SSWAA Annual Report

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- www.sswaa.org
Welcome to the School Social Work Association of America

We have a new website with lots of new features and resources for School Social Workers, University Faculty, Graduate Students, Administrators and the Parents we serve. We encourage you to learn more about SSWAA as well as School Social Work Services. Take a minute to look around and find links and resources to assist you on a day to day basis. Keep in mind that what you see is only a portion of the information and resources that are available if you are a SSWAA member. Check out SSWAA's other member benefits and be sure to see all the great work being done by SSWAA to support School Social Workers nationally, locally and in your day to day practice. If we can assist you, feel free to contact us.

Everyone's Membership Matters!
Stay Connected and Join or Renew Today!

Explore the topics below as well as our headings and subheadings to find the specific topic you are looking for.

School Social Work Week
Professional Development
School Social Work Posters
### 2018 SSWAA Board of Directors

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- **SSWAA Staff 2018**

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Strategic Plan 2015 – 2018

Vision
SSWAA is the recognized leader in advocacy, knowledge and research for the profession and practice of school social work.

Mission
SSWAA is dedicated to promoting the profession of School Social Work and the professional development of School Social Workers. We support our members in improving the social, emotional, and educational outcomes for all students.

Overarching Goals
1. Promote the growth and impact of the School Social Work profession
2. Develop standards and guidelines for School Social Work practice
3. Create and positively influence education and mental health policy
4. Narrow the gap between practice and research
SSWAA Board and Staff Accomplishments

• Committees – Legislative / Membership / PR / Special Projects / Social Media

• Website
• Updated materials

• Media Kit and University Partnerships

• Expanded Product Line

• Enhanced our commitment to SSW Research

• Work on National Certification

• Produced Resolution Statements and reformatted

• Work to increase Membership

• Support and Build State Organizations
SSWAA  Membership Information

- Membership Total Dec. 2009  557
- Membership Total Dec. 2010  550
- Membership Total Dec. 2011  746
- Membership Total Dec. 2012  1060
- Membership Total Dec. 2013  1054
- Membership Total Dec. 2014  1081
- Membership Total Dec. 2015  1084
- Membership Total Dec. 2016  987
- Membership Total Dec. 2017  1008
List of SSWAA State Affiliates

March 2018

Arizona
Alabama
California
Colorado
Connecticut
D.C.
Florida
Georgia
Illinois
Indiana
Iowa
Kansas
Kentucky
Maryland
Michigan
Minnesota
Mississippi
Missouri
Nebraska
New Hampshire
New York
North Carolina
Ohio
Pennsylvania
South Carolina
Tennessee
Virginia
Washington
Wisconsin

29 States
SSWAA Advocacy

Advocacy in Action!

Myrna Mandlawitz – Government Relations Director, Washington D.C.

Christy McCoy – Legislative Chair

Legislative Committee
SSWAA Partners and Coalitions

**National Alliance of Specialized Instructional Support Personnel (NASISP):** Advances the interests of specialized instructional support personnel and services, working to include SISP in all major education legislation and national education initiatives and informing the public about our mission and services.

**Title IV-A Coalition:** Advocates for maximum funding for the Title IV-A (Every Student Succeed Act, ESSA) Student Support and Academic Enrichment block grant, which includes programs that foster safe and healthy students (including mental health).

**Save Medicaid in Schools Coalition:** Addresses threats to the Medicaid program, specifically use of Medicaid dollars in schools for SISP and health-related services.

**Public Service Loan Forgiveness Coalition:** Addresses threats to the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program, which covers public educators, including SSW.

**Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD) Education Task Force:** Focuses on education-related issues, birth through higher education, for children, youth, and young adults with disabilities.

**Mental Health Liaison Group:** Focuses on improving access to mental health services, including school mental health services, and advancing federal policies that support prevention, early intervention, and recovery services and supports.

**National Coalition for Public Education:** Supports use of public funds only for public education and opposes all forms of school vouchers.

**National Coalition on Personnel Shortages in Special Education & Related Services (NCPSSERS):** Works for implementation of national, state, and local strategies to remedy special education personnel shortages and persistent vacancies.

**Breakfast for Learning Education Alliance:** Highlights the important educational benefits of school breakfast and promotes strategies to increase school breakfast participation.
SSWAA is Visible

- Opposing block granting or cuts to Medicaid, affecting use of funds in schools.
- Opposing changes in the Affordable Care Act affecting children and families.
- Supporting funding for education generally, plus specific letters on Title IV (ESSA block grant, including $ for school mental health), IDEA, child/youth homelessness, and juvenile justice and delinquency prevention.
- Opposing elimination of the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program to help educators, including SSW, obtain undergraduate and graduate degrees.
- Supporting "Trauma-Informed Care for Children and Families Act" (S. 774).
- Opposing repeal, replacement or modification of federal education regulations without an open, transparent process involving all stakeholders.
- Supporting extension of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).
- Commenting on proposed priorities for competitive grants from the U.S. Department of Education.
- Expressing concerns about the Promoting Real Opportunity, Success, and Prosperity through Education Reform Act (PROSPER Act; HR 4508) to reauthorize the Higher Education Act.
SSWAA’s VOICE

- With Mental Health Liaison Group, week of action supporting bills to increase the mental health workforce, including SSW.
- National day of action on funding for the ESSA-Title IV block grant that includes funds for school mental health.
- Expressing concerns about the nomination of Betsy DeVos as U.S. Secretary of Education.
- Making DACA permanent.
- Four Alerts on threats to Medicaid.
- Two Alerts on extending CHIP.
- Two Alerts on tax reform, focused on impact on low- and middle-income families, attacks on public and higher education, and potential impact/cuts to Medicaid and other entitlements that support children and families.
SSWAA Upcoming Events

Delegate Assembly Meeting, July 12-13, 2018 - Charleston, SC

Leadership Institute, July 14, 2018 - Charleston, SC

Regional Workshop - Northeast … Fall 2018

SSWAA National School Social Work Conference, April 3-6, 2019 - Orlando, Florida
We want to hear from you!

• Working on a New Strategic Plan

• Work in groups – Spokesperson
  Note-taker
  Time-keeper

• Plus / Delta

  Positives – what has worked well? What do you like? What do you want to keep seeing?
  Deltas – what would you like to see change? What additional efforts would you like to see?