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A close-up, low-angle shot of the front of a yellow school bus against a clear blue sky. The bus features several red emergency lights and a white light on top. The words "SCHOOL BUS" are printed in large, bold, black letters on the side panel. Below that, "EMERGENCY DOOR" is written in smaller black letters. The bus is angled upwards from the bottom left towards the top right.

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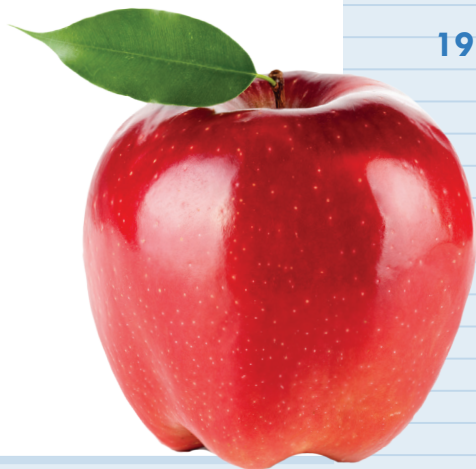
of the Illinois School Counselor Association (ISCA) is to provide leadership, advocacy, and collaboration for Illinois school counselors, which results in systemic change to enhance the success of all students in their academic, career, and social/emotional development.

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Keynote chosen for ISCA Annual Conference



CONFERENCE DATE

Skokie, IL • April 25, 2014



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She was the 2009-2010 President of the American Counseling Association (ACA) and is the current Treasurer-Elect of ACA and a member of the ACA Ethics Revision Task Force. She was the Southern Region representative to ACA Governing Council, Past Chair of the ACA—Southern Region, and Past President of the Maryland Association for Counseling and Development, and has chaired several committees and task forces. She is an ACA Fellow, a recipient of the Carl Perkins Award, the ACES Program Supervisor Award, the SACES Program Supervisor Award, and has received a number of other awards from ACA, its entities, and from the State of Maryland.

She presents on ethical and legal issues for school counselors and is the author or coauthor of several book chapters on ethical issues. She is a True Colors certified trainer and conducts workshops for associations and schools.

ISCA President's

Welcome

As your new ISCA President I would like to update you on the ASCA Conference and share a vision for ISCA.

At the 2013 ASCA Conference in Philadelphia, I accepted an award recognizing ISCA for 50-years of service to Illinois School Counseling. The award acknowledges the positive impact that Illinois School Counselors have made assisting students with everyday issues, advancing and promoting student achievement, and preparing students for post secondary life. ISCA is a mission based organization supporting School Counseling Professionals. With our many talented, innovative and solution seeking ISCA members we can look forward to the next 50 years with confidence.

As we plan for 2013-2014 we are aware of the volatility in education. A clear priority is to serve our members and we will keep you informed of political storms in Springfield, Chicago, and Washington, D.C., and how they impact school counseling professionals. We are positioning ISCA to face this uncertainty through a focused advocacy plan that profiles our work with

students, parents and other educational professionals. The goal of the advocacy plan is to reach 100% of the Principals in the state.

We are building ISCA through partnerships with IACAC and ISAC. These partnerships will create new professional development programs for our members. The

I hope you will join us at one of our annual conferences

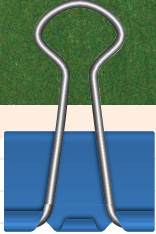
ISCA Board aspires to deliver comprehensive school counseling professional development programs for its members. I hope you will join us at one of our annual conferences in Springfield on April 11 or Skokie on April 25. The conference committee will be accepting presentation

proposals in the future. Please consider sharing with your colleagues.



On a personal note, I would like to thank Erin Mason for her innovative work as ISCA President.

ISCA is here to assist, please contact me. smurray@nddons.org



Welcome to the 2013-14 school year!

It's that time of year again when we as school counselors are getting back into the routine and hoping we can get more accomplished than the year before. We all have grand hopes and ideas, but if your school district is like mine, there have been some major budget cuts. In my school district alone, we have had 29 teachers cut. This was over 25% of our staff. I know many districts have cut back counselors and/or cut back on the number of days counselors work.

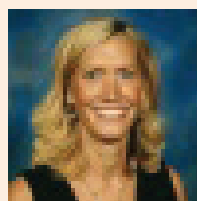


This leads me to the theme for this year's conference. *Doing More With Less* I believe school counselors have always functioned in this fashion. Depending on each individual school, we are the jack of all trades. We are the school nurse, the parent, the social worker, the RtI Coordinator, the Test Administrator, the National Honor Society Sponsor, lunch room supervisor, the registrar, Alternative Education Coordinator, College Placement/Financial Aid Counselor, Career Counselor, SAP Coordinator, web-site administrator, mender of broken hearts and so much more. We must become more creative. We will need to figure out how to continue with what we have always done along with any new initiatives; but with less time, money, resources and staff. We must learn how to lean on others to help us and possibly change how we have always done things.

School Counselors need to learn how to take care of themselves and allow others to help out. I don't know about you, but there are times it is hard for me to let go or even ask for help. I do know that I would be much more efficient if I accepted help from time to time. This year of all years I am so very thankful and grateful that I have a wonderful intern to help me out as well as help my students.

I know many of you are experts at *Doing More With Less*. I know you possess a wealth of knowledge and information that you could share with the rest of us by presenting at one of our spring conferences. Please (please, please, please) help me out and consider sharing your tricks of the trade with others. Please share with us what works for you. It could be efficient ways you do your daily work, how you relieve stress, your process to becoming a RAMP school, your experiences with RtI and/or 504's, etc. There are many topics that can easily be applicable to others and we want to hear from you. Please consider sharing.

I wish you all a great school year! I always say an uneventful year is a good year. Here's to an uneventful year for all of you! I hope it is a wonderful year!



Nancy A. Muir Penk
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“Doing More with Less – *Why?*”

The main reason companies, businesses, schools, agencies, etc. end up doing more with less staff is due to finances. Money can talk but at what price? Why should we have to do more for less? A recent survey showed that over 80% of the working public is unhappy at their present job. The main reason for their unhappiness was being overworked and underpaid. In the case of salaried employees, the majority are not receiving any additional pay for overtime hours. In addition are the part-time employees that are not receiving any health benefits, even though they may be working 30 hours per week at their part time job. Some people are working two jobs just to make ends meet and are still struggling.

The economy, unemployment, and struggling financially brings a tremendous amount of stress on individuals and families. The job market is tight and recent college graduates with contributing knowledge and skills can not find employment. They possess astronomical college debt and no way of repaying back those loans. The government is pushing for everyone to have the opportunity to go to college. However, the rising cost of college and decrease in student aid is making it much more difficult to afford it. Students are looking at the current situation of college graduates and reconsidering whether college is the right choice. This is contradictory to where our nation is headed in the job market. Most of the new jobs being created require some type of college degree or skilled trade. It is a catch twenty-two.

How do we solve this crisis? How do we continue to work harder and more hours with fewer people when highly skilled people are unemployed? How do we get America working smarter not harder and continue to operate while making a profit?

Counselors are working a great deal of more hours beyond the average 40 hour work week and still can not meet the needs and demands of all of their clients and students. Huge cuts have been made in the mental health fields during a time when people are experiencing high levels of stress, anxiety, and depression due to the economy crunch. Terrible tragedies have occurred by

people who have “snapped” and went on mass killing sprees. The public has turned to experts and professionals looking for answers and ways to reduce and/or help eliminate these tragic situations.

This is a window of opportunity for counselors to step up and advocate for our profession. We need mandates and laws that every school should employ a school counselor. Early diagnosis and intervention is often the key to success. Prevention programs, individual and group counseling are essential to supporting the Illinois Social Emotional Learning Standards that were established for all grade levels. Student to counselor ratios must meet the national average in order for counseling programs to meet the needs of students and be effective. Think about the employment opportunities for school counselors including the benefits for our communities and society as a whole!

This could be an exciting time not a trying time. We don't have to do more for less. We need all counselors to become members of the Illinois Counseling Association and school counselors to become members of ISCA. We need strength in numbers and voices to help us advocate for more supports and staff. We need to have a balance with our careers and personal life. Presently, this is difficult to obtain in the helping profession due to the under-staffed and overworked employed counselors. We need you! Get involved and help ISCA advocate for change. Let's help create jobs and balance the workload. What is the price? Hopefully, not the loss of more lives in school shootings; and not a population of depressed unhappy employed and unemployed people; and certainly not the loss of loved ones to suicide due to current life situations. We can not afford not to push for more counselors in all areas of the mental health field. It is a win-win situation and the results could be priceless! Act now and get involved!



President Elect Elect
Sherry McLaughlin

Executive Director Notes

For me the Fall and back to school represents the time to get the details for our annual conferences all set.

We are thrilled with our choice for our keynote for Skokie. Dr. Linde is a great speaker and will be a great addition to the conference. Registration is open now on our website. We have a few exhibitors lined up and some special presenters have been recruited. The Springfield location is new and will be at the Hilton. It is shaping up to be a great event.

If you have never presented before or you are a seasoned presenter we want you to submit a presentation proposal.

Proposals are due by November 14, 2013. You all are doing wonderful things in your schools, so put those great ideas together and share them at the conference. Present on your own or partner with someone in your district. If you need help putting it into the form just let us know.

This summer I traveled to Washington, D.C. with other counselors to talk to our Illinois Senators and Representatives about several issues including funding for school counselors. All of us need to keep getting this message to our Congresspersons so they are aware of the important role a professional school counselor has in student achievement and success.

Our newsletter and our other publications all have a new look. We have received very positive feedback on the new appearance. Look for more changes in the future.

The 2014 conference is shaping up to be a great event.

We are working closely with our legislative organization (Coalition of Illinois Counselor Organizations) CICO to draft new legislation rewording the definition in the School Code

of "School Counselor". If there is something you think should be in that definition please let me know. We want it to be all inclusive.



Dan Stasi (center) CICO/ISCA
Executive Director, Lobbyist
with Illinois Senators
Durbin & Kirk

Counselors for Computing:

Professional Development in Emerging Careers

On August 12th, I had the opportunity to attend and welcome other attendees on behalf of ISCA at Counselors for Computing (C4C). Sponsored by the National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT), this program sought to inform school counselors of the career opportunities available in computing and to provide resources to help school counselors advise students that may be fit for careers in computing, especially underrepresented groups in the computing field. This professional development event was made possible by the joint efforts of NCWIT, DePaul University, Google, C4C and ISCA.

As a school counselor and wife of a software engineer, attending this program was a must for me, as I love technology and learning about careers that may be a fit for my students. The opportunity to tour Google's Chicago office as well as receive CPDUs and a \$25 Amazon gift card (when registration was only \$20) also made attending fairly enticing. From start to finish, the program was outstanding. Speakers ranged from Google employees to DePaul faculty to my personal favorite; a rising senior female student from Northside College Prep High School. This dynamic teenager, who recently won the 2013 NCWIT "Aspirations in Computing" award, shared her story of how she became interested in working in the field of computing. She then went on to teach 50+ school counselors how computers sort information in under 2 minutes! I could go on and on about this event however in the interest of continuing to spread the wonderful information shared at C4C and respect the busy lives of school counselors, I have created a top ten list of key points and resources to share.



By: Tiffany Stallone

Top 10 C4C Key Points and Resources

1. Students need to be exposed to the computing field earlier. There is a significant need for qualified candidates in computing. In the United States, there are on average 144,500 openings in computing annually. On average, only 88,161 degrees in computer science are awarded. And this largely stems from a mere 22,000 students taking the CS AP exam in high school.

2. School counselors can help by using their natural counseling skills to support students as they consider courses and careers in the field. The young woman from Northside College Prep HS mentioned that she was one of three girls in a class of 30 students. She identified her school counselor and teacher as INSTRUMENTAL and VITAL to her remaining in the class despite the gender imbalance. Her experience aligns with the significant factors shown to influence students' involvement in computing; access to role models, encouragement, recognition, and exposure to quality experiences.

3. The Chicago Public School (CPS) system is committed to expanding computer science at the high school level. Presently 112 teachers from 54 schools have received training on teaching computer science. Details on this project can be found at: www.tasteofcomputing.org

4. Looking to help your students see that computer science is a field for everyone? Check out www.code.org. This organization seeks to grow computer programming education and on their website, you can find a ton of resources. At C4C we watched a video that can be found in the

“Teach” section of this website. I highly recommend watching the 5 minute YouTube video as it showcases famous professional athletes, musicians and business men/women in computing. It is an AMAZING video and very relatable for students.

5. Want to try your hand at coding? Or how about offering students the chance to? Check out scratch.mit.edu - This FREE website teaches ANYONE how to code. School counselors used this at C4C and within seconds were able to see results. Many elementary and high schools around the country use this free tool to enhance lessons.



6. Need handouts or want to learn more to better advise students? School counselors wanting more information can get FREE tools from the National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT) as well as join Counselors for Computing (C4C). Talking point cards, flyers, posters, even professional development can all be provided. See www.ncwit.org.

7. Women account for only 18% of computing degree recipients. Companies such as Merck, Google and Groupon are all

investing resources in recruiting underrepresented groups and women interested in computing have an abundance of opportunities waiting for them. Having a more diverse workforce enhances innovation, expands the talent pool, improves the bottom line and promotes equality.

8. Connect with the math department and integrate Bootstrap's “Algebraic Video Game Programming” into your curriculum. Aligned with the Common Core Standards, Bootstrap is a FREE curriculum for students ages 12-16, which teaches them to program their own videogames using purely algebraic and geometric concepts. See www.bootstrapworld.org.


9. Google is committed to supporting students, teachers and school counselors in all areas relating to promoting the field of computing. SCHOLARSHIPS for students can be found at www.google.com/edu/students/scholarships.html. Training for educators to become the technology role models our students need is available at

www.google.com/edu/training-and-support/index.html

10. Continue to encourage students to seek recognition for their accomplishments. Young women can apply for the NCWIT Award for “Aspirations in Computing.” This award honors young women at the high school level for their computing-related achievements and interests. Applications will begin being accepted on September 15, 2013. See ww2.ncwit.org/award/award.index.php

By: Tiffany Stallone

Illinois School Counselors Do More with the Corp



Between budget cuts, difficult to manage case loads, and being responsible for activities considered inappropriate for a school counselor (e.g. teaching classes when teachers are absent or coordinating testing programs), school counselors must become more and more efficient at weathering the storm and doing more with less year after year.

According to ASCA, a professional school counselor's primary role is to address the developmental needs of all students through a comprehensive school counseling program that supports each student's unique academic, career and personal/social development.

In Illinois, the Developmental Counseling Model for Illinois Schools was published to supplement the ASCA Model, support the SEL standards, and provide structure and consistent practices and procedures throughout the State.

According to the State Code (105 ILCS 5/10-22.24b), school counseling services include, but are not limited to:

1. educational planning (4-6 year plans)
2. career development and counseling
3. college counseling
4. developing and facilitating anti-violence education or conflict resolution programs, or both
5. providing crisis intervention programs within the school setting
6. making appropriate referrals to outside agencies
7. interpreting achievement, career, and vocational test information
8. developing individual career plans for all students
9. providing individual and small group counseling
10. addressing the developmental needs of students by designing curricula for classroom counseling and guidance
11. consulting and counseling with parents for the academic, career, and personal success of their children
12. facilitating school to work transition programs, and
13. supervising school counseling interns

So, how do we provide school counseling programs that are comprehensive in scope, preventive in design and developmental in nature, and demonstrate accountability when resources are lacking, caseloads are well over the recommended ratio of 1:250, and we are overburdened with responsibilities beyond the scope of our formal training and the legislative definition of the services school counselors may provide? Many Illinois school counselors call in the Corp and map out a plan for success.

Illinois School Counselors Do More with the Corp Con'd...

The ISAC Corp is responsible for assisting students with career exploration, college selection, test preparation, scholarship searches, application completion, and the financial aid process. Each college district has one to four ISACorps members assigned within their community. The best attributes about this group of individuals is they are well trained by ISAC, will assist your school district in building a college going culture and enhance your school counseling program's delivery system for FREE! Contact information for your ISACorp representative can be found at www.isac.org. One phone call may be all it takes to expand and more appropriately align your school counseling efforts, maximize your time and demonstrate accountability this year.

So exactly how can the ISACorp members help you? According to ISAC, last year, the Corps conducted over 4,200 outreach events, including more than 700 FAFSA completion workshops and 600 financial aid presentations. This year ISACorp members are eager to connect with schools in all regions of the state to offer educational planning support for all students via the whatsnextillinois.org portal, a free electronic student educational and career development planning portfolio, and deliver presentations on a variety of topics, for example:

- All About Scholarships (juniors and seniors)
- Breaking Down College Applications (juniors and seniors)
- College Knowledge Jeopardy (freshman-seniors)
- Get Involved (freshman)
- Paving the Road to College (sophomores)
- Preparing for the ACT (juniors)
- Preparing for your Senior Year (juniors)
- Resume: Your Passport (freshman-seniors)
- Supporting Your Student (parents of juniors and seniors)
- Taking the Tough Classes (freshman)
- The Financial Aid Process (families, juniors and seniors)
- Welcome to High School (8th graders)

Contact your school's ISACorp representative today to make plans to incorporate their services into your delivery system, before you finalize your 2013-2014 program goals.

Each year before the students come back, I meet with our ISACorp representative, Krystin Baker, to discuss how we can integrate her presentations into our school counseling program and determine how much time she can devote to assisting our students with updating their WNI portfolios,

which are now mandatory for our entire student body, and a vital part of our school counseling core curriculum. After our meeting I finalize my program goals, meet with my principal for approval, and together we execute an Annual Agreement. Sometimes securing a meeting with the principal is tough due to scheduling conflicts etc., but persistence pays. Advocate for your program and the students you serve, don't give up.

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By partnering with Krystin, I am able to address 7 of the 13 defined school counseling services at no extra cost to my district every year. This year we also expanded our collaborative efforts with ISAC by registering for an Illinois College Application Month event. Doing more with less can feel like you're driving full speed through a downpour; but if you efficiently utilize your resources, build resilient relationships with other stakeholders in your school, district and community, and collaborate with a purpose, you will find you have a steadfast

umbrella that will see you through this educational tempest.

No matter how you manage to do more with less, don't forget to share the results of your efforts, despite the results of each lesson or activity. The PR you do for your program could be the PR that saves your position and your program. As you wade through the troubled waters, remember that you're not alone, be your own professional advocate, keep your program goals in mind, expect obstacles and resistance, but always remember what drew you to the profession because even though you're doing more with less, someone out there is just glad you showed up to do what you do.

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Krystin Baker, ISACorp Representative & Franciene Sabens, Chester High School Counselor after a Financial Aid Process presentation



National Educational and Health Awareness Dates 2013-14 Calendar

SEPT. 13

Childhood Cancer Month
Library Card Sign Up Month
National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month
National Food Safety Education Month
National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month
National Preparedness Month

Sept. 15– Hispanic Heritage Month
Oct. 15

1–7 National Childhood Injury Prevention Week
8–14 Suicide Awareness and Prevention Week
8 International Literacy Day
10 World Suicide Prevention Day
15–21 Child Passenger Safety Week
17 Constitution Day/Citizenship Day
20–22 Clean up the World Weekend
21 International Day of Peace
25 National Women’s Health & Fitness Day
27 Native American Day
28 Family Health & Fitness Day
29 World Heart Day

OCT. 13

ADHD Month
Breast Cancer Awareness Month
Child Health Month
Computer Learning Month
Depression and Mental Health Month
Diversity Awareness Month

Domestic Violence Awareness Month
Family Health Awareness Month
Health Literacy Month
Head Start Awareness Month
Month of the Young Adolescent
National Book Month
National Bullying Prevention Month
National Communicate with Your Kids Month
National Crime Prevention Month
National Dental Hygiene Month
National Depression Education and Awareness Month
Positive Attitude Month

1 International Day for Older Persons
4 National Diversity Day
5 World Teacher’s Day
6–12 National Fire Prevention Week
7 Child Health Day
7 World Habitat Day
7–13 Mental Illness Awareness Week
9 Walk to School Day
9 SAVE (Stop America’s Violence Everywhere) Day
10 World Mental Health Day
10 National Depression Screening Day
13–19 Teen Read Week
16 World Food Day
20–26 National Character Counts Week
20–26 America’s Safe Schools Week
20–26 National Teen Driver Safety Week
21–25 National School Bus Safety Week
23–31 Red Ribbon Week
23 International Stuttering Awareness Day
24 United Nations Day
31 National UNICEF Day

NOV.13

American Diabetes Month
Lung Cancer Awareness Month
National Adoption Month
National Career Development Month
National Native American Heritage Month
National Family Caregivers Month
National Healthy Skin Month
National Scholarship Month

- 8 National Parents as Teachers Day
- 11-15 National Young Readers Week
- 11-15 School Psychology Awareness Week
- 11-17 Drowsy Driving Prevention Week
- 13 World Kindness Day
- 15 America Recycles Day
- 16 International Day of Tolerance
- 18-22 American Education Week
- 21 National Parental Involvement Day
- 21 Great American Smokeout
- 23 National Family Volunteer Day

DEC.13

National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month
Safe Toys and Gifts Month
Universal Human Rights Month

- 1 World AIDS Day
- 1-7 National Handwashing Awareness Week
- 2 Special Education Day
- 3 International Day of Disabled Persons
- 5 International Volunteer Day
- 15 Bill of Rights Day

JAN.14

Book Blitz Month
National Mentoring Month
National Blood Volunteer Donor Month
National Thank You Month

- 1 Emancipation Proclamation Anniversary
- 19 World Religion Day
- 20-24 No Name Calling Week

FEB.14

African American History Month
American Heart Month
National Children's Dental Health Month

- 1 National Freedom Day
- 2 Groundhog Job Shadowing Day
- 3-7 National School Counseling Week
- 14-20 Random Acts of Kindness Week
- 23-March 1 National Eating Disorders Awareness Week

MARCH 14

American Red Cross Month
Gender Equality Month
Music in our Schools Month
National Middle Level Education Month
National Nutrition Month
National Women's History Month
Social Work Month
Youth Art Month

MARCH

- 2 Read Across America Day
- 3-7 National School Breakfast Week
- 8 International Women's Day
- 11 Johnny Appleseed Day
- 12-18 Girl Scout Week
- 16-22 National Poison Prevention Week
- 19 Kick Butts Day
- 21 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

APRIL 14

- Alcohol and Drug Awareness Month
- Child Abuse Prevention Month
- Counseling Awareness Month
- Keep America Beautiful Month
- Mathematics Education Month
- National Autism Awareness Month
- National STD Awareness Month
- National Youth Sports Safety Month
- School Library Media Month
- Sexual Assault Awareness Month

- 2 International Children's Book Day
- 6-12 Week of the Young Child
- 6-13 National Volunteer Week
- 7 World Health Day
- 7-11 National Youth Violence Prevention Week
- 10 National Alcohol Screening Day
- 11 Day of Silence
- 11-13 Global Youth Service Days
- 13-19 National Library Week
- 21-25 Public School Volunteer Week
- 20-26 Administrative Professionals Week
- 22 Earth Day

- 24 Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day
- 28 Holocaust Remembrance Day
- 29-May 5 Screen Free Week (TV Turnoff Week)

MAY 14

- Asian Pacific American Heritage Month
- Better Hearing and Speech Month
- Clean Air Month
- Military Appreciation Month
- National Bike Month
- National Mental Health Awareness Month
- National Physical Education and Sports Month
- National Foster Care Month
- Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month

- 5-10 National PTA Teacher Appreciation Week
- 8 World Red Cross Day
- 8 National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day
- 11 National School Nurses Day
- 17 Armed Forces Day
- 25 National Missing Children's Day
- 31 World No Tobacco Day

JUNE 14

- Fireworks Safety Month (1-July 4)
- National Safety Month

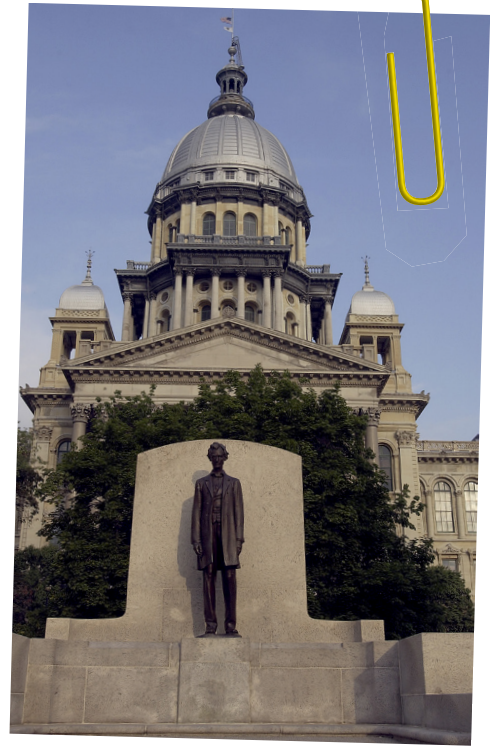
- 5 World Environment Day
- 14 Flag Day
- 19 Emancipation Day

COUNSELOR DAY ON THE HILL ADVOCACY DAY

Join us Wednesday, February 26, 2014
in Springfield to lobby for your profession.

- Lunch is provided by ISCA
- Starts at 10 a.m. and finishes by 3 p.m.
- Car pooling is available and/or you can take the Amtrak train

Registration and more information is on our website.
http://ilschoolcounselor.org/advocacy/advocacy_day.html



ISCA Conference Call for Proposals

We hope that you will consider submitting a proposal for next year's conference. Do you have an idea for a workshop? Don't delay!

2014 Annual ISCA Conference
Doing More With Less Chairperson – Nancy Penk
April 11, 2014 – Springfield Hilton
April 25, 2014 – Skokie Hoilday Inn

All workshops are 45-50 minutes in length. The conference will start at 8:00 a.m. and will end at 3:30 p.m. Workshop presentation times start at 8:20 a.m.

The Lead Presenter and up to 1 co-presenter will receive registration at a special rate which includes a continental breakfast and the awards luncheon. No other remuneration for presenters is available.

Deadline Nov 14

All proposals must be submitted electronically by **November 14, 2013** for either the Springfield Conference or Skokie Conference. Conference dates are:
April 11, 2014 – Springfield
April 25, 2014 – Skokie, IL

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<http://m360.ilcounseling.org/admin/forms/ViewForm.aspx?id=50313>



School Counselors – Employment & Outlook

Employment

Major employers:

- Schools, colleges, and universities
- Job training services

Outlook

The number of students in school is expected to increase. This will create a greater demand for counselors. In addition, the number of duties counselors have is growing. This means each one must do more. Additional counselors will be needed so that students have access to them.

However, growth in this occupation will be limited by school budgets. Counseling programs are some of the first items that are reduced when budgets are cut.

In Illinois, employment of school counselors is expected to grow as fast as average through 2018. About 330 job openings are expected each year.

The table below provides information about the number of workers in this occupation in various regions. It also provides information about the expected growth rate and future job openings.

School Counselors (CIS 100288)

Location	Employment	Growth		Annual Openings
		This Occupation	All Occupation	
Illinois	10,029 Large	12.6%	8.7%	329 High
Bloomington Area	344 Large	14.0%	9.0%	12 High
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Decatur Area	92 Large	8.7%	6.6%	3 Moderate
DeKalb-Elgin-Aurora Area	573 Large	11.5%	8.9%	19 High
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DuPage County	659 Large	11.7%	11.1%	21 Moderate
Edwardsville Area	219 Large	13.2%	5.6%	7 High
Freeport-Sterling Area	137 Large	10.9%	4.1%	5 High
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Kankakee-Morris-Pontiac Area	148 Large	11.5%	4.9%	5 High
Lake County	512 Large	12.9%	9.4%	17 High
McHenry County	192 Large	9.9%	7.4%	6 High
Mt Vernon-Marion-Carbondale Area	274 Very large	12.4%	5.3%	9 High
Peoria Area	184 Large	15.2%	9.9%	7 Moderate
Quincy-Macomb-Galesburg Area	221 Large	10.9%	4.3%	7 High
Rock Island-Moline Area	150 Large	10.0%	4.9%	5 Moderate
Rockford Area	222 Large	9.0%	6.6%	7 High
Shawnee National Forest Area	124 Large	11.3%	4.0%	4 High
Springfield Area	286 Large	12.6%	7.3%	10 High
St Louis-Belleveille Area	278 Large	7.6%	5.7%	8 High
Vermilion County	59 Large	8.5%	3.8%	2 Moderate
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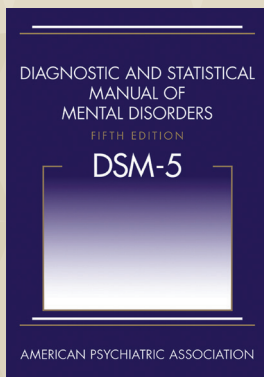
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