

# final thoughts...

What will you do this fall to get to know your State Senator and State Representative to tell your story? What will you do to get to know your School Board Members? Let your KASSW Board know how we can help you to find your voice. Contact us at: [www.kasswky.com](http://www.kasswky.com)



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## 2019 KASSW Conference Registration School Social Workers: Building Resilience and Awakening Hope

September 27, 2019

Elkhorn Crossing High School at 2001 Frankfort Road in Georgetown, Kentucky

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Registration fee includes breakfast and lunch.

Please check one:

Professional Registration - \$95.00 (includes 6.0 CEUs for social work and FRYSC hours). Please note: Social Work CEU certificates will only be awarded following the conclusion of workshop session two and require attendance at the keynote and workshops.  
 Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Agency: \_\_\_\_\_  
 School District (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_  
 KY SW License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Student/Retire Registration - \$50.00  
 On Site/Day of Conference Registration - \$110.00

Session 1 from 1:30pm-2:45 pm. Please circle which workshop you will attend.  
*Developmental Trauma or Play Therapy Basics*

Session 2 from 3:00pm-4:30pm. Please circle which workshop you will attend.  
*ACE's and Suicide or Supporting LGBTQ+*

Please indicate payment type:

Check  PO  PayPal/Credit Card

Please make checks payable to KASSW and mail with registration form to:

KASSW  
Attn: Lora Magness  
1729 Summerhill Drive  
Lexington, KY 40515

For PO's, please provide the following information:

PO number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of paying organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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A Monthly Insight into the Current Real Estate Market

# KASSW News



Fall 2019

## Learning How To Use Your Voice for your Profession...Lori Lazzari

On July 11, 2019, KASSW held our first Legislative Institute. In light of the passage of Senate Bill 1, it was determined that our organization needed to become stronger advocates for School Social Workers. A legislative review was presented by Jamie Bloyd, Julie Babbage and Robert Weber. Mr. Weber gave an extensive review of the Legislative Research Commission. There is a wealth of information on the LRC website. Representative Cheryynn Stevenson gave us an insider view of being a new Legislator and emphasized for us to reach out to our Legislators. Meeting with your representative is very powerful. Take a 1 page summary of your most important points. Christy McCoy, SSWAA Secretary and Legislative Chair was able to talk with our group developing our own plans for advocacy thanks to a \$1,000 grant from Midwest Council. She suggested making phone calls to your Legislators and talking with constituents in your district about the work you do. She gave us an example of a Legislative Agenda KASSW will be using. It is time to work together and raise our voices. Go be Advocates!

## President's Points



### Working Together For A Better Year!

Hello and welcome back to the 19-20 school year! I hope everyone is settling back into their schools and routine easily and are refreshed after a restful summer. I am lucky enough to be in a school where I loop with my middle schoolers so, I will be moving with them to 7th grade which can be a tough year. I have to say I am eager to see them and hear about their summer adventures. I will also be relieved to see a couple that I have worried about over the summer. You know which ones I am talking about. It is always a relief to see them back in August even if they are not that excited to be back.

Not only will this be a challenging year for me at work, it is also shaping up to be a challenging year for school social work. We are facing threats to our profession both at the state and district level. As most people have heard, the School Safety and Resiliency Act otherwise known as Senate Bill 1, left School Social Workers out of many key areas that would have sustained and even advanced our profession. Instead, it has pitted us against other school mental health profession to gain the funding to keep our jobs. As some have alleged, it has never been nor will ever be our goal to create a turf war. Instead, we have reached out to the other mental health professions in hopes of starting a dialogue with them to work together to create a solution to this very serious problem.

In the meantime, we had our 1st Summer Legislative Institute to educate School Social Workers on the art of advocacy. We now have a team of politically savvy School Social Workers that can work in their districts and in Frankfort to advance the cause of our profession. We have met with lawmakers, had booths at conferences, and talked to school board members to increase our visibility. We are currently working on a timeline to inform members about what they need to do and when. We have started putting together our Legislative Agenda and will have it out soon for members to share with their lawmakers. It's been a busy summer for sure!

Many members have asked me what they can do to help if they feel uncomfortable meeting and talking with lawmakers. The easiest contribution to this cause is to keep your KASSW membership current. Membership runs from September to August. We need to increase our membership as we now have a contract with Jamie Bloyd Consulting to represent us in Frankfort. Your membership fee is vital to keep our lobbyist working for us. Renew your membership at our September 27th Conference in Georgetown. The \$95 Conference fee includes your \$50 Membership as well as the Conference and lunch. This year our Conference features a National Author and a Trauma Toolkit to use with your staff. If you can't attend the Conference, go to our [www.kasswky.com](http://www.kasswky.com) website to get an application and pay online. Above all else, we need to unite now to face those uncertain times in our profession. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (859) 221-0797 or [lori.vogel@fayette.kyschools.us](mailto:lori.vogel@fayette.kyschools.us).

Lori Vogel

## Staging Your Office to welcome students...

Just think how you feel when you enter a warm and welcoming environment. Imagine how students, families, and staff could feel when you make your office visible and inviting.



making a colorful, fun bulletin board. Go to KASSW's website to see the results.

If you want to increase your visibility, fixing up your office is a great place to start. If you don't feel particularly creative, there are lots of

inexpensive and colorful places to borrow ideas from. It is easy to set up Pinterest files to store ideas. Some categories could include: Education Decorating, Painting furniture, Bulletin Boards, Inspirational Quotes, School Social Work. Make your space a warm place for you too.

### Let's get started...

Our own Northern Kentucky Representative, Amber Onkst, enlisted the support of her husband to paint her office. She worked on organizing everything from painting to



### Some places to check out...

- 61 + Creative Cork Board Ideas to Decorate an Office
- Clever Back to School Bulletin Board Ideas #DIY #Classroom from Crafty Morning5
- 5 Tips for setting up your Counseling Office
- Classroom Door ideas
- 14 Unusual and Incredibly Fabulous Bulletin Board Borders
- Send KASSW News your ideas.



If you haven't seen it yet, check out NASW and SSWAA's new campaign ad titled, "Back to School With Social Workers. This campaign is to inform the public on what can be done to hire more School Social Workers in public schools. To see it, go to the Events page at [socialworkers.org](http://socialworkers.org) and click on campaign. We will try to get this on our KASSW website: [www.kasswky.com](http://www.kasswky.com) or [www.kasswky.org](http://www.kasswky.org).

### Some Articles To Think About:

- "Strategic Branding for School Social Workers: Identify, Design, and Market Your Professional Brand," by Jennifer Luna
- "Tips to Help De-escalate Interactions with Anxious or Defiant Students," by Katrina Schwartz
- "Inside a Trauma-Informed Classroom," NEA Today
- "Promoting Social and Emotional Competencies in Elementary School: A SSWN Research Brief," School Social Work
- "Billionaires v Teachers: the Koch Brothers Plan to Starve Public Education," the Guardian

KASSW wants to thank our wonderful Fall Conference Sponsors:

- The Ridge Behavioral Health Center
- Child Abuse Prevention Council



## Meet Jacob!

Hello! My name is Jacob Eads. I am a newly hired School Social Worker in Louisville, KY. I work with Pupil Personnel in addressing barriers to regular school attendance for elementary school students. I love being a School Social Worker in JCPS because I get to collaborate with service providers, students, teachers, and parents. This first year has been challenging but very insightful. I look forward to meeting other members in the future!

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SEPTEMBER 27, 2019 Elkhorn Crossing High School  
2001 Frankfort Road, Georgetown, KY

### REGISTRATION LINK:

Registration begins at 8:00 am  
Conference 8:30am-4:15pm 6 Social Work CEU's pending

### Keynote Speaker: Dr. Sabrina Brown

Dr. Brown, author of *I Married a Sociopath: Taken to the Edge of Insanity, My Survival Unexpected*, and Associate Professor in the Department of Epidemiology at the University of Kentucky, will present on interpersonal and domestic violence. Dr. Brown pulls from her personal experience as well as her knowledge as a researcher focusing on violent deaths. Dr. Brown will include how an individual's ACE's impacts their risk for victimization, as well as how early prevention can aid in resilience.

### The Trauma Toolkit

Senate Bill 1 (2019) mandates schools to become trauma informed. We will "unpack" the toolkit in this session by discussing trauma teams and resources you can take back to your school and put into action! Lori Vogel, LCSW, KASSW and Lora Magness, MSW, CSW, KASSW Conference Chair will provide you with a guideline on creating trauma informed schools.

### Breakout Topics

- **Developmental Trauma Disorder: Why PTSD in Children Looks Like ADHD**, featuring Dr. Dede Wohlfarth. Adverse Childhood Experiences are common in children, yet they are often misdiagnosed because these children don't fit the traditional DSM V diagnostic "boxes." Instead, children who have experienced neglect, abuse and trauma often exhibit a range of symptoms that share substantial overlap with ADHD. This intermediate level workshop will assume you know a great deal about ADHD, but will hopefully deepen your understanding of this disorder, introduce you to the concept of Developmental Trauma Disorder (DTD), compare symptoms of ADHD and DTD, apply research regarding DTD to clinical cases, and explore some of the emerging research on treatment for DTD.
- **Understanding Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Their Role in Predicting Suicide**, presented by Dr. Joseph Bargion. Participants will learn how ACEs may predict suicide in students. Participants will learn how to incorporate ACEs information in their practice when dealing with students who may be suicidal.
- **Play Therapy Basics** presented by Beth Lewis, MA, LMFT, RPT, TBRI Practitioner. This workshop will present the basics of play therapy and show how techniques can be used at all ages, not just for elementary students.
- **Supporting LGBTQ + Students** is being presented by Julia Bennington, LCSW, Certified School Social Worker.
- **Self-Care for School Social Workers-Optional after-conference workshop**, presented by Brandy Gordon, LCSW.

Please contact Lora Magness, KASSW Conference Chair with any questions or concerns.  
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