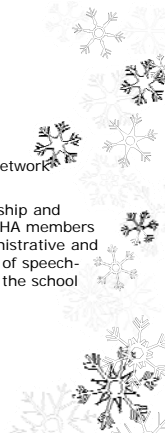


State Education Advocacy Leaders

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- SEALS is an ASHA(state based) advocacy network charged to:

Enhance and perpetuate the advocacy, leadership and clinical management skills of school-based ASHA members at the state and local levels to influence administrative and public policy decisions that affect the delivery of speech-language pathology and audiology services in the school settings.

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ORIGIN March 1999
1999 Priority Issue on Schools

- Staff coordinator: Eileen Crowe
- Number of States: 50+ District of Columbia
- Number of Participants: 50 (appointed by ASHA recognized state speech-language hearing associations)
- SLP or Audiologist

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Budgeted Activities

- ASHA Community (online)
- SEALS Champion (2011 strategic plan)
- Conference calls

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Issues

- Workload/caseload issues
- Salary supplements
- Maintenance of professional standards in school settings
- Roles and responsibilities of SLPs in schools

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Success stories:

- Caseload caps: Rhode Island
- Salary Increase for Additional Work: Minnesota
- Salary Supplement for ASHA Certification: Minnesota, Nebraska, Maryland
- Recruiting and retraining qualified professionals, Arizona, Virginia
- Using grants and/or local monies to address services, technology, and address shortages.

www.asha.org/SLP/schools/salaries/advocacy-success

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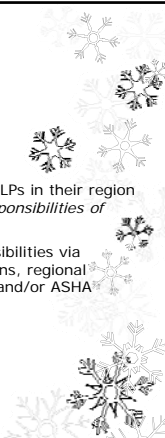
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SEALS Regional Champions

WHO: A SEAL from each region will dialogue with SLPs in their region to help plan for dissemination of the *Roles and Responsibilities of SLPs in the Schools (2010)* policy documents.

HOW: Support implementation of roles and responsibilities via technology tools, face to face (e.g., state conventions, regional association workshops, ASHA Schools Conference and/or ASHA Annual Convention).

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SEALS Champions

4 regions:	Northeast	Gloria Roth, Ohio
	Midwest	JoAnn Wiechmann, TX
	Southern	Lissa Power-du Fur, VA
	Western	Nancy Kuhles, NV

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States with Vacancies:

- Louisiana
- Nebraska
- New Hampshire
- South Dakota

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