



# NCPA DIPP and NCPF AT WORK FOR YOU

North Carolina  
Psychological Association

June 2017

## ADVOCATING FOR PSYCHOLOGY IN NORTH CAROLINA

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### PROFESSIONAL ISSUES

- Assured an extension for psychologists of the deadline to connect to the Health Information Exchange
- Leader in developing policy to implement the autism insurance mandate
- Working on legislation to update the records retention law—bill has passed House
- Assured viability of NC doctoral internship programs
- Working with Dept of Insurance on network adequacy issues and mental health parity enforcement
- Practice Check-up course re-tooled to assure members have the latest information on practice issues including new HIPAA rules
- Working to assure a role for psychologists in Medicaid Transformation and integrated care
- Insurance SWAT Team provides answers to reimbursement questions
- Active Colleague Assistance Committee offers confidential service to members
- Distributed information on a variety of professional issues through e-mails, website and newsletter columns
- Ethics and Law & Psychology Committees consults individually with members
- Successful in protecting the right of practitioners to discuss/document safety issues re firearms
- Made nominations for the NC Psychology Board

### COMMUNITY RELATIONS/PUBLIC SERVICE

- Updated information on disaster response in regular newsletters
- Regular Public Education information in E-News
- Regular email updates to NC Disaster Response

## COMMUNICATION

- Bi-weekly E-News in your inbox providing helpful, wide-ranging 'News You Can Use'
- NCPA website, including Members Only Section and Online Referral Service
- Regular member updates via email, Facebook, & Twitter
- *The North Carolina Psychologist* newsletter published four times a year - more in-depth articles & pages per issue
- Division of Independent Professional Practice Directory for Division Members
- Mentoring opportunities for ECPs
- Insurance guidance & documentation suggestions for members
- Ability to pay dues online and do on-line conference registration

## LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

- An extension of the HIE connection deadline
- Advocating for maintaining a strong licensing law and protecting psychology's scope of practice by assuring that psychology licensure is maintained
- Leader in passage of mandated insurance coverage for autism services
- Leader in the effort to assure appropriate licensure for individuals working in area of autism
- Successful in protecting the right of practitioners to discuss/document safety issues re firearms
- Advocating for psychologists inclusion in the "physician" definition in Medicare
- Visited office of every member of North Carolina's Congressional Delegation
- Active Legislative Committee—members review all bills introduced in legislature



**EDUCATION & TRAINING**

- Providing continuing education for APA approved Category A credit across the state
- First NCPA Graduate Student Conference held in February, 2017
- Offering Ethics and Legal Issues workshops around state including Practice Check-up
- Fall & Spring Conferences offered for CE credit
- 23<sup>th</sup> Annual Undergraduate Conference sponsored by Foundation
- 2017 Annual Division of Independent Professional Practice Conference including integrated care
- Risk Management Conference in June 2018
- Student Poster Session at Spring Conference; students received feedback from reviewers to provide a learning experience
- Continuing Education Manual for co-sponsorship of CE with other entities

**NCPA IS ACTIVE IN COALITIONS**

- Professional Association Council
- Care4Carolina
- The Coalition
- Mental Health Coalition
- Developmental Disabilities Consortium
- Substance Abuse Federation
- Joint Insurance Committee
- DOI Behavioral Health Workgroup
- HIE Behavioral Health Workgroup

**CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**

NCPA is approved by the APA as a provider of continuing education. On-line registration is available for all continuing education offerings at [www.ncpsychology.org](http://www.ncpsychology.org).

**2017-2018 CE OPPORTUNITIES**

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**2017 FALL CE CONFERENCE**

**October 6 & 7, 2017**

**The Friday Center—Chapel Hill**

**2018 DIPP PRACTICE CONFERENCE**

**February 17, 2018**

**The Friday Center—Chapel Hill**

**2018 SPRING CONFERENCE**

**April 27 & 28, 2018**

**The Friday Center-Chapel Hill**

**2018 RISK MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP**

**June 23, 2017**

**The Friday Center-Chapel Hill**

**WORKSHOPS ACROSS THE STATE**

**Spring/Summer of 2018**

**Watch for Announcements**

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**FOR STUDENTS**

**2017 NCPF**

**Undergraduate Conference**

**November 4, 2017**

**NC Central University**

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