



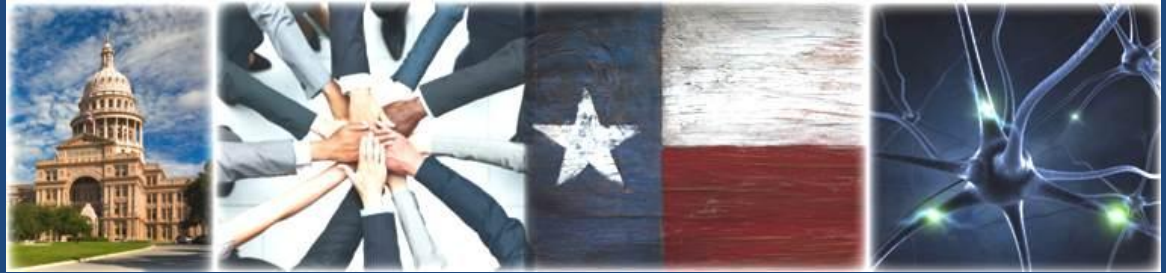
# TPA

Texas Psychological Association



## TPA Needs You

And Why **YOU**  
Need TPA



# What is TPA

The Texas Psychological Association  
is the state-wide professional  
Psychology organization.

Think American Psychological  
Association, but for  
Texas!

# TPA SIGs and DIVISIONS

## Special Interest Groups

Bi-National  
GLBT  
MR / Development  
Early Career  
Child Adolescents  
Social Justice  
Military / VA

## Divisions

Student  
Aging  
Diversity  
Forensics (Dues)  
School (Dues)  
Women (Dues)  
Psychopharmacology (Dues)



# In General, TPA...

- Educates the public about mental health issues
- Educates the public about benefits of mental health services
- Provides accurate information to the media about our field
- Serves as a necessary milieu for linking academicians and practitioners



# Why YOU Need TPA

TPA is the ***ONLY***  
organization protecting  
your doctoral license





# How does TPA protect your Doctoral license?

TPA reviews hundreds of bills each legislative session that relate to the practice of psychology

**AND** takes appropriate action to ensure public is protected

# For Example, did you know...?

## **Texas Association of Psychological Associates (TAPA)**

Suing TSBEP for independent practice

### **TPA Response...**

Lobbied and secured co-sponsors in Texas House and Senate to secure TSBEP rule into law

## **Texas Association of School Psychologists (TASP)**

- Filed bill – Master's level LSSPs with NCSP certificate to call themselves school *psychologists*
- Applied pressure to TSBEP to vote on this issue

### **TPA Response...**

- Continue to lobby against this bill
- Put pressure on TSBEP



# Also, TPA is...

## Fighting to revive Authority of Psychologists to Delegate

- Currently, held by physicians, optometrists, dentists, and podiatrists
- Psychologists had this privilege 1969-1996
- Provide and bill for services performed by appropriately credentialed supervisees
- Would improve post-doctoral opportunities by allowing psychologist to bill insurance
- Would improve early post licensure years





# AND, TPA has...

## The Business of Practice Committee

- Working to negotiate better managed care contracts
- Troubleshooting managed care problems
- Overseeing managed care compliance with the law
- Alerting practitioners of their options when dealing with managed care



# Programming for Graduates

## Early Career Psychologist (ECP)-Graduate Student Mentoring Program

- Pair up with an ECP with similar interests
- Ask for advice about applying to internship
- Get another opinion on your internship essays
- Learn more about licensure
- Have another person to consult with about clinical issues
- The possibilities are endless!



# Programming for Graduates

## Annual TPA Convention

- Student members get a reduced registration price
- Special student programming at the convention (e.g. mixers with internship directors)
- Attend workshops on relevant topics in psychology
- Present your research at poster sessions
- Network with graduate students *and professionals in the field*



# Programming for Graduates

## Graduate-Undergraduate Student Mentoring Program

- Pair up with an undergraduate with similar interests
- Pay it forward!
- Clarify psychology concepts
- Help your mentee find the right path for him/her
- Give advice about applying to graduate programs
- Let students know what graduate school is *really like*



# Other Benefits of TPA

## Opportunities for you to get involved as a student leader

- Quarterly newsletters on topics relevant to graduate students (e.g. internship)
- Opportunities to be featured in the newsletter
- E-Clips
- Stay up-to-date with daily news related to mental health field
- E-newsletter
- Get valuable information on legislative updates and other important actions taken by TPA
- Texas Psychologists Magazine
- Opportunities to get published in the magazine
- Network, network, network!





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makes it  
worth your  
time!**

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