

District of Columbia Psychological Association

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Dear Colleague,

Being a member of the District of Columbia Psychological Association (DCPA) is an investment in both advancing your professional career as well as helping support our Association's efforts in advancing the profession, advocating for the public's health and interests, and supporting our members. Your membership can help shape how the field of psychology evolves and is represented on local and national levels. You can also help shape your professional community by getting involved with organized committees, trainings, peer discussion groups, and communication methods that provide you opportunities to network with others to exchange practice ideas, knowledge and experience. A DCPA membership will also help keep you abreast of and help promote education regarding legal, ethical, multicultural, and clinical information relevant to civil rights issues in general and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender issues in particular.

DCPA works hard for our members. The value of your membership to DCPA cannot be overstated, but the benefits to *you* for renewing are vast and detailed below:

- [Discounted continuing education workshops](#) covering topics required for licensure such as LGBTQ, public health and ethics
- Free listing through our ["Find a Therapist"](#) referral directory to help you grow your practice and market your services
- Members-only access to the website that includes: Free past webinars, Resource pages, and a community forum to post job advertisements, office space rentals and to informally connect
- Quarterly networking events to find community and expand your professional network
- Free Ethics Consultation through our [Ethics Committee](#).
- Federal and local legislative advocacy to advance the field of psychology – [The Government Relations Committee](#) monitors proposed legislation and lobbies to protect your interests as a Psychology professional in DC
- Access to our member listserv to stay informed regarding upcoming DCPA events, job opportunities, referral requests, and what's happening in the field
- Leadership Opportunities to enhance your CV! Join our [board](#) and [committees](#): Diversity Social Justice and Inclusion, Government Relations, Professional Development, Student, Early Career Psychologist, Marketing and Membership committees
- Weekly newsletter: DCPA Events and News Updates
- Small group skill development programs for clinicians: ECP peer consultations groups, Mind Body, etc.
- Access to resources, professional community and upcoming events through various social media platforms
- Student support and advocacy: Active student committee offering student socials, support groups, research grants for graduate students and mock interviews for internships
- Community outreach and engagement and social justice advocacy

DCPA is becoming an ever more vital and visible organization, dedicated to advancing and protecting the profession of psychology. We are indebted to the many members of our Association who have given of their time and talents to bring about these achievements and services. Right now, ***we are offering a special [50% discount for Early Career Psychologists and Regular members](#)***! We depend upon *your* participation and support (and your dues!).

This year alone we have:

- Provided 12+ CEs and free workshops on anti-racism, LGBTQ, public health, and ethics
- GRC advocated within the D.C. city government for the passage of the interjurisdictional psychology compact “PSYPACT”
- Won the 2021 Early Career Psychologist Initiative Award
- Established a members-only section to the website which includes: Free past webinars, Resource pages, and a community forum to post job advertisements, office space rentals and to informally connect
- The DCPA board established a new strategic plan, a new board orientation, and new policy and procedures to keep up with DCPA’s growth and mission
- The Government Relations Committee authored a paper that was accepted into the journal Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice, and Policy focused on trauma in the “double pandemic”.
- Provided public statements on Racial Pandemic and DC Statehood to local media.

This fall you can look forward to:

- Cutting-edge workshops, including but not limited to: Racial Trauma, Toxic Masculinity, Prescription Privileges, Asian Identity, Telehealth Ethics
- Mentorship Program for ECP’s and students
- Homestudy CEs so our members to earn CEs on your own timeline
- Peer consultation and process groups for Early Career Psychologists
- Networking and social events

We are pleased to provide these benefits to our members. But perhaps the most important reason to renew your membership is to continue to have a voice that promotes the best interests of psychology and mental health, and embraces the values and beliefs within our field that best enhance the collective well-being of our community.

[Renew or sign up for your DCPA membership TODAY!](#)

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