

CASP Government Relations Program

Program Elements

Since its inception, government relations have developed into a comprehensive legislative advocacy effort, providing a full-range of legislative, grassroots and political activities on behalf of the association and its members. The program is informed by existing policies and procedures developed and adopted by the Board of Directors. The following elements make up CASP Government Affairs:

- Policy-Making and Review. The Board of Directors is charged with determining CASP's overall policy positions on various legislative and political matters. Every two years, the board adopts a legislative platform outlining the association's priorities and goals in the upcoming legislative session. Policy analyses and recommendations on policy matters are developed by the legislative committee and forwarded to the board.
- Legislative Advocacy. The legislative advocate, Executive Director, legislative committee chair, and various members provide legislative representation on behalf of the association.
- Grassroots Advocacy. CASP affiliates and members provide advocacy at the local level. Staff and the legislative committee provide assistance and preparation on grassroots activities.
- Political Action . CASP encourages all school psychologists to be active advocates at the local school, district, city, county, state and national levels for the establishment and maintenance of safe, healthy, fair, effective, and respectful education policies and procedures for all children, birth through age 22.

The CASP lobbyist and the CASP Executive Director, in close consultation with the Legislative Chair and President, provide day-to-day oversight and implementation of the government affairs program.