

The Association of Student Assistance Professionals of New Jersey (ASAP-NJ)

Vision

ASAP-NJ's vision is for every New Jersey student and their family to have access to effective and responsive Student Assistance Program services because of ASAP-NJ's advocacy, leadership and expertise.

Mission

ASAP-NJ is committed to meet the needs of its members and New Jersey youth by offering education, prevention, intervention, and referral services in the area of high risk behaviors including use of alcohol, tobacco, other drugs, and addictive and violent behaviors.

Profile

ASAP-NJ was founded in 1983. A not-for-profit organization, the association is made up of over 300 Substance Awareness Coordinators (SACs) and student assistance professionals, prevention specialists, educators, and health care professionals.

ASAP-NJ membership is open to individuals employed in schools, agencies or school-based programs whose responsibilities include advocating and developing a school-based student assistance program.

ASAP-NJ's Role

- ▶ Provide a state forum for collaboration among SACs, treatment providers, prevention organizations, legislators, and other community members.
- ▶ Provide leadership and training on a national, state, regional and local level.
- ▶ Advocate for increased federal, state, and local support for substance awareness programs and treatment services.
- ▶ Advocate for students and families and coordination of services in the public and private sectors.

Student Assistance Programs

- ▶ Develop, coordinate and monitor substance abuse prevention and intervention programs and services for all students and families within the school district.
- ▶ Provide in-service and staff training for district substance abuse prevention programs and policies and assist the district in review of school alcohol, tobacco and other drug policies.
- ▶ Serve as a resource to the school and community regarding issues relating to alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, mental health, and behavioral health.
- ▶ Provide assessment, intervention, referral and counseling services to students experiencing difficulty due to depression, stress and anxiety, family issues, self-injury, bullying, gambling, gender identity, or other issues.

What is the Benefit of Becoming a Member?

- ▶ Keeps members informed regarding legislation related to student assistance programs in the schools.
- ▶ Provides training workshops at greatly reduced prices.
- ▶ Provides professional development opportunities through the Annual State Conference, regional workshops and county meetings.
- ▶ Provides a website and electronic newsletter that highlights current legislative trends, "tools of the trade", and innovations in student assistance.
- ▶ Provides resources to our members in our website "Members Only" section, including a membership directory and samples of required policy and procedure documents.
- ▶ Creates opportunities for networking on a county, state, and national level.



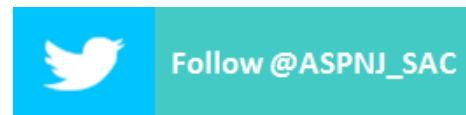
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- Professional Development and Annual Conference
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