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The 2015 IASWG SPARC Forum on Project Application, Acceptance & Implementation

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SPARC Program Overview
The IASWG SPARC Program

- Purpose
- History
- Endorsement & Funding Opportunities
- Application Process
- Review Process
- Terms of Agreement
Types of SPARC Projects

• Education and Training Projects
• Practice Innovations & Interventions
• Research Studies
Reports From Awardees
In Search of Me Campaign: Community Program for Young Men of Color

Zaneta Smith

• SPARC Awardee November 2013
• Project Overview and Current Status
• Decision to Apply and SPARC Impact
• Advice to Applicants
Social Group Work Dissertations from 1970-2012

Shirley Simon and Teresa Kilbane

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Factors Contributing to Group Workers’ Commitment and Attitudes Toward Group Work Practice

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The Story of Social Group Work and Residential Summer Camping

Susan Scher & Meryl Nadel

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International Casebook for Teaching Social Work with Groups

Ellen Sue Mesbur, Alice Schmidt Hanbidge

- SPARC Awardees June 2013
- Project Overview and Current Status
- Development of an international social group work cases teaching resource
- Applicable for teaching online, teaching on-campus and in-service agency training
- Resources:
  - Six complete case studies
  - Teaching Notes
  - Case Study Template
  - Case Study Consent Form
Decision to Apply and SPARC Impact

• Builds on 2013 Boston IASWG symposium Think Tank
• Explored strategies for developing an international social group work cases online teaching resource
• Impact:
  – Provides valuable template-based teaching resources for schools and community practitioners
  – Casebook teaching resource deepens application of social group work competencies
  – Contribution to group work literature
Advice to Applicants

• Encourage collaboration between academic-based colleagues, community-based practitioners and social work students

• Find partners to work as a team

• Additional funds may be needed

• Budget for time commitment

• Contribute to social group work literature

• Develop your idea and...apply to SPARC!
Questions and Discussion
IASWG SPARC Program and You?
Next Deadline: October 31, 2015

Home Page for the SPARC Program:
http://www.iaswg.org/sparc

Proposal Requirements:
Thanks for being part of this Session

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