China, Curacao, Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, India, Japan, Korea, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Mongolia, Macedonia, Malta, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Singapore, Slovakia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Trinidad and Tobago, United States, and Vietnam.

Information from earlier surveys is added in a Supplement for countries for which no current data were available: Estonia, Ghana, Hong Kong, Saudi Arabia, Taiwan, the United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom. If you have information about school social work from these or other countries, please let me know so that it can be included.