Specialized Instructional Support Personnel Resources

This Resource Guide contains information that has been found to be helpful to practitioners, families, and community members who support and encourage student learning. It contains only websites that can be accessed at no cost.

The National Alliance of Specialized Instructional Support Personnel (NASISP) ["SISP" national coalition]
http://nasisp.org
The mission of the National Alliance of Specialized Instructional Support Personnel (NASISP) is to ensure all students have the supports, services and skills necessary to succeed in school and life. NASISP is a coalition of national professional organizations whose members provide and support a variety of school-based prevention and intervention services to assist students in becoming effective learners and productive citizens. NASISP promotes interdisciplinary practice and cooperation, and advocates for ensuring access to quality specialized instructional support services (i.e., pupil services and related services under ESEA and IDEA, respectively) for all students.

NASISP Research Brief: The Effectiveness of Specialized Instructional Support Services

NASISP Member Organizations
American Art Therapy Association (AATA) www.americanarttherapyassociation.org
American Counseling Association (ACA) www.counseling.org
American Council for School Social Work (ACSSW) www.acssw.org
American Dance Therapy Association (ADTA) www.adta.org
American Federation of Teachers (AFT) www.aft.org
American Music Therapy Association (AMTA) www.musictherapy.org
American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) www.aota.org
American Psychological Association (APA) www.apa.org
American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) www.apta.org
American School Counselor Association (ASCA) www.schoolcounselor.org
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) www.asha.org
Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) www.cec.sped.org
National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) www.nacacnet.org
National Association of Pupil Services Administrators (NAPSA) www.napsa.com
National Association of School Nurses (NASN) www.nasn.org
National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) www.nasponline.org
National Association of Social Workers (NASW) www.naswdc.org
National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE) www.nasdse.org
National Education Association (NEA) www.nea.org
National PTA www.pta.org
School Social Work Association of America (SSWAA) www.swaa.org
National Center to Improve Recruitment and Retention of Qualified Personnel for Children with Disabilities
http://www.personnelcenter.org/
The Personnel Center’s mission is to increase the nation's capacity to recruit, prepare and retain fully qualified special educators, early intervention and related service providers through knowledge development, technical assistance and dissemination and leadership. Under the ‘Career Exploration’ tab is a listing of different career roles/profiles with information on preparation required, personal qualities, typical responsibilities, job outlook and sources of additional information for career listed.

National Coalition on Personnel Shortages in Special Education & Related Services
www.specialedshortages.org
NCPSSERS is a national coalition dedicated to addressing shortages in specialized instructional support personnel. Recruitment and retention of quality personnel, job descriptions, listings of university programs, and national trends and issues are addressed.