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## ***WHY SHOULD I JOIN THE ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROFESSIONALS?***

- ❑ Networking with Student Assistance professionals throughout the state of Illinois.
- ❑ Information about Student Assistance Programs in Illinois and throughout the U.S.
- ❑ Advocacy for Student Assistance Programs and professionals at the legislative level.
- ❑ A unified voice for state directives concerning Student Assistance.
- ❑ Newsletters covering information and legislative activity regarding Student Assistance mailed throughout the year.
- ❑ A statement of Ethical Standards for the Student Assistance Program Process.
- ❑ Voting privileges for the election of Governing Board positions.
- ❑ Opportunity to apply for certification as a Student Assistance Professional.
- ❑ State-wide Membership Directory.
- ❑ Annual state-wide conference.

## ***PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT***

***IASAP*** is concerned about the health and well being of students and is committed to creating and maintaining a nurturing climate that supports positive growth and development of all students. We believe that this can best be achieved by developing opportunities for cooperative community-school partnerships that proactively support and assist students.

## ***DEFINITION OF A COMPREHENSIVE STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM***

Student Assistance Programs are designed to address alcohol, tobacco, other drugs and related issues in order to prevent and reduce students' difficulties regarding these issues. The Student Assistance Program is made possible through the team effort of school personnel in partnership with community service providers and volunteers. A holistic Student Assistance Program consists of education, prevention, intervention, aftercare and support. The development of a comprehensive Student Assistance Program is an ongoing process to foster community wellness.

## ***WHY WAS THE ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROFESSIONALS FORMED?***

The Illinois Association of Student Assistance Professionals (IASAP) was formed in November 1990, in recognition of the need for the promotion of the field of Student Assistance and advocacy for Student Assistance Professionals. A group of professionals representing upstate, central and down state geographic areas responded to the challenge of developing an organization to address these needs. IASAP is the result. IASAP is committed to promoting the field of Student Assistance, assisting in developing the resources and skills of the professionals working in this field, and expanding the network of Student Assistance Professionals.

### ***MISSION STATEMENT***

The ***Association*** has been established to advocate, promote, and network for the delivery of effective and comprehensive Student Assistance program services that support student achievement and academic success by addressing youth related issues including alcohol, tobacco and other drug concerns.

Membership will be open to individuals who advocate, develop and/or implement school/community based Student Assistance Programs. Members eligible for election to the Governing Board need to meet the following criteria:

- must work as a Student Assistance Professional, or as a professional in a related field (e.g., prevention specialist, social worker, addictions counselor, teacher)
- must participate in the process of developing or maintaining a comprehensive school/community based SAP
- must be committed to Student Assistance as a professional.

To become a member of IASAP, please complete the following and send it along with a check for **\$35.00** to IASAP, P O Box 45, Normal, IL 61761.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/School \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address \_\_\_\_\_

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County \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

FAX \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**For more information, write to  
IASAP, PO Box 45, Normal, IL 61761  
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