

## CHAPTER IX

# SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK ASSOCIATIONS AND RESOURCES

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### **School Social Work Professional Associations and Resources**

**Indiana School Social Work Association:** [www.insswa.org](http://www.insswa.org)

INSSWA is statewide membership organization which promotes the effective use of school social work services for students and their families throughout the state of Indiana. The association represents school social workers who practice school social work in public and private schools and seeks to promote professional development opportunities to insure the highest standards of professional practice. INSSWA offers an annual fall conference, regional workshops, a summer institute, legislative advocacy, membership directory, quarterly newsletters and website. INSSWA is a member of the Midwest School Social Work Council and affiliates with the School Social Work Association of America and NASW.

**Midwest School Social Work Council:** [www.midwest-ssw.org](http://www.midwest-ssw.org)

The Midwest School Social Work Council is a state membership organization currently composed of eleven Midwest states. Current member states include Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio and Wisconsin. Each state is represented on the council by three members including the state consultant, president and practitioner. The council meets twice annually to collectively address new trends and state issues that directly impact school social work practice. Each fall the council co-sponsors the Midwest School Social Work Conference with a member state association. In 2007, the Midwest Council celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference with the Ohio State School Social Work Association in Cleveland, Ohio. The website offers information including the Midwest directory and history, position papers, links to state associations and conference information. Indiana hosts the Midwest Conference in 2011.

**School Social Work Association of America:** [www.sswaa.org](http://www.sswaa.org)

The School Social Work Association of America is a national membership association dedicated to promoting the school social work profession and the professional development of school social workers in order to enhance the educational experience of students and their families. SSWAA distributes publications and information through their website and their monthly E-Bell. Their website includes links to regional and state associations, legislative advocacy and resolutions. SSWAA annually sponsors a national conference held each spring in different regions of the country.

**National Association of Social Work:** [www.naswdc.org](http://www.naswdc.org)

The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) is the largest membership organization of professional social workers. NASW represents all social workers and works to enhance the professional growth and development of its members. NASW offers a school social work specialty section membership and a journal, Children and Schools. The website offers a variety of resources including the NASW Standards for School Social Work Services.

### **Professional Resources**

1. Council for Exceptional Children [www.cec.sped.org](http://www.cec.sped.org)
2. UCLA Mental Health Project [www.smhp.psych.ucla.edu](http://www.smhp.psych.ucla.edu)
3. Center for School Mental Health [www.csmh.umaryland.edu](http://www.csmh.umaryland.edu)
4. National Association of School Psychologists [www.nasponline.org](http://www.nasponline.org)
5. American School Counselor Association [www.schoolcounselor.org](http://www.schoolcounselor.org)
6. Indiana Department of Education [www.doe.in.gov/sservices](http://www.doe.in.gov/sservices)