



## Ever Wondered What NYSSWA Does for You?

We have compiled "**NYSSWA's 2022 Year in Review**" to highlight some of the activities that the New York State School Social Workers' Association has been involved with to support and advocate for School Social Workers (SSWs) across the State of New York. **Your membership and investment in our profession made this all possible!** Thank you.



### Support to Members:

- Created new member on-line community including:
  - Member Directory
  - Photo Gallery
  - Member inner communication system.
  - Latest News Postings
  - Member Access to Continuing Education Certificates and more.
- Created and developed web pages to provide numerous resources to assist SSWs in their daily work.
- Newsletter & electronic news updates.
- Expanded Social Media presence.
- Created an Instagram account.
- Provided technical assistance to members, etc.

### Advocacy

- **Mental Health Association in New York State (MHANYS)**
  - Networked with other organizations.
  - Discussed resources available to SSWs and school staff.
  - Discussing joint presentation to provide CEs to SSWs in the future.
- **NASW-NY & NYSSCSW**
  - Legislative Committee collaborated with NASW-NY as well as the New York State Society of Clinical Social Workers (NYSSCSW) to increase student access to licensed/certified school social workers.
  - Board members met with NASW-NY in January and February, 2022.
  - Developed a "[Joint Statement of Support](#)" submitted on February 17, 2022 to the General Assembly in support of Bill A5019 & Bill S1969.  
**SEE: [Advocacy/NY State Advocacy/NY Legislative News](#)**
- **New York State Education Department--NYSED**
  - Met by zoom with Evan Seiden, the new Executive Secretary, who has replaced David Hamilton.

- **New York City School District -- UFT**
  - Invited to present in March to NYC-UFTs Annual conference on “Ethics and Boundaries in School Social Work”.
  - Increased NYSSSWA’s visibility and advanced membership.
  - Shared the importance of connecting to NYSSSWA and access to statewide resources.
  
- **New York General Assembly -- School Safety and Security Task Force**
  - Asked by the New York General Assembly the fall of 2022 to participate on the School Safety and Security Task Force.
  - Created and distributed a survey to members regarding School Safety.
  - Testified on November 3, in Albany sharing your observations and advocating for School Social Workers and increased mental health services.
  - To read NYSSSWA testimony: **SEE: [Advocacy/NY State Advocacy/NY Legislative News](#)**
  
- **New York State Council of Educational Associations (NYSCEA) -- Safe Schools Task Force**
  - The NYSSSWA Board met throughout the year with this Task Force.
  
- **Student Centered Support Services (SCSS)**
  - Attended regular meetings held with the presidents of NYSSCA, NYASP and NYSASN (State associations for School Counselors, School Psychologists & School Nurses).
  
- **Student Centered Support Services Advisory Group**
  - Attended meetings with SCSS & NYSED representatives, chaired by Kathleen DeCataldo, the Assistant Commissioner for the Office of Student Support Services.

### **Professional Development:**

- SSWAA 2022 Conferences – (NYSSSWA provides New York approved Continuing Education credits for the School Social Work Association of America’s (SSWAA) events.
- Western Region Spring Conference.
- NYSSSWA State Conference in Albany.
- Western Region Fall Conference.



### **Members Make Our Mission Possible!**

THANK YOU for investing in our profession and being a part of the State voice for School Social Workers!