

Request for Papers

International Journal of Strengths Based Practice, Training & Research

An electronic journal dedicated to providing an international voice to practitioners, educators, and researchers focused on the strengths-based perspective and post-modernist constructs

About Us

This electronic journal is dedicated to providing a forum for international cooperation and collaboration in support of strengths-based practices. All who have and will contribute to the success of this journal are concerned about how those that serve others have focused on pathology and defects rather than what the person or community is doing to make it in this world, not without pain and difficulties, with their strengths and resiliency in the face of challenges. We are focused on bringing a forum for strengths and resiliency practice based research, training and knowledge to practitioners and researchers around the world who are interested in finding alternative ways of collaborating and consulting with a wide range of people and communities within a wide range of settings. The journal is eliciting materials for publication to include:

- concept papers focused on postmodernist constructs and strengths/resiliency perspectives for practice, training and research
- reports of research findings with respect to strengths and resiliency based practices
- strengths and resiliency based practice with individuals, couples, family, or community levels
- practitioner reflections & commentary on their own strengths based practice

The journal is requesting submissions for publication in the inaugural edition to be published in the FALL of 2007.

Submissions should be received NO LATER THAN MAY 1st , 2007

Please send all submissions to

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Author Guidelines and Content Overview

The *International Journal of Strengths Based Practice, Training and Research* is a new forum for practitioners, educators and researchers working in a broad range of human service and educational settings focused on strengthening individuals, couples, groups, and communities. Authors should emphasize the post-modernist strengths-based and resiliency-based content as the foundation of the work they are discussing and or describing in their manuscript.

Manuscript Guidelines: There are several formats that authors may choose to use.

Practitioner Reflections & Commentary: These articles are intended to provide a forum for practitioners to contribute their practice experiences and wisdom to the body of knowledge. Practitioners are encouraged to write descriptive or evaluative articles that share their strengths-based practice experiences and outcomes. This can also include difficulties and problems faced by the practitioner in attempting to implement strengths-based and resiliency based practices, unique and informative case presentations, descriptions of agency level strengths-based initiatives in human service, judicial, educational settings and any other creative knowledge building for strengths-based practice and learning. They can reflect work in a wide range of settings such as mental health, medical, aging, community, schools, and so on. These articles should be from **5 to 20** pages, double-spaced, excluding references [if used] and any accompanying figures or tables [if used]. E-mail the manuscript as an attachment to the Journal. The first page should include the title of the manuscript and the name, title and affiliation of each author. The second page should include the title of the manuscript and a short abstract [limit 150 words]. The third page should be the start of the main body of the manuscript; this page and the following pages should not include an

indication of the authorship. The e-mail with the attachment should identify the corresponding author with contact information, including mail and email address, also phone number.

Conceptual Article: These articles are intended to represent the typical informative articles that explore new ideas or old ideas in new and informative ways. They can range from practice focused to theoretical thought pieces that provoke, stimulate, and inform the reader about the post-modern constructs, strengths perspective and or resiliency perspective and its representation in practice models such as solution-focused, motivational, narrative, client-directed and similar manifestations of the paradigm. They can reflect work in a wide range of settings such as mental health, medical, aging, community, schools, and so on.

Research Article: These articles should have as their main focus research on strengths and resiliency based practice. The intention of these articles is to provide a knowledge base of articles looking at practice based evidence and larger cohort studies of the strengths-based practice and models of practice. It is important that these articles give specific descriptions of the practice implementation and the fidelity assurance in the study.

Practice and Training Articles: These articles should describe and demonstrate strengths/resiliency based practice that the authors believe to be unique and/or add significant knowledge to the available literature on strengths-based/resiliency-based approaches with specific groups, settings, cultures, socioeconomic conditions, geographic and other unique contexts.

Guidelines: These articles should be from **15 to 25** pages, double-spaced, excluding references and any accompanying figures or tables. E-mail the manuscript as an attachment to the Journal. The first page should include the title of the manuscript and the name, title and affiliation of each author. The second page should include the title of the manuscript and a short abstract [limit 150 words]. The third page should be the start of the main body of the manuscript; this page and the following pages should not include an indication of the authorship. The e-mail with the attachment should identify the corresponding author with contact information, including mail, email address, and phone number

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