

# 4TH ANNUAL DAY AT THE CAPITOL

PRESENTED BY  
THE IOWA SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS'  
ASSOCIATION  
& THE IOWA SCHOOL  
PSYCHOLOGISTS ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY MARCH 3, 2023, 2-3:00, ZOOM  
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023, 7:30 - 3:00,  
THE IOWA STATE CAPITOL



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## WHAT IS A DAY AT THE CAPITOL?

A day at the Capitol provides an opportunity for school social workers and school psychologists to come together and educate state lawmakers about how we address student barriers to learning and academic success in cost effective ways. This is a professional development day, not a political lobby day.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Current or past school social workers and school psychologists
- Students interested in the field of social work or psychology
- Friends and supporters of school social work, school psychology, school mental health services, and public education

## LEARNING GOALS

1. Deepen your understanding of current legislation which impacts education and the students, families, schools, and communities we serve.
2. Identify effective ways to advocate and share your story with key policymakers to influence change.
3. Initiate and/or build relationships with legislative representatives and association lobbyist.
4. Practice developing effective messaging to impact public policy change.

## REGISTRATION FEES

- This event is free for ISSWA and ISPA members
- Registration is \$35 for non-members.
- Pre-registration is required at your respective website:
  - [www.isswa.org](http://www.isswa.org)
  - [www.iowaschoolpsych.com](http://www.iowaschoolpsych.com)
- Register by close of business on February 23, 2023. No refunds will be provided for cancellations received after this date.

## CEUS ON ETHICS DAY AT THE CAPITOL

CEUs on ethics or NASP CPDs. Attendance both days of this event are required. Participants will be asked to sign in and out both days to provide corresponding continuing education hours. (up to 8 hours)

## QUESTIONS? CONTACT

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## KEYNOTE SPEAKER SONJA REYES

Sonia Reyes is the President and CEO of the Reyes Equity Institute, providing consulting, training, and strategic planning services to private and public entities that are ready to provide inclusive services to Latinos, Immigrants, and queer communities. She serves as the Vice-Chair, of the City of Des Moines Civil & Human Rights Commission and as a director for the ACLU of Iowa Board. Sonia advocates and serves as an ongoing resource for Iowans of Latino heritage, government agencies, businesses, and other organizations by coordinating and participating in statewide economic, social, and cultural efforts. She has been doing grassroots work with the Latino and LGBTQIA Communities in Iowa for over 20 years. She is a national speaker on Latino, LGBTQIA, immigration, youth, and intersectionality topics.

## NASW CODE OF ETHICS ETHICAL STANDARDS COVERED IN THIS PRESENTATION INCLUDE:

- Social Workers' Ethical Responsibilities to Clients
  - 1.05 Cultural Awareness and Social Diversity
- Social Workers' Ethical Responsibilities to the Social Work Profession
  - 5.01 Integrity of the Profession
- Social Workers' Ethical Responsibilities to the Broader Society
  - 6.01 Social Welfare
  - 6.02 Public Participation
  - 6.04 Social and Political Action

All participants must sign in and out for CEU credit.

## AGENDA

### FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2023, 2:00 - 3:00 PM ZOOM MEETING

- The Art of Advocacy:
  - Jim Obradovich, ISSWA and ISPA Lobbyist from The Capitol Group
  - Emilie Souhrada, ISSWA
  - Nicki Skaar, ISPA

### TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023, 7:30AM - 3:00PM AT THE IOWA STATE CAPITOL

7:30 - 9:00	Registration and meet with legislators in the Statehouse Cafeteria for a "Lawmakers Breakfast." Breakfast on your own.
9:15 - 10:15	Keynote: Sonia Reyes room 305 in the Statehouse
10:15 - 11:30	Advocacy collaboration, consultation, and coaching
11:30 - 3:00	Working lunch in the Statehouse cafeteria on your own. Meet with legislators, observe the legislative session, attend committee meetings.