

New Partnership Supports Tanzanian Orphans

The HIV/AIDS Twinning Center recently launched a new partnership designed to train Tanzanian social workers in disease fundamentals of HIV/AIDS, case management, leadership, and other skills necessary to ensure that a broad range of health and social support services are available to children affected by HIV/AIDS.

Partners from Tanzania's Institute of Social Welfare in Dar es Salaam, the Midwest AIDS Training and Education Center, and the Jane Addams College of Social Work at the University of Illinois at Chicago attended a three-day orientation at Twinning Center headquarters in Washington, DC, October 23-25 before traveling to Chicago to commence their first professional exchange.



Partners—including ISW Principal Hossea Rwegoshora (back row, second from left) and JACSW Dean Creasie Finney Hairston (front row, right)—attended an orientation at Twinning Center headquarters prior to commencing their first exchange.

The partners are working together to bridge the existing lack of support for orphans and vulnerable children by developing a targeted curriculum and mentoring strategy for social work students and expanding clinical fieldwork opportunities. Other key objectives include creating a program for training and certifying para-professionals to provide direct care and services to children and families at the community level, designing continuing education courses to upgrade the skills of practicing social work professionals, and providing the Institute's faculty with opportunities to expand their own knowledge and skills through professional exchanges and site visits.

Faculty from Jane Addams College of Social work will travel to Dar es Salaam January 6-13, 2007 to collaborate on curriculum development, among other things.