30 Years Partnering with State, Provincial and Territorial Psychological Associations (SPTAs)

The APA Practice Organization and American Psychological Association work with its 60 SPTA affiliates on a broad range of issues affecting the professional practice of psychology. Many of the needs and concerns of practicing psychologists are impacted by state legislatures and regulatory bodies, public and private health systems, the courts and the marketplace more widely. These are all areas where the expertise of APA and the Practice Organization have been a resource for SPTAs.

APA, the Practice Organization and SPTAs work together to ensure that psychologists can practice to the full extent of their training in all jurisdictions.

For more than 30 years, the APA and Practice Organization have supported and collaborated with SPTAs in multiple ways.

- $14.6 million in grant funding distributed to SPTAs
- 1,219 grants distributed to SPTAs
- All 50 state psychological associations have received grants
- 3,000 - the number of SPTA leaders who received advocacy and leadership training through the annual leadership conference held in Washington, D.C., over the past 34 years.
- Thousands of hours of staff consultations with SPTA leaders on legal, legislative, marketplace, public relations and organizational issues.
- Nearly 10,000 visits with members of Congress - psychologists directly connecting with their representatives, senators and congressional staff.
- 510,000 - letters and emails sent by psychologists to members of Congress since 2000
- Advocating on issues affecting psychologists and their patients:
  - Parity at the state and federal levels
  - Health care reform
  - Managed care
  - Hospital privileges
  - Patient protections
  - Including psychologists in Medicare