



NYSSSWA Board

# Ever Wondered What NYSSSWA Does for You?



We have compiled this document 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 makes this all possible!** If you are not currently a NYSSSWA member, we encourage you to **join us!** Thank you.

## Support to Members:

- Provide representation at the national level with the School Social Work Association of America.
- Continue to provide members with on-line community resources.
- Continue to develop and update web pages to provide numerous resources to assist SSWs in their daily work.
- Provide newsletter and electronic news updates.
- Continue to expand Social Media presence.
- Provide technical assistance to members.
- Meet with state leaders to promote SSW services.
- Established a University Liaison position on the Board.
- Provide opportunities for networking and problem solving.



## NYSSSWA Regional Development:



- Increased Regional Representation to the Board for the Capitol, Genesee/Rochester, Mid-Hudson, Nassau/Suffolk, New York City & Northern regions.
- Continue recruiting efforts for regions currently not represented. If you are interested in representing your region, let us know at [member.services@nyssswa.org](mailto:member.services@nyssswa.org).

## Advocacy:

- **New York General Assembly**
  - NYSSSWA met with legislators throughout the year to advocate for increased School Social Workers and services to students.
  - NYSSSWA participated in 2024 & 2025 **“Advocacy Day”**.
  - The Board accepted the invitation to Senator Andrew Gounardes’ and Assembly Member Jo Anne Simon’s event to support their Lockdown Drill Reform bill. ]



- **New York State Education Department—NYSED**



- Continued ongoing discussions and SSW advocacy with Evan Seiden, Executive Secretary to **clarify the regulations for obtaining supervision in the school setting to obtain licensure.**
- NYSSSWA Committee developed and recently released documents on our website that **outline step by step procedures** for obtaining an LCSW in schools including guidelines regarding the supervision of LMSWs.

- **Student Centered Support Services (SCSS) – “The Collective Care Team”**

- Attend quarterly meetings held with the presidents of NYSSCA, NYASP and NYSASN (State associations for School Counselors, School Psychologists & School Nurses).
- **Group is working to narrow legislative focus** as well as strategies to advocate jointly as a team on issues impacting services to students.
- Group reached out and obtained **lobbying support** from the New York State United Teachers (NYSUT)
- Once again on **May 7th, 2025**, the Collective Care team members, including 4 NYSSSWA Board members, traveled to Albany for **Advocacy Day** hosted by NYSUT.



## Networking:



NYSSSWA networks with numerous local and state organizations including:

- \* Mental Health Association in New York State (MHANYS)
- \* National Association of Social Workers—New York (NASW-NY)
- \* New York Society of Clinical Social Workers (NYSCSW-NYS)

## Professional Development:

- NYSSSWA celebrates its **60<sup>th</sup> State School Social Work Conference** on November 6 & 7, 2025 at Hotel Canandaigua.
- NYSSSWA’s **2024 State Conference** at The Sagamore Resort on Lake George was the **largest attended State Conference to date!**
- **Mohawk Valley** -- Spring Conference 2024, Fall Event 2025.
- **Nassau-Suffolk Region** – Spring 2025 Event
- **NYC** – 2024 Fall Event
- **SSWAA Conference** – NYSSSWA provided New York approved Continuing Education credits for the School Social Work Association of America’s (SSWAA) National Conference in 2025 and will continue to supply CEs for the **2026 National Conference in St. Louis.**
- **Westchester Region** – NYSUT extended an invitation to region SSWs to a 2025 Fall event.
- **Western Region** -- Spring May and upcoming Fall Conferences.

