



## **ASCA Statement on White House Executive Order "Ending Radical Indoctrination in K-12 Schooling"**

The White House Executive Order "Ending Radical Indoctrination in K-12 Schooling" mischaracterizes the role of the school counselor and undermines the essential support school counselors provide to their students every day. In actuality, school counselors implement comprehensive school counseling programs that equip students with the knowledge, attitudes and skills needed for college, career and life-readiness.

School counselors do not indoctrinate students, do not diagnose students and do not provide treatment. School counselors provide short-term counseling, group counseling, classroom instruction and other services that help students achieve academic success and learn the critical skills essential for life and work.

It is important to recognize that school counselors affirm parents'/guardians' legal and inherent rights to be the guiding voice in their children's lives. School counselors have an ethical responsibility to adhere to existing federal, state and local laws, as well as district/school policy. ASCA and school counselors collaborate with education partners to change policy or law that creates obstacles for student well-being and academic success.

School counselors help create a safe and supportive learning environment for each and every student regardless of students' background or circumstances. Their role is essential to student success.