

## Why Join NAFEPA?

1. **CHANGE/REFORM** - Keep up on the latest information about the Elementary and Secondary Education Act and its implementation and reauthorization. Also American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and Race to the Top. Although issues that affect local districts vary from state to state, if you are working with federally funded programs you need to know as much as you can about the law, regulations, problems that are surfacing, and effective ways that your fellow educators have found to resolve the problems. NAFEPA can provide those for you—either individually or through our many contacts across the nation, including those in the U. S. Department of Education.
2. **SERVICES** - Networking and sharing ideas with NAFEPA educators from Massachusetts to California and Alaska and from Alabama to Colorado and Michigan through the newsletter, conferences, and website ([www.nafepa.org](http://www.nafepa.org)).
3. **LEADERSHIP** - Provide and increase Ohio's national leadership in federal programs. OAASFEP has been affiliated with NAFEPA since 1985, supports its purposes, and actively participates in NAFEPA activities. We have 46 members.
4. **COMMUNICATIONS** - Ohio has legislators in key education positions. They and their colleagues need to hear from us and other states individually and collectively about federal education programs and legislation.
5. **RELATIONSHIPS** - People are the difference. Through NAFEPA, I meet many professional and interesting people. People who share an interest in state and federal programs, understand the problems and challenges we face, and know how to relieve job stress. They are a wonderful source of professional support and many have become my friends. I also appreciate meeting the students and their families who have received Title I services who have attended our conferences.
6. **NAFEPA PARTNERS** - Greatly reduced subscriptions from Thompson Publishing Company – the Title I Monitor and other educational publications. Up to date information from Brustein & Manasevit, Georgetown law firm, in NAFEPA newsletters and presentations at conferences including OAASFEP and NAFEPA.

Thank you for permitting me to share these reasons for joining NAFEPA with you. Membership forms are available on-line at <http://www.oaasfep.net>. They should be sent to:

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If you have any questions, please feel free to ask me today or you may contact me at my office (513) 887-5013 or [hasa\\_em@swoca.net](mailto:hasa_em@swoca.net).

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