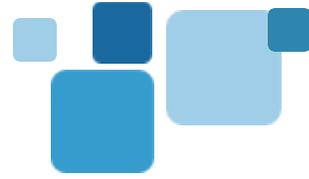


Chapter 9



Associations and Professional Resources

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- School Social Work Association of America
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Minnesota School Social Workers Association

The Minnesota School Social Workers Association (MSSWA) is a politically responsive, statewide organization committed to the improvement of the school social work profession and to the well being of children and their families. This is accomplished by networking with other professional organizations, providing leadership, gathering and disseminating information, and advocating for children.

Ten Reasons to Join MSSWA:

1. Belong to a politically responsive, state-wide organization committed to the improvement of the school social work profession and to the well being of children and their families.
2. Support your MSSWA's lobbyist at the legislative level advocating for school social workers.
3. Receive discounts on relevant, high quality conferences sponsored by MSSWA.
4. Know your MSSWA elected colleagues are working for you by partnering with related organizations such as the Department of Education and Education Minnesota.
5. Be part of a forum for communication and networking specific to the profession of school social work.
6. Get current news through email, our printed fall newsletter and our three electronic quarterly newsletter.
7. Access to a user friendly website with great resources, including the school social work manual, student record keeping database, as well as additional powerpoint presentations.
8. Your membership is a way to demonstrate strength in the political arena and is seen by some as a professional responsibility.
9. Receive school social work job opportunities throughout the state of Minnesota.
10. It's a bargain at only 18 cents a day!

Your membership is a way to demonstrate strength in the political arena and is seen by some as a professional responsibility. With every School Social Worker in the state of Minnesota joining the movement and providing quality services to Minnesota students, we can make a difference!

MSSWA Publications/Resources available include:

- MSSWA brochure <http://msswa.org/Resources/Documents/MSSWA-Brochure.pdf>
- Scope of Practice Position Paper [Scope of Practice](#)
- Educational Model of Mental Health by Anne Gearity, PhD
- Early Warning Signs of Mental Health Disorders [Early Warning Signs](#)
- **MSSWA Bullying Prevention Powerpoint presentation for practitioners to train your staff.
- **MSSWA – A detailed overview of the MSSWA organization.
- **New School Social Work Must Knows

- ****Resiliency in Schools – Minnesota Department of Education**
- **School Social Work National Model an Overview [School Social Work National Model](#)**
- ****Sensory Processing**
- ****SSW Record Keeping**
- ****Social Work Ethics**
- ****Steps for Ethical Decision Making**
- ****Technology Handout**
- ****Trauma Effects on Developing Brain**
- ****Updated Early Warning Signs**
- ****Resource Directory**
- ****Suicide Awareness and Prevention Train the Trainer**

(**some resources are available to members only through the website)

Midwest School Social Work Council

The Midwest School Social Work Council is a coalition of eleven Midwestern state associations (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, and Wisconsin) for school social workers. The Council consists of the eleven state presidents, their respective state consultants (if one exists), and a state school social work practitioner.

The mission of the Council is to:

1. Actively support member state organizations;
 2. Create and sustain a system of communication between member states and national school social work organizations;
 3. Support the professional development of school social workers.
- School Social Work Association of America [sswaa: Home](#)

The School Social Work Association of American (SSWAA)

The SSWAA empowers school social workers and promotes the profession of school social work to enhance the social and emotional growth and academic outcomes of all students. SSWAA's aims to ensure that school social work is a valued, integral part of the education of all children, connecting schools, families and communities.

Our Vision: A School Social Worker in Every School

SSWAA offers a wealth of resources to guide the practice of school social work and to promote the profession:

- [National School Social Work Practice Mod](#)
- [National School Social Work Standards](#)
- [Ethical Guidelines for School Social Work](#)
- [National School Social Work SEL Standards](#)
- [Resolution Statements](#)
- [SSWAA National Evaluation Framework for School Social Workers](#)
- SSWAA Workshop Series in partnership with Oxford University Press, titles to date include the following:
 - A New Model of School Discipline
 - Consultation Theory and Practice

- o Creating Trauma Informed Schools
- o Ethical Decision Making in School Mental Health
- o Evidence-Based Practice in School Mental Health
- o Family Engagement with Schools
- o Functional Behavior Assessment
- o School Bullying
- o School-Based Practice with Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness
- o Solution-Focused Brief Therapy in Schools
- o The Domains and Demands of School Social Work Practice
- o The Dropout Prevention Specialist Workbook
- o Truancy Prevention and Intervention

Membership is available at tiered-levels, for more information on the [benefits of membership](#) and [joining](#) can be found here.

National Association of Social Work

The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) is the largest membership organization of professional social workers in the world, with 150,000 members. NASW represents all social workers and works to enhance the professional growth and development of its members, to create and maintain professional standards and to advance sound social policies.

Other resources available on the website include:

- NASW Standards for Cultural Competence in Social Work Practice [Ethnicity & Race](#)
- NASW Standards for School Social Work: [School Social Work](#)
- <https://www.socialworkers.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=1Ze4-9-Os7E%3d&portalid=0>
- [NASW Code of Ethics](#)

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)

The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) is the largest international professional organization dedicated to improving educational outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities, students with disabilities and/or the gifted. CEC advocates for appropriate governmental policies, sets professional standards, provides continual professional development, advocates for newly and historically underserved individuals with exceptionalities and helps professionals obtain conditions and resources necessary for effective professional practice.

Services provided:

- Professional development opportunities and resources
- 17 divisions for specialized information
- Journals and newsletters with information on new research findings, classroom practices that work, federal legislation and policies
- Conventions and conferences
- Special education publication