

# **OHIO'S ASHA SEAL**

**(State Education Advocacy Leaders)**

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## **Appointment of New ASHA SEAL**

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Gloria Roth has been appointed the new ASHA State Education Advocacy Leader (SEAL) for Ohio and will continue to serve the school SLPs in Ohio. She will be replacing Jean Smith as the ASHA SEAL for Ohio. Gloria has been a speech-language pathologist for the Sheffield-Sheffield Lake City Schools for the past 12 years. Prior to working in the school setting, she worked in the hospital and skilled nursing settings. The mission of the SEAL network is to “enhance and perpetuate the advocacy, leadership, and clinical management skills of school-based ASHA members at the state and local levels to influence administrative and public policy decisions that affect the delivery of speech-language pathology and audiology services in school settings.”

School SLPs in Ohio owe a big “thank you” to Jean Smith for serving as the ASHA SEAL representative for Ohio for the past several years. Jean has and continues to represent and advocate for school SLPs in Ohio. Her dedication and initiative has been greatly appreciated. She will continue to lead the work toward stipends for school SLPs who have their CCCs. Ann Slone has also agreed to continue serving as a Co-SEAL. In November, Ann will be presenting the updated SEAL Action Plan for Ohio at the ASHA convention in Chicago. Ohio’s goals will focus on:

- continued collaboration and discussion between the Ohio Speech-Language Hearing Association (OSLHA), Ohio School Speech Pathology Audiology Coalition (OSSPEAC), Ohio Master’s Network Initiatives in Education (OMNIE) and the Ohio Speech-Language Pathology Supervisory and Audiology Network;

- problem solving retention and recruitment of SLPs in the schools with emphasis on caseload reductions and salary supplements;

Both Gloria and Ann would like to thank OSLHA for allowing us the opportunity to serve our state and national associations in this capacity. We consider it an honor to work with and on behalf of such a wonderful group of professionals.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Gloria Roth [groth@sheffield.k12.oh.us](mailto:groth@sheffield.k12.oh.us) or Sandra Combs [combssg@email.uc.edu](mailto:combssg@email.uc.edu).