

2011 WSPA Fall Convention

Be Part of the Solution: Public Policy in Action

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During this session, presenters will share information from the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) Public Policy Institute in Washington DC. In addition, attendees will have opportunities to learn and discuss how advocacy can be incorporated into the daily practice of school psychology in order to best advocate for the children and families we serve.

Session attendees will:

1. Gain a better understanding of NASP's approach to public policy and learn about NASP's comprehensive policy platform.
2. Hear about how WSPA hopes to implement some advocacy approaches here in Wisconsin to better support profession of school psychology and moreover, better serve children in our schools.
3. Acquire knowledge about basic advocacy skills that can be used at the district and local level.

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Danielle Brown, Ed.S., NCSP, is the current president of the Wisconsin School Psychologists Association. She earned her Educational Specialist Degree from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater in 2004. She began her career in Milwaukee Public Schools and continues to work as a practicing school psychologist in the Port Washington –Saukville School District. In addition, Danielle holds her Private Practice License in the area of School Psychology. She is also recognized by NASP as a Nationally Certified School Psychologist. She has a solid background in PBIS, RtI, and Advocacy. Her vision for WSPA is to increase advocacy for children through awareness of the importance of school psychological services.

Katie Johnson, NCSP, has worked as a school psychologist for the School District of Amery for the past 10 years. She earned her EdS from the University of Wisconsin – River Falls in 2002, and is a Nationally Certified School Psychologist. Katie was honored to receive the 2011 Doug Smith Outstanding Alumni award from the University of Wisconsin – River Falls, and the 2010-2011 School of Education Exemplary Service Award from the University of Wisconsin – Stout. Katie represents the Northwest Region on the Wisconsin School Psychology Association Board and also serves as the NCSP parity chair.

Joci Newton, Ph.D., NCSP, earned her Ph.D. in School Psychology at Ball State University in 2006, and is a Nationally Certified School Psychologist. She worked in the Cobb County School District (Atlanta, GA) for two years before joining the faculty at the University of Wisconsin- La Crosse in the fall of 2007. Dr. Newton teaches cognitive and early childhood assessment, as well as child psychopathology courses. Her professional and research interests include cognitive assessment, professional issues facing school psychologists, and social/emotional and familial issues that impact children at school. She currently serves on the Wisconsin School Psychology Association Board as the regional representatives coordinator.