



NCPA DIPP and NCPF AT WORK FOR YOU

North Carolina
Psychological Association

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ADVOCATING FOR PSYCHOLOGY IN NORTH CAROLINA

Professional Issues

- Successful in staving off large increases in the behavioral health co-pay for State employees
- Successful in eliminating the psychiatric reduction for dually eligible Medicaid/Medicare clients
- Maintained ability for psychologists to directly enroll and bill independently for Medicaid services
- *Practice Tips* published for DIPP members
- Distributed information on the NPI implementation
- Ethics and Law & Psychology Committees offering consultation to members
- Reimbursement team to work with members on insurance and other issues
- Providing information on various issues through regular newsletter columns and website
- Provide information on licensure and regulation issues to graduate departments
- Task Force on Education and Training leading to licensure; surveyed early career psychologists

Community Relations/Public Service

- Offering on-line disaster training course
- Offering a two-hour in-person course along with on-line course to obtain CE credits
- Updated information on disaster response on website and in newsletter
- Regular e-mails to DRN members
- Participated in disaster preparedness exercise

Legislative Advocacy

- Leader in the effort to increase services for persons with disabilities in public system
- Lead the effort to stave off large increases in the co-pays for behavior healthcare services in the State Health Plan
- Leader in SUCCESSFUL effort to pass mental health parity in NC General Assembly
- Made congressional contacts to pass federal mental health parity, to stop cuts to Medicare reimbursement, and on health IT privacy issues
- Advocating for maintaining a strong licensing law—assured that another profession did not include broad assessment in their scope of practice
- Advocating for funding for doctoral internship programs
- Visited office of every North Carolina member of Congress

Communication

- NCPA Website with Members Only section
- Regular e-mails to members
- Outreach meetings to various parts of NC - Fayetteville, Greensboro, Morganton
- *The North Carolina Psychologist* - published six times a year
- FYI member mailings
- NCPA Membership Directory
- Division of Independent Professional Practice Directory for Division Members
- *Practice Tips* for DIPP Members

Education and Training

- Providing continuing education for APA -approved Category A credit in various venues across the state
- Offering Ethics and Legal Issues workshops around state
- Fall and Spring Conferences offered for CE credit
- 16th Annual Undergraduate Conference sponsored by Foundation
- 2009 Professional Practice Division Annual Practice Conference
- Sponsored Poster Session at Spring Conference
- Certificates of merit and cash awards given to students in poster judging
- Continuing Education Manual for co-sponsorship of CE with other entities updated on website
- Staff attended staff meetings and educational sessions at APA Convention

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

NCPA is developing a technology committee to expand capabilities and make recommendations for the future. Contact the office if you have expertise and would like to participate.

CE OPPORTUNITIES**NCPA/NCPF Fall Conference**

October 9 and 10, 2009 - Chapel Hill

12 hours of Category A Continuing Education Credit

Friday - October 9

How Can I Forgive You?

A Radical Approach To Healing Intimate Wounds

Janis Abrahms Spring, Ph.D.

Appetite Awareness

Linda Craighead, Ph.D.

Saturday - October 10

Ethical/Legal Issues - Quality Supervision &

Supervision Practice

Under the NC Psychology Act

Tom Thompson, Ph.D.

Therapy and Practice Issues in Hard Economic Times

A Symposium

2010 DIPP Practice Conference

February 20, 2010

2010 NCPA/NCPF Spring Conference

April 23 and 24, 2010

2010 Risk Management Institute - June 12thEthical Decision-Making and Risk Management in
Clinical Practice

Jeffrey Younggren, Ph.D., ABPP

Trust insured get a discount on APAIT insurance for
attendance**2010 Fall Conference - September 24th & 25th**For additional CE offerings please visit the NCPA website:
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