

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Arkansas School Psychology Association is a professional association that serves its members and society by working with schools, communities, and families to promote the educational and mental health needs of children.

PURPOSE:

The Arkansas School Psychology Association was founded in 1981, and is affiliated with the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP).

The purpose of this organization shall be:

- a. to support its members in their delivery of educational and mental health services to children and their families;
- b. to support its members in their efforts to advance system-wide strategies for educational service delivery;
- c. to advance the professional standards of school psychology;
- d. to encourage and provide opportunities for the professional growth of Association members; and
- e. to inform the public about the services and practice of school psychology.

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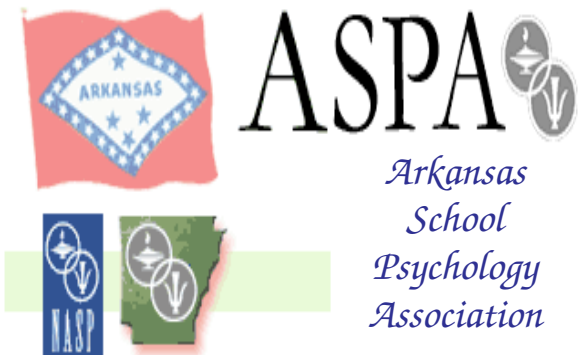
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What is ASPA?

ASPA represents School Psychology Specialists who work in the public schools in Arkansas. In addition, licensed mental health professionals such as counselors, psychologists, psychological examiners, and educators serving the mental health and educational needs of children in Arkansas are welcome to join ASPA.

Members of ASPA adhere to the professional standards and ethical guidelines of NASP.

ASPA sponsors two conferences per year with nationally recognized speakers in various mental health and educational areas. Continued Professional Development (CPD) is awarded or attendance.

ASPA also distributes to schools and parents a variety of NASP handouts on important child issues. Examples include ADHD, Children of Divorce, Increasing Children's Self-Esteem, Early Childhood, Corporal Punishment, etc. A complete list of these handouts may be found on the Internet at <http://www.naspweb.org>.

Where Can You Find School Psychology Services?

Although most individuals with School Psychology training work in Arkansas' public school systems, these individuals can also be found in a variety of settings around the state including:

- public and private schools
- clinics and hospitals
- colleges and universities
- community and state agencies

What are School Psychology Services?

Consultation

School Psychology professionals:

- work with parents, teachers and administrators to develop strategies to address learning and behavior difficulties
- provide training to address needs identified by parents, teachers, staff, and administrators

Intervention

School Psychology professionals:

- work individually with families
- design behavior support plans
- provide crisis intervention
- provide social skills training and counseling for children and families

Prevention

School Psychology professionals:

- develop and implement programs
- identify children with potential learning difficulties and design a program to aid them
- work on all levels of the system to make schools safer

Assessment

School Psychology professionals use a variety of techniques, including group and individual tests to evaluate:

- academic skills
- intellectual potential
- social skills and function of behavior
- eligibility for services



ARKANSAS SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY ASSOCIATION, INC.

ASPA is a professional organization interested in serving the mental health and educational needs of all children and youth through advancing the standards for delivery of psychological services in Arkansas schools and promoting the professional identity of persons delivering those services. ASPA is an affiliate of NASP.

ASPA Provides:

- Biannual professional conferences with NASP Continued Professional Development (CPD) available
- ASPA newsletter published three times annually
- Directory of membership
- Legislative lobbying for the profession

Membership Information:

Membership classifications include *Regular, Associate, Student, Retired, and Inactive*.

To join, download an application from the ASPA website:

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