

SSCs Speak

“The 15 credit SSC cohort training class was invaluable and should be mandatory for ALL SSCs! There are no words to describe how timely, cutting edge and resourceful the information and course activities were in terms of the relevance and impact they had for us to do our jobs in schools every day. The class enabled and empowered us to get the answers we needed to questions from various levels and sources in DOE or DOH,”
—SSC, Maui.

Why is the SSC Position Vital to the School? What Do the SSCs Think?

SSCs who participated in the Interdisciplinary Certificate Program offered by the Center on Disability Studies, the Hawaii Department of Education, and Hawaii Families as Allies were informally polled. Questions focused on the importance of the SSC position, implementation of CSSS, and the value of the SSC training course. A brief summary of the SSC's responses follow.

With the addition of the SSC position, what works better in your school?

- Improved service coordination
- Greater timeliness of services
- Increased staff collaboration
- Improved system accountability for all students
- Enhanced school-home communication
- Improved facilitation of meetings
- Increased focus on removing barriers to learning
- Greater Dissemination of Information

Which of the critical elements of CSSS works better in your school now?

Improvements in all six critical elements of CSSS were mentioned. Classroom-Focused Enabling, Transitions, and Home Involvement in Schooling topped the list.

How did the SSC training help your role as an SSC?

- Increased awareness of the SSC's role
- Developed facilitation skills
- Promoted the dissemination of useful information
- Enhanced communication with other SSCs
- Increased understanding and focus on CSSS
- Encouraged research based new practices
- Developed usable projects to improve schools
- Increased confidence
- Improved service coordination skills
- Enhanced support for teachers