

# ISPA Members Legislative Network

## In Search of Volunteers!!

ISPA is working to assist members in being more aware of legislative issues and to assist with their interaction with legislators and others in the setting. We are taking several steps in this area and are also seeking assistance from Iowa School Psychologists:



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- In the Fall of 2003, ISPA created a [Legislative Handbook](#) that was available for pick up at the Fall Conference. The Handbook is 16-pages of important information related to being aware of the political process and how to be an effective advocate for education and school psychology. The handbook can be downloaded from this site.
- ISPA has added a Legislative Resource page to its website.
- ISPA has been creating a **Legislative Network** of school psychologists for the purpose of dissemination of information and to serve as a communication tool for the Association and its members.

**To finish this network, we are  
Senate and House Districts for**



**seeking volunteers from each of the  
the Iowa General Assembly.**

If you are unaware of your  
can obtain this information at the

district and the names of your legislators - you  
Legislative website: **[www.legis.state.ia.us](http://www.legis.state.ia.us)**

Members of this Network are asked to make contact with their legislators as an introduction and to follow up with them as needed for related legislation or explanation of the role of a school psychologist. Don't worry - the Handbook has examples of letters and ways to communicate with legislators. Members of the Network receive informative updates related to Legislative activity.

There are 50 Senate Districts and 100 House Districts for which we are seeking contact persons. As of August 2004, the Network has volunteers in 11 Senate Districts and 15 House Districts – so a large number of volunteers are still needed. **The Senate Districts for which we currently have contacts are: 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 29, 39, 43, 45, 46, and 48. House Districts with currently with contacts assigned are: 7, 8, 38, 39, 40, 43, 45, 51, 60, 87, 89, 92, and 96.**

**SO** --- with all that information - Have I peaked your interest enough to want to join our new Network? Send an e-mail message to John Boyle at [jjkboyle@mchsi.com](mailto:jjkboyle@mchsi.com) or call 515-965-3822. Indicate your Senate and House District and the names of your Senator and Representative in your reply.

I look forward to working with all of you through this process. School psychologists are best able to express to others what school psychologists do and the results of our efforts.

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