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## President's Message

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### TREASURES IN THE LOST AND FOUND

*I was looking through my local newspaper at the breakfast table last week when my eyes enlarged to the size of silver dollars. Was I reading it correctly? FOUND: "5-carat lady's diamond wedding ring"?! Sure enough, that's how the ad read. After thinking to myself what a wonderful honest person it must have taken to place such an ad, my mind drifted toward the foreboding difficult road that lie ahead for that individual. How would he/she handle all the hundreds of calls from thieves and others claiming it was their ring?! Everyone with a bit of dishonesty in them would want a shot at an item of such incredible value. I'm sure many lies were spoken to the person who ran the ad, things like, "Well uh... it had a bunch of diamonds", or "I can't really describe it, but it has been in our family since the Civil War when Lincoln gave it to my cousin for developing what would eventually be the first quad-cab pickup". As I left the house for work, I thought of how good it would feel to return that ring to the rightful owner and how even better it would feel for the owner to see that someone had found his/her valuable possession...*

*About three days later, a friend I have known for quite some time called me to give me the latest. Melissa (not her real name), had decided to leave her job*

*as a school psychologist in rural Kansas in order to relocate to another state, toward the Gulf of Mexico, if I recall correctly. Being the savvy Co-director of the School Psychology Program at Pittsburg State University, I immediately thought about another potential job opening for one of our graduates. Then Melissa informed me of news that shocked me more than the ad for the diamond ring: "They are not going to replace me; I guess they're just going to ask all of the psychs to divide up my schools".*

*At this point, you are probably picturing my friend Melissa to be nearing retirement age and prepared to happily live out the rest of her years with a husband, using her KPERs retirement money for living expenses while soaking up rays somewhere... right? Actually, I believe my friend entered the field of school psychology within the last ten years, right out of her graduate training program. Regarding the conversation, I'm not sure I really remember a word Melissa told me on the phone that day after she had uttered those alarming words. I was preoccupied with angry half-questions like "How?", "Why wouldn't they...?", "But then the services the kids get...", and "Don't they know that...?"*

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER CONT'D

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Yes, true stories like the one above about my friend are taking place all across the country as our nation faces an ongoing economic depression that is affecting everyone in one way or another. Such occurrences are happening in small town USA and cities with populations in the millions. It seems like just yesterday we believed that such events could never happen in a job field filled with such significant shortages. Well, the shortages are still there my friends but the time has come for us to move over to offense, to take a proactive approach so that these nonsensical decisions are never even considered. The diamond ring ad was rare indeed, but consider atypical one below.

## LOST AND FOUND

*FOUND: Dedicated professional capable of insuring that hundreds or thousands of youth will graduate from high school; very independent and knowledgeable of interventions to improve children and adolescent's mental health problems to prevent school districts from needing to pay for extensive out-of-school psychotherapy; capable of individualizing instruction plans for youth with cognitive, learning, and emotional disabilities; member of both the Kansas Association as well as the National Association of School Psychologists; familiar with assessment of youth with threats to harm self and others to avoid potential catastrophic events; extensive knowledge of MTTS, RTI, PREPARE, and other current trends in the field of education and special education; extensive knowledge of legal rights of students, parents and school districts; excellent consultation skills featuring a positive attitude with deep respect for other educational professionals; comfortable working with individuals of all ages and all educational/professional levels; salary negotiable; call 555-5555 to claim.*

*As members of KASP, we have to understand that the above ad is more valuable than the one for diamonds I described earlier! But when was the last time you or your colleagues let the decision makers know specifically all you are capable of doing? If they understand that you are the gem described in the ad above, they will understand that the last person that should leave a dying school district, special education cooperative, etc. is the school psychologist! If nothing more, who is going to tend to the mental health needs of the youth and families affected by job loss, income reduction, and*

*fear of the unknown? Don't stop until everyone who has any vested interest in your schools can tell anyone they meet why school psychologists are unquestionably the most necessary personnel during these tough times we face.*

*If the above ad describes skills and training you don't have, don't worry. That is where KASP and NASP come in! Look at all the great opportunities featured at this fall's convention! (Look for convention information found elsewhere in this issue.) Got PRE-PaRE TRAINING? If not, you should know that we are offering it. Got techniques for providing counseling and mental health interventions with youth? If not, don't forget we are offering skill training in this area as well. Plus, if you are like me at all, can you ever have too much training in these skills? It is very clear that you need KASP, and all it has to offer. Equally important, is the fact that we need you! If you haven't sent in your membership renewal, it's not too late. Get it in fairly quickly. The convention discount is worth it alone. We're going to be helping you more than ever with advocacy for the profession of school psychologist including, for the first time... a KASP School Psychologist's Store at this year's convention! Ever notice how all the other educational personnel have their cool organizational t-shirts, polos, jackets, etc. to wear and you are wishing school psychs had some as well? Wait no more my friend. If you haven't noticed, this year's convention is being held in the greater Kansas City area. So after valuable training all day, what's your pleasure? Jazz and blues? The new Power and Light District with great nightlife? Shopping at the Country Club Plaza? The world's best steaks and BBQ? Or, all of the above?*

*After you have sent in your membership renewal and your conference registration, think about one more item and promise me you will write it down after reading this column. School psychologists across our state and entire nation need YOU to write down TWO concrete efforts that you will make at the start of the school year to make everyone more aware of just how valuable school psychologists are. How about putting the above ad in everyone's mailbox at school or better yet, download free handouts from [nasponline.org](http://nasponline.org)? Then send one of them home in every single school newsletter, for each grade, in all schools in which you work. Don't wait until you go back to work in July or August to write down your ideas or it won't happen. The momentum we can generate starts and ends with us. We are KASP, and we absolutely must communicate our value as school psychologists to others. After all, most gems don't*

# Position Announcements

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[www.kansasteachingjobs.com](http://www.kansasteachingjobs.com)  
for additional information and  
future job postings.**

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

PREPaRE Crisis Intervention and Recovery

June 29-30, 2009

Emporia, KS

<http://www.emporia.edu/jones>

National Association of School Psychologists

Annual Conference March, 2-6, 2010

Chicago, IL

<http://nasponline.org>

International School Psychology Association

Annual Colloquium July 7-11, 2009

Malta

<http://www.ispaweb.org>

7th International Conference on Positive Behavioral Supports

Conference March 25-27, 2010

St. Louis, MO

<http://www.apbs.org>

American Psychological Association

Annual Meeting August 6-9, 2009

Toronto, Canada

<http://www.apa.org>

Counsel for Exceptional Children

Annual Convention April 21-24, 2010

Nashville, TN

<http://www.cec.sped.org>

Kansas Association of School Psychologists

Conference October 29-30, 2009

Overland Park, KS

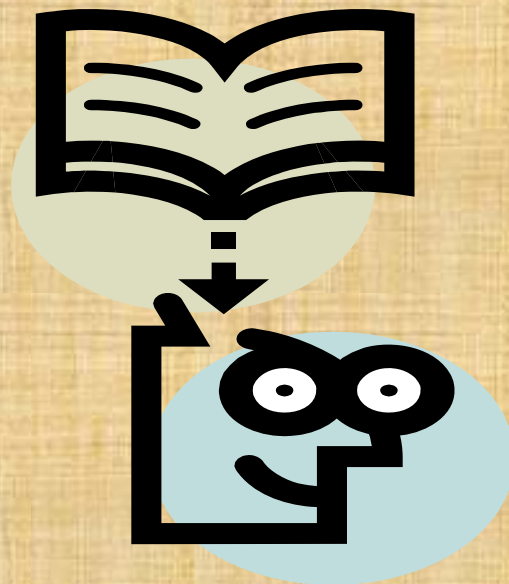
<http://kasp.org>

Membership Information and Membership Forms are available online! Check it out at <http://kasp.org/membership.htm>

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The Kansas Association of School Psychologist is pleased to announce that NASP's PREPaRE Crisis Prevention and Preparedness training will be available for the first time in our region.

Registration for PREPaRE workshop is usually a \$300 fee, plus requires the expenses involved in national travel. As a services to the children of Kansas, KASP is underwriting most of the expenses for this training , making costs only \$125 for KASP members and \$165 for non-members. Breakfast, lunch, books, materials and cds are included in the price. Registration will be handled online by the Jones Institute <http://emporia.edu/jones/>, and is now available. Registration must be strictly limited to 40 participants. There are scholarships available for Kansas School Psychology students to attend who may contact [jpersing@emporia.edu](mailto:jpersing@emporia.edu) for details.



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## School Crisis Response

The PREPaRE curriculum has been developed by the National Association of School Psychologist (NASP) as part of NASP's Decade-long leadership in providing evidence-based resources and consultation related to school crisis prevention and response.

The PREPaRE model emphasizes the following hierarchical and sequential set of activities:

**P-Prevent** and prepare for psychological trauma

**R-Reaffirm** physical health and perception of security and safety

**E-Evaluate** psychological trauma risk

**P-Provide** interventions

**a-and**

**R-Respond** to psychological needs

### Workshop Presenters

**Jennifer Young** is a nationally certified school psychologist in the field with her therapy dog, Pogo. Jennifer and Pogo have made several presentations regarding the use of therapy dogs in schools including at the Midwest Symposium for Leadership in Behavior Disorders (MSLBD). Jennifer received her PREPaRE training from the NASP authors of PREPaRE.

**Dr. Jim Persinger**, NCSP, has 16 years of experience as a school psychologist, and is a NASP-certified Trainer of Trainers in the PREPaRE model. An associate professor at Emporia State University since 200, he currently directs its school psychologist training program. He recently served as president of the Kansas Association of School Psychologist and chaired the KASP 2008 special education conference.

## Crisis Intervention and Recovery:

### The Roles of School-Based Mental Health

#### Professionals

This 2-day PREPaRE workshop provides school-based mental health professionals and other educational professionals training on how to best fill the roles and responsibilities generated by their participation on school crisis teams. It is intended for school psychologist, nurses, social workers, counselors, and those in related professions.

**Date:** June 29-30, 2009

**Time:** 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \* \$125 (KASP members)

\$165 (non-KASP Members)

#### Location:

Jones Institute for educational Excellence  
The Earl Center at Emporia State University

1601 State, Emporia, KS

Enrollment limited to 40 persons

**Register online at [www.emporia.edu/jones](http://www.emporia.edu/jones) or call toll-free 1-877-378-5433**

This workshop provides NASP-approved CPD credits for school psychologist. Documentation of PREPaRE certification and ongoing professional development credits will be available upon workshop completion. One hour of graduate credit is available for those who choose to additionally enroll for credit at Emporia State University.

## **Mark your Calendars**

# **Kansas Association of School Psychologists 2009 Fall Convention in Overland Park**

## **School Psychologists as Mental Health Providers: Your Career and Your Future!**

**The focus of this convention will be on developing your skills as an effective mental health provider when dealing with psychopathology of children and adolescents. Colleagues in the field will be invited to present sessions on a variety of mental health disorders seen in our schools today.**

**Featured Speaker: Dr. John J. Murphy**

**Dr. Murphy is an internationally recognized trainer and practitioner of brief solution-focused counseling with children, adolescents, and school problems and author of *Brief Intervention for School Problems: Outcome-Informed Strategies* (with Barry Duncan, Guilford Press, 2007) and the award-winning *Solution-Focused Counseling in Schools***



## KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS

## 2009 FALL CONVENTION

## OVERVIEW

**Thursday, October 29th**

8:00-9:00	Registration
9:00-10:00	Opening session -Welcome: Dr. Jamie Wood, KASP President -Keynote: Dr. Kathy Minke, NASP President-Elect
10:00-10:15	Break
10:15-11:45	Concurrent Sessions*
11:45-1:15	Lunch on own
1:15-2:45	Concurrent Sessions*
2:45-3:00	Break
3:00-4:15	Sessions
4:30-6:00	Social

\*Concurrent sessions will follow the theme of the convention. Sessions will focus on developing the school psychologist's skill in assessment and use of strategies in the treatment of mental health disorders in the school setting, dealing with stress.

**Friday, October 30th**

8:00-8:30	Registration
8:30-12:00	Dr. John Murphy
12:00-1:00	Banquet/Membership meeting/Awards
1:00-3:30	Dr. John Murphy

**SPECIAL OFFERING: PREPaRE CURRICULUM TRAINING**

As a special offering to licensed school psychologists, KASP is offering the PREPaRE training to a limited number of registrants during the convention. Students will not be able to attend. Given that it is a standardized two-day training, participants would not be able to attend the other convention sessions but will be able to enjoy the KASP social on Thursday and banquet on Friday. Dr Jim Persinger, NCSP from Emporia State University and Jennifer Young, NCSP, a school psychologist from Clay Center will be the trainers. Both have NASP PREPaRE certification and were trained by the developers of the program.

**Kansas Association of School Psychologists  
2009 Convention Registration Form**

A registration form must be filled out on each individual planning to attend. Please print.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email (very important for conference updates) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employer \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employer Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

If using a P.O indicate name of business office employee and contact number responsible for processing and payment of P.O. \_\_\_\_\_

*I will be attending the regular KASP conference on October 29 & 30, 2009:*

		<u>Amount due</u>
<b>Regular registration – Postmarked before 9/26/09</b>		
____ KASP, NSPA, ISPA member	\$125.00	_____
____ Non-members	\$155.00	_____
____ Student (Full time-verified: have advisor sign your form)	\$40.00	_____

**Late registration – Postmarked after 9/26/09 or registering on site**

____ KASP, NSPA, ISPA member	\$155.00	_____
____ Non-members	\$185.00	_____
____ Student (Full time-verified: have advisor sign your form)	\$60.00	_____

*I will be attending the 2-day PREPaRE Curriculum workshop:*

____ KASP, NSPA, ISPA member (regular registration)	\$125.00	_____
____ KASP, NSPA, ISPA, member (late registration)	\$155.00	_____
____ Non-members (regular registration plus cost of materials)	\$155.00	_____
____ Non-members (late registration plus cost of materials)	\$185.00	_____

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>Send conference registrations to:</b></p> <p>Kansas Association of School Psychologists                  P.O. Box 1801, Emporia, KS 66801</p> <p><b>Registrations may be faxed until 10/1</b>                  c/o Keely Persinger at fax # (620) 341-6290</p> <p>Questions about registration: <a href="mailto:keelypersinger@yahoo.com">keelypersinger@yahoo.com</a></p> <p><i>No person will be denied access to or full participation in any program, event or activity at KASP 2009 on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, disability, or age.</i></p> <p>Contact Judy Ball, convention chair for assistance or conference information at <a href="mailto:jkbresearch@yahoo.com">jkbresearch@yahoo.com</a></p>	<p><b>Hotel reservations should be made by contacting:</b></p> <p>Holiday Inn—Overland Park                  8787 Reeder Rd.                  Overland Park, Kansas 66214                  Phone: 913-888-8440</p> <p><u>Please mention that you are with KASP when reserving your room.</u> Room rate is \$89.00 if reserved by 9/26/09: blocked rooms are available on a first-come-first-served basis, so reserve early. Districts choosing to use a P.O. must contact the hotel to set it up.</p>
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**KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS**
**Nomination Form for School Psychologist of the Year - 2009**

Instructions: The following form is essentially an outline to aid you in providing the KASP Selection Committee with appropriate information regarding the individual that you have nominated for School Psychologist of the Year. We have tried to cover the significant areas in this form, but please feel free to provide the information in the manner that you feel will best communicate the importance of your nominee. In the past, many nominators have included letters of recommendation. The information may be mailed or e-mailed to the following address:

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e-mail: keelypersinger@yahoo.com

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Employed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Educational Background / Significant Life Events: Please describe the nominee's educational background (schools attended, degrees earned), anything which might be significant from the history of this individual.
  
2. Job Related Activities: Please list and/or describe special projects, committee work, unique practices, activities, etc. that the nominee is involved in as a part of, or related to their job situation.
  
3. Professional Activities: Please list and/or describe activities regarding the promotion of school psychology / mental health practice by the nominee, e.g. organizational involvements.
  
4. Community Activities: Please list and/or describe activities regarding the nominee's involvement regarding the promotion of mental health in the wider context of community.
  
5. Research / Publication Activities: Please list and/or describe any relevant research and/or publications produced by the nominee.
  
6. The Nominee as a Person: Please describe some personal reasons regarding you belief why this individual should be honored by his/her colleagues, e.g. perhaps this individual has had an influence on your life, you may have respect for him/her by the way he/she conducts himself/herself professionally, etc.

**Kansas Association of School Psychologists**

**Membership Application  
January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009**

<input type="checkbox"/> Practitioner (\$40.00)	<input type="checkbox"/> Supervisor (\$40.00)	<input type="checkbox"/> Administrator (\$40.00)	<input type="checkbox"/> Trainer (\$40.00)
<input type="checkbox"/> Independent (\$40.00)	<input type="checkbox"/> Retired (\$10.00)	<input type="checkbox"/> Student at (\$10.00)	Uni- versi- ty:

Student membership requires annual verification of status. Student status requires enrollment in a minimum of 6 hours leading to certification as a school psychologist or an advanced degree. If you are on internship, you must have your provisional certification and be enrolled in internship credits.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of University Trainer

Please mark any committees on which you would be willing to serve:

\_\_\_\_\_ Futures                  \_\_\_\_\_ NCSP                  \_\_\_\_\_ Suicide Prevention

Would you be willing to serve as a KASP liaison for your district, coop, or university?	Yes	No
Do you want to be included in the KASP Directory of Independent Evaluators?	Yes	No
Do you want to be included on the KASP Listserve? (provide email address above)	Yes	No
Would you be willing to serve on the KASP Executive Board?	Yes	No
Are you bilingual?	Yes	No

If so, would you be willing to be included on a statewide directory?

All members please sign (signature indicates agreement to abide by Ethics and Standards of KASP/NASP).

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Send Payment to:    KASP  
                                 PO Box 1801  
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