

Announcing the Professional Psychology Consortium: Working Together to Support Professional Psychology

We are pleased to announce that the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB), the American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP), the National Register of Health Service Psychologists (The Register) and the American Insurance Trust (The Trust) have formed an interorganizational consortium dedicated to advancing the needs and interests of licensed psychologists and psychologists-in-training. Together, these four organizations represent the majority of psychologists in America. These organizations recognize the challenges to the profession brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, regulatory uncertainty in a new era of distance service provisions, and challenges to the unique standing of professional psychologists. Together, we seek to provide the highest quality clinically pertinent information to inform psychological practice and guide graduate students through their education and their transition to a fully licensed status.

Together, these four organizations represent excellence in professional psychology. ASPPB supports its member jurisdictions in fulfilling their responsibility for public protection and through consistent standards that ensure the competent practice of psychology. ABPP represents clinical excellence via the board certification process. The Register certifies the status of psychologists as health service providers. The Trust protects and educates licensed psychologists and psychology students through comprehensive financial security products and innovative risk management programs.

All four organizations are also committed to meeting the ongoing educational needs of licensed psychologists via high-quality continuing educational resources. We also offer extensive outreach to graduate students in psychology, providing guidance and education regarding career choices, the process of licensure, and establishing and maintaining a practice.

The executive leadership of the Consortium meets regularly to address issues of common interest to their constituents, and to propose integrated solutions that best support the practice. Since our inception in Spring 2020, we have focused on providing helpful resources to assist psychologists in navigating the complex regulations and exceptions to practice that have arisen during the COVID-19 pandemic. In the future, we will provide additional resources, including group-sponsored educational opportunities and practice resources.

Our goal is plain and simple: We believe that by working together, representing the field of psychology, we can accomplish more than an individual organization. While each organization will continue to serve its own dedicated constituency, sharing resources and information will allow us to more quickly provide answers to current issues and produce the highest quality educational materials.

We are optimistic about the future of our profession and its essential contributions to the health of the citizenry. We pledge to represent the needs and interests of licensed psychologists and psychologists-in-training to the best of our collective ability. As we pursue our pledge, we will invite our colleagues and constituents to provide feedback on this new endeavor! You will hear from us shortly on our consortium's first initiatives.

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