



Workshop Proposal -- Topics of Interest - 2025

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New York State School Social Workers' Association



We know School Social Workers across New York are doing fabulous things to assist students. We want to hear the wonderful things **YOU** or **YOUR COLLEAGUES** are doing to meet the needs of students, families and educators. This is your opportunity to submit a proposal to be part of the **60th School Social Work State Conference** which will be held at the Hotel Canandaigua at Canandaigua, New York beginning on **Thursday November 6 to Friday November 7, 2025**. which is sponsored by the New York State School Social Workers' Association. Based on past attendee input, we are especially interested in the **"Topics of Interest"** below. If you also know of others who may have expertise, PLEASE pass this along or let us know so we can follow up. Don't delay. **Workshop Proposals are due by April 15, 2025!**

Top Topics of Interest Include*:

- **Parents:** Parent engagement, support and how to address more "difficult" parents including Parent Education strategies & programs.
- Strategies to address the impact of **Immigration issues.**
- Addressing **Anxiety**
- **Attendance:** Addressing School Avoidance/Refusal/Absenteeism/Truancy/
- Interventions addressing students with **Autism**
- Management Tools & Interventions for **Significant Behavioral & Dysregulation Needs**
- Therapeutic Interventions that can be done in the school setting to address **Significant Mental Health/Emotional Needs**
- **IEP Counseling Goals:** writing, data collection, progress monitoring, assessment.
- **Technology:** The impact of Social Media, excessive screen time, gaming and strategies to address.
- **Suicide Prevention & Risk Assessment**
- Addressing **Eating Disorders**
- **Grief Counseling**
- **Interventions** by SSWs THAT WORK!

*Topics based on 2024 attendee feedback.

Other Topics of Interest:

- Addressing **ADHD.**
- **Assessment Tools & Diagnosis**
- **Progress Monitoring – Best Practices**
- **Substance Use –** Addressing increased marijuana use and vaping.
- **Roles of SSW -** Obtaining support and understanding of the SSW role with Administration and Staff
- Working within the **Multi Tiered Systems of Support Model**
- **Poverty** impacts in various demographics as well as intervention strategies
- **Psycho-pharmacological Medication Updates & Trends**
- Addressing **Self Harm** behaviors
- **Ethics/Confidentiality**
- **Self Care** and addressing burnout
- Best Practices in Providing **Clinical Supervision**
- Group Therapy Interventions (All levels)

Help us provide a fabulous Conference and Professional Development experience. Take time to submit your proposals today to member.services@nyssswa.org

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