

THE AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION DIVISION OF PSYCHOLOGISTS IN PUBLIC SERVICE

The Division Board includes the President, Past President, President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, Members-at-Large, Representatives to the APA Council, Student Representative, Newsletter Editor, Membership Chair, and five Section Chairs. To be a member of the Board of Directors, one must also be a Member of APA. The one exception is the Student Representative. The Board of Directors meets twice a year, and the sections typically meet annually at the APA Convention.

The Division of Psychologists in Public Service (18) was established in 1946 as a founding division of APA. It was created in response to the needs of the public in such areas as psychological practice, research, training, program development, and outcome evaluation. Among its goals, Division 18 works to protect and advance the profession, foster ethical practice, advocate for persons with mental illness, and promote quality care.

Public service psychologists are practitioners, researchers, university professors, legislators, program developers, clinical coordinators, managers, administrators, and more. Their clients include consumers of mental health services, managers, administrators, policy makers, elected officials, and the public. They work in a variety of settings, including state hospitals, community mental health systems, VA medical centers, criminal justice systems, police and public safety settings, state legislatures, and in academic institutions. In general, the services they provide are as varied as the persons they serve and the places they work.

Members of Division 18 help train more than half the clinical and counseling psychologists in the nation by providing the internship sites and administering the internship programs. Its members develop and implement mental health treatment programs for millions of persons in inpatient and outpatient settings, as well as community support systems. Through the work of its members, Division 18 has the potential to directly or indirectly touch the lives of most people living in the United States.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY
Members of this section work with law enforcement, fire departments, nuclear regulatory agencies, emergency medical services, and other public safety entities. They are involved in the selection of employees, fitness for duty evaluations, mental health programs, criminal investigative analysis (profiling), and hostage negotiations. They participate in the development of training, research, and implementation of effective mental health programs including, critical incident stress debriefing.

PSYCHOLOGISTS IN INDIAN COUNTRY

Members of this section share an interest in providing psychological services to native people in the United States and Canada. They typically work on reservations or reserves, employed by tribes, urban programs, or the Indian Health Service. This section provides them with an organized professional voice, advocacy for issues and concerns, and a communication network among their members who frequently work in isolated rural areas. As the newest section in Division 18, it welcomes all who have an interest in serving native people.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

Psychologists working for the Department of Veterans Affairs serve our nations' veterans in a national network of health care facilities. Section members include psychologists and other stakeholders who promote the Department's mission through patient care, research, training, and consumer activities, and who form a national network to share ideas and concerns. The VA section is one of the more active sections in Division 18 and is the only VA-related group open to all VA psychologists

DIVISION SECTIONS

Members of Division 18 are encouraged to join the specialty section that most reflects their interests. A Chair, who is also a member of the Division 18 Board of Directors, heads each section.

COMMUNITY AND STATE HOSPITALS

Members of this section share common interests in such areas as psychological service delivery, research, program development, outcome evaluation, and systems management, within the context of public mental health settings. They frequently treat persons with serious mental illness and may have a particular interest and understanding of psychotropic medication. They also may work in rural areas and have interests in telemedicine. Some are advancing the practice of public service psychology by joining state psychological associations and building on the legislative successes of other states.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Members of this section work primarily with incarcerated people and with administrators who operate state or federal correctional facilities and detention centers. They provide professional support to one another through an exchange of information concerning the administration, assessment, treatment, ethical and training issues that are involved in this challenging line of work.

APA Division 18 Membership Application Form

(Please print)

Name: _____
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 Address: _____
(Street or PO Box Number)

(Town/City) _____
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 Phone: _____
(office)
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 E-mail: _____
 APA Membership No. _____

Education: _____
(Highest Degree) _____
(Date of Degree)

Membership status requested:*

Member _____ Affiliate _____
 Associate _____ Student _____

* Note: Members or Associate (masters-level) Members are also members of APA. Affiliate Members are not APA members, but meet the requirements. A Student Member must be enrolled at least half-time in a psychology-related program of study.

Interactive Listserv: _____ Yes, _____ No

Broadcast Listserv (Official announcements only,
 not interactive): _____ Yes, _____ No.

Division 18 has five specialty sections, please check the ONE that best represents your interests:

_____ Community and State Hospital
 _____ Criminal Justice
 _____ Psychologists in Indian Country
 _____ Police and Public Safety
 _____ Veterans Affairs

Become Involved in Division 18

Division 18 is entirely volunteer driven. If you are interested in becoming part of the Division leadership team, check the interest area(s) that apply, and you will receive additional information.

_____ Advocacy
 _____ Bylaws and Policy
 _____ Continuing Education
 _____ Convention Program
 _____ Membership
 _____ Newsletter
 _____ Section Affairs
 _____ Student Affairs (Students only)
 _____ Web Site Development

Join Your State or Provincial

Psychological Association

Most laws governing psychology are written by local legislators. Join your state or provincial psychological association to help protect and advance psychology in the public sector.

_____ Please provide information on how to
 _____ join my state or provincial association.
 _____ I'm not a member of APA. How do I
 _____ join?

Membership Dues

The Division 18 annual membership dues are \$45 (USD) for Full Members, Associate Members, and Affiliate Members; and \$25 (USD) for Student Affiliates. Membership dues include a subscription to the Division 18 Journal, *Psychological Services*, and the Division 18 newsletter. Please send your completed application, along with a check made payable to APA Division 18, to Bret Moore, Ph.D., 9597 Jones Road, #218, Houston, TX 77065. Further information may be obtained by email at bret.moore@us.army.mil.

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Information Brochure / Membership Application

The vehicle to:

- Enter organized psychology
- Network with colleagues nationally
- Increase competency through training
- Advance psychology and psychologists
- Advocate for persons with mental illness
- Disseminate practice and ethical standards