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## ANNUAL SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM INSTITUTE MARCH 28

**St. Joseph, Mo.** —March 18, 2003 —Former State Representative Glenda Kelly will present the keynote address at the fourth annual Social Work Program Institute March 28 at Missouri Western State College. Registration for the daylong institute is from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. in the Leah Spratt Multipurpose Classroom Building, Enright Room, 214. The cost is \$50, and Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be available.

The institute is for social work students, and social work practitioners and educators throughout the region. Participants will attend four workshops throughout the day, and have a choice of 14 different topics. Workshop topics include dating violence, financial abuse of the elderly, recent trends and controversies of social work, dealing with disabilities, compassion fatigue and emotional care of burn survivors. Kelly's keynote topic is, "Social Issues Faced by the 2003-2004 Legislative Session."

"The institute gives participants updates in the field of social work, and the topics are of interest to social workers," said Dr. Martha Ellison, social work professor at Western. "It is a good way for social workers to network, and a good place for the college students to network." Past institutes have drawn between 80 and 100 participants.

The institute is sponsored by Western's social work program and the continuing education department. For more information, call (816) 271-4110.

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