



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 someone you know is not currently a NYSSSWA member, please encourage them to also **join or renew their membership!** <https://nyssswa.org/join-nyssswa/>

Support to Members:

- Provide representation at the national level with the School Social Work Association of America including the Delegate Assembly.
- 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.
- Increasing regional events.
- Continue recruiting efforts for regions currently not represented. If you are interested in representing your region, let

us know at member.services@nyssswa.org .

Advocacy:

- **New York General Assembly**
 - NYSSSWA meets with legislators throughout the year to advocate for increased School Social Workers and services to students.
 - NYSSSWA participated in 2025 “**Advocacy Day**”.



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



- Continued ongoing discussions and SSW advocacy with NYSED to **clarify the regulations for obtaining supervision in the school setting to obtain licensure.**
- NYSSSWA **Licensure 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 with **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 celebrated its **60th State School Social Work Conference** on November 6 & 7, 2025 at Hotel Canandaigua with almost 250 attendees!
- Plans are being made for the **61st State Conference at The Hotel Ithaca & Ithaca Conference Center on November 12 & 13, 2026.**
- **Mohawk Valley** -- Fall Event 2025.
- **Nassau-Suffolk Region** – June 2025 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** -- January, March, May and October Conferences.

