

District of Columbia Delegate Candidate--Denise Daniels

NASP recently adopted its 2010 *Model for Comprehensive and Integrated School Psychological Services*. What steps would you, as state delegate, take to use the 2010 model to best solidify the professional identity of school psychologists and ensure access to school psychological services by all children, families, and schools?

My role as DC Delegate includes supporting the *2010 Model for Comprehensive and Integrated School Psychological Services*. The NASP Practice Model helps schools successfully improve academic engagement and achievement, facilitate effective instruction, support positive behavior and socially successful students, support diverse learners, create safe, positive school climates, strengthen family-school-community partnerships, improve assessment and accountability, and invest existing resources wisely and effectively. As your DC Delegate, I work closely with the DC Association of School Psychologists to advocate and support proactive change in the DC Public School System. We have been able to have some components of the practice model considered when staff evaluations are determined. Unfortunately this is not a major part of the staff evaluations but we have been able to have the vast variety of services that we provide considered.

I will continue to promote and support the School Psychologists and their valuable role in the schools in the District of Columbia. Historically, school psychologists in DC Public Schools were working primarily with children in special education or children referred for special education. During the last few years, more emphasis has been placed on the role of school psychologists with all children and families in the schools. Schools are now embracing a more preventive and intervention model for assisting our students. School psychologists are seen as an essential part of the Student Support Team. DC is continuing to make strides toward better services for the students that it serves. DC Association of School Psychologists and your DC Delegate are continuing to stress more training and skill development opportunities for our members to keep up with the changing trends.

In addition, I support the Conferences that are held by DC Association of School Psychologists that help to enhance and support professional growth for all people interested in the services and topics we promote for the year. As your Delegate, I will continue to promote the values and changing direction of NASP, the field of school psychology, and the needs of the children in the District of Columbia. We are moving closer toward the standards set by NASP and continue to support the members who have been serving the students in the DC for decades before us. I will support and encourage all to come to the table and help with all children, in all schools throughout the District. Please consider me when you decided to vote for your DC Delegate.