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National School Psychology Awareness Week

(Columbus, GA)- The National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) designates November 10-14, 2008, as National School Psychology Awareness Week. Schools and universities around the country are highlighting the role of school psychologists and school-based services in promoting student success.

"This year we are focusing on the importance of supporting the needs of the whole child in furthering positive school outcomes," said NASP President Gene Cash. "Schools can more effectively ensure that all students are ready and able to learn when they address social, emotional, and academic needs, particularly for students who face barriers to learning."

NASP represents more than 25,500 school psychologists who work in schools and other education and health settings. School psychologists work with parents and educators to ensure that every child has the mental health and learning support they need. As professionals with training in both mental health and education, school psychologists are uniquely equipped to help schools provide evidence-based services and programs that promote academic achievement and social-emotional wellness. The goal is to lower, or better yet, eliminate barriers to learning.

As part of National School Psychology Awareness Week, NASP has established the national Difference Maker on Behalf of Children Program to recognize members of the school community who go to extraordinary lengths to make a difference in the lives of students and their families. School psychologists are identifying and honoring teachers, administrators, parents, and other educators who contribute to student success in an extraordinary way through their daily work and interactions with students.

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