



Elise Topliss
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2023 NCSEA Board of Directors Election

Elise Topliss has been a leader in the Child Support program for 11 years. During her time in child support, at the local and state level, she established orders for families, led an accounting team, served as the State of Colorado Policy and Performance Unit Manager and currently serves as the Deputy Division Director for Denver County Child Support. Elise is committed to ensuring families have economic stability to improve their quality of life - a commitment supported through the work of Child Support Services.

In addition to her passion for child support, Elise strongly advocates for children and public school educators. Her focus has been equal access to quality education for underserved youth and mental health and wellness. Elise has served on a school board for five years and currently serves as the School Board President. Elise inspired the creation of a music program, implemented standing teacher mental health and wellness days, and consistently advocated and successfully achieved an increase in teacher wages.





- Policy and Government Relations (2021-2023)
 - Emerging Issues & Leading Practices
 - DEI Subcommittee
 - Research
- Professional Development (2021-2023)
 - NCSEA Policy Forum Planning Committee
 - NCSEA Leadership Symposium Planning Committee





How has your volunteer work with NCSEA prepared you for the commitment of Board service?

My volunteer experience with NCSEA has prepared me as I have learned more about the states and territories policies and processes and where they are looking to enhance and/or change policy. Additionally, I have had the opportunity to see where there are gaps or inconsistencies in services across the country. My volunteer work has helped me to better understand the unique leadership and advocacy role NCSEA has in the Child Support field.





The child support community - and NCSEA as a body - is comprised of diverse individuals and entities, all dedicated to the child support mission, but with very diverse points of view, policies, and processes.

What do you see as the role of the Board in representing those diverse voices and perspectives in shaping the future of child support?

I see the role of the Board as engaging child support professionals throughout the County to:

- Lead the child support professional organization in training and research,*
- Advocate for Federal Legislative needs, and,*
- Identify program needs, provide best practices and solutions.*

Additionally, I see the Board as the governing body that ensures NCSEA continues to be an inspiring organization for Child Support Professionals to better understand the history of the program and contribute to the present and future of the child support program.

