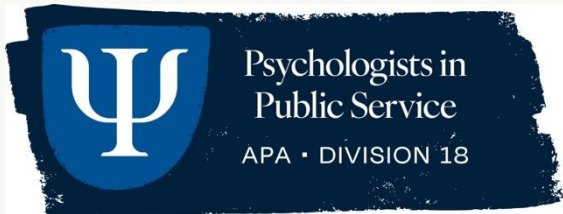


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Welcome!

We are thrilled to provide this program to guide your experience at APA 2024. Division 18 has so much to offer this year, including symposia, poster sessions, business meetings, social hours, and other events. This content is highly relevant to our work as public sector psychologists, while also considering the broader context of the challenges the world has faced in recent years.

About Division 18

Division 18 (Psychologists in Public Service) responds to the needs of the public in areas such as psychological practice, research, training, and policy formation. The division comprises six sections representing a variety of settings and populations: Community and State Hospitals, Criminal Justice, Police and Public Safety, Serious Mental Illness-Severe Emotional Disturbance, Students, and Veterans Affairs. The division and its sections provide a forum for members to discuss common professional interests, advocate for the mental health needs of the public, and promote the use of evaluation and research in public research programs.

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Special Interest Sections



Community & State Hospitals

Members are employed in public mental health settings such as community mental health clinics and state hospitals. They typically provide direct clinical services to those with major psychiatric conditions, engage in research, training and teaching and assume leadership roles within their organizations.

Criminal Justice

Members work primarily with incarcerated individuals and with administrators who operate local, state or federal correctional facilities and detention centers. Members provide professional support to one another through an exchange of information concerning the administration, assessment, and treatment of persons in criminal justice settings and training and ethical issues encountered by providers.

Police & Public Safety

Members work with law enforcement, fire departments, nuclear regulatory agencies, emergency medical services, and other public safety entities. They participate in employee selection, fitness for duty evaluations, critical incident stress debriefings, management of mental health programs, criminal investigative analysis (profiling) and hostage negotiations.

Serious Mental Illness/Severe Emotional Disturbance

Members share a common interest in promoting recovery and resilience, and advocate for social justice for adults living with serious psychiatric/mental disorders and children living with severe emotional disturbance. Members work in a variety of settings including hospitals, community agencies, residential programs, academia, and private practice and participate in mental health administration, direct clinical care, research, teaching, public policy development and advocacy.

Students

Members are students who are interested in a career in public service psychology.

Veterans Affairs

Members work for the Department of Veterans Affairs and serve our Veterans in a national network of health care facilities. Members promote the Department's mission through patient care, research, training and consumer activities and form a national network/group to share ideas and concerns.

Division 18 Sessions



Thursday, August 6th

Time	Title	Type	Location
10:00-11:00	<u>Division 18</u> Poster Session I	Poster Session	Level 2, Hall D
1:00-2:00	More Than Medicine: Psychologists Advancing Medical Training & Outcomes <i>Cassandra Holinka, Jess Silverman, Danielle Kaplan, Brian Padilla, Kimberly A. Santora</i>	Critical Conversation	Street Level, 140A
2:30-3:30	Anchored to Fly: Grounding to Mission and Values in Times of Stormy Change <i>Lisa Kearney</i>	Skill Building	Street Level, East Salon A
4:00-5:00	First Responder Mental Health: Assessment, Prevention, and Partnerships <i>Vincent B. B. Van Hasselt (Chair), Brian A. Moore, Bailee B. Schuhmann, Gabrielle L. LaRock, Marissa V. Miller, Naysha Rivera-Hartley</i>	Symposium	Street Level, 103A

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Friday, August 7th

Time	Title	Type	Location
8:30-9:30	Protective Pathways: Reducing ACES; Impact on Mental Health <i>Nadine J. Kaslow (Discussant), Devyani Sharma, Natalie Malone, Meredith Blackwell</i>	Symposium	Street Level 149
11:30-12:30	Scalable Delivery Innovations to Prevent Suicide in Public Health Settings <i>Patricia D. Russell (Chair), Lisa Kearney, Joseph Mignogna, Bryann R. DeBeer, Jaclyn Kearns</i>	Symposium	Street Level, 146C
1:00-2:00	Across the Transition: When Menopause is Missed in Mental Health Care <i>Niki Terranova</i>	Critical Conversations	Street Level, 146C
2:30-3:30	Shifting Gears: Reimagining DEI While Staying Values-Aligned Rollbacks <i>Erica D. Marshall-Lee, Danielle Currin, Kara S. Brendle, Nadine J. Kaslow (Discussant)</i>	Critical Conversation	Street Level, 146C
4:00-5:00	Division 18 Business Meeting	Business Meeting	Street Level, 151B
5:30-7:30	Division 18 Social	Social	Marriott Marquis – Mount Vernon Square Room

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Saturday, August 7th

Time	Title	Type	Location
8:30-9:30	Integrated Behavioral Health for Returning Citizens: Trauma-Informed System <i>Michael C. Changaris</i>	Critical Conversation	Street Level, 140B
10:30-11:30	How to Respond to Complexity in SMI: Implementing Metacognitive Skills <i>Courtney N. Wiesepepe, Laura A.A. Faith, Sarah Queller Soza, Alexis T. Stokes</i>	Skill Building	Street Level, 144B
1:30-2:30	Division 18 Poster Session II	Poster Session	Level Two, Hall D, Solutions Center, Posters
3:00-4:00	Finding Your Voice: Advocacy 101 for Psychologists in Public Service <i>Gayle Y. Iwamasa, Conwell Smith</i>	Skill Building	Street Level, 150B

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Poster Session 1



Thursday, August 6

10:00am – 11:00am

Location: Level Two, Hall D, Solutions Center, Posters

Borderline Personality Characteristics Predict Racial Misconduct among First Year Police Officers

Janelle Peters, Kristine Jacquin

Trauma Exposure in First Responders: Effects on Family Relationships

Cristina Isabel Perez

Ocean Rescue Lifeguards as First Responders and the Psychological Risk

Brienna E. Divoky, Vincent B. B. Van Hasselt

After the Badge: Retired Police Officers and PTSD, a PRISMA review

Cristina M. Calibeo, Vincent B.B. Van Hasselt, Naysha Rivera-Hartley, Gregory S. Tony

The Impact of Grudge-Holding on Alcohol Use Among Police

Vanessa Harris, Kristine Jacquin

Interpersonal Personality Traits Predict Excessive Force Complaints in First-Year Police Officers

Katherine M. Ainslie-Wallace, Kristine Jacquin

Expanded Baseline Mental Health and Trauma Exposure Profile of Fire Academy

Ryan A. Black, Vincent B.B. Van Hasselt, Julieta R. Rodriguez, Devin E. Visconti, Ali Tavakoli, Brenna E. Divoky

PTSD, Explosive Behavior, and Excessive Use of Force in First-Year Police Officers

Britiny Isatta Kenneh, Kristine Jacquin

Egocentrism and Amoralism Predict Unprofessional Conduct Complaints in First Year Police Officers

Xaviera Gadpaille, Janelle Peters, Kristine Jacquin

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Impact of Shift Work and Sleep Disruption on PTSD Risk in Law Enforcement

Unique Dominguez, Vincent B. B. Van Hasselt

Trauma Exposure Context Profiles and Suicidal Ideation in Public Safety Personnel

Ali Tavakoli, Ryan A. Black, Vincent B. B. Van Hasselt, Michael L. Bourke

Resilience Linking Hope, Optimism and Support to Burnout in Emergency Comms

Angel Beamer, Ryan A. Black, Vincent B. B. Van Hasselt, Gregory S. Tony, Leslie Taylor

The Cost of Duty: Sounding the Alarm on Hypervigilance

Jensley B. Velez, Kellie O'Dare

Building Peer Support Capacity in Correctional Officers

Naysha Rivera-Hartley, Vincent B. B. Van Hasselt, Gregory S. Tony, Quina Munson, Gabrielle L. LaRock, Devin E. Visconti, Komini M. Pardalos, Ryan A. Black

Baseline Behavioral Health Profiles Across a Sheriff's Office

Ryan A. Black, Vincent B. B. Van Hasselt, Leslie Taylor, Gregory S. Tony, Ali Tavakoli, Naysha Rivera-Hartley, Gabrielle L. LaRock, Devin E. Visconti, Komini M. Pardalos

Adaptive Regulation for Mental and Occupational Resilience in Corrections

Autumn R. Lupoli, Vincent B. B. Hasselt

Exploring How Sleep Influences Depression & Suicidality Among Firefighters

Devin E. Visconti, Vincent B. B. Hasselt, Ryan A. Black

From Risk to Resilience: STBs among Criminal-Legal Involved Individuals

Alexis M. Jones, Gisela Rosa, Gabrielle Brown

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When Moral Agency Isn't the Problem: Rethinking Youth Gang Intervention

Ashley Whitworth, Kristine Jacquin

Equine-Assisted Therapy and Forgiveness Among Incarcerated Women

Andrea Peter, Amelia Becerra, Rebecca S. Morse

Influence of ACEs on Deviant Behavior: The Role of Criminal Thinking

Lane W. Fralick, Femina Varghese, Mollie A. Price-Blackshear

Perception of Job Obtainment among Justice-Involved Men

John A. Gardner, Katelyn Pack, Halle D. Woker, Femina Varghese

Leisure Activities in Association with Criminal Risk Factors

Madison Alexander, Femina Varghese, Alyssa Cyrus

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Poster Session 2



Saturday, August 8
Level Two, Hall D
Solutions Center, Posters

Social Challenges in the Workplace for Veterans with Serious Mental Illness

Wyatt, Wing, Laura Meis, Matthew Keler, Angela Sherburne, Tasha Nienow

ACES, Alcohol Use, Depression and Suicide: Clinical Risk Model for Veterans

Kristen H. Sorocco, Kaitlyn McElroy, Chao Li, Jennifer Weston, River Smith

PTSD Therapy Dropout in U.S. Service Members and Veterans: A Meta-Analysis

Elizabeth A. Penix, Joshua K. Swift

Supporting TGD Veterans: Development of a Suicide Prevention Resource

Ashley M. Griffith, Cindy Chang, Julie Kittel-Moseley, Lindsey L. Monteith

Improving Hospital-Wide Suicide Prevention Practices, Outcomes, and Culture

Graham Knowlton, Flower Lewis

Vet Center ACT Groups: Fostering Psychological Flexibility in Veterans

Douglas A. Thompson

Veterans and Families: VA and NAMI Family Programming for Mental Health

Lauren Hocker, Emily A. Johnson, Mara Sindoni, Ann C. Canastra

Mental Health of Veterans Under Community Supervision

Emily R. Edwards, Anthony Fortuna, Ryan Holliday

Cognitive and Emotional Language in PTSD Narratives: Unexpected Findings

Alexis T. Stokes, Maham Ahmed, Grace Berglin, Courtney n. Wiesepape, Nancy B. Lundlin

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Saturday, August 8
Level Two, Hall D
Solutions Center, Posters

Online Psychometric Validation of the Monetary-Choice Questionnaire

Kyle J. Cabera, Diane Zelman, Quyen Tiet

Illness-Related Cognitive Decline and Real-World Functioning in SMI

Nathan S. Mann, Melisa Rempfer

The Role of Non-Traditional Staff in Engaging SMI Chinese-Speaking Patients

Yuwei Xu, Jon Marrelli, Olga Lanina, Lingwei Wu, Bixia Chen

Examination of Diversity Statements from Psychology Program Websites

Matthew S. Stratton, Hunter Howie, Emily Blanco, Calvary Fielden, Kyra Schrock, Nathan S. Mann, Rhonda Jensen, Michele Lee, Rasheera Dopson, Melisa Rempfer

Streamlining Sleep Services and Evaluation of Sleep Treatment Outcomes

Elizabeth Possis, Zoua Lor, Claire L. Guidinger, Paul Thuras, Dyani J. Saxby, Sara Himmerich, Marissa Evans, Jenny Lee, Nayla Hamdi, Angelica R. Boeve

Prevalence of Undiagnosed Eating Disorders in Pediatric State Hospital Patients

Adriane Cavallini, Olivia J. Jepperson, Gage Richard, Xenia Sepos, Kate Glover

Measurement-Based Care Attitudes & Self-Efficacy in a Safety-Net System

Kate Zona, Lisa Rosenfeld, Norah Mulvaney-Day, Dow Wieman, Margaret Lanca

Harm Reduction Framework in Reducing Shame and Improving Engagement Among Unhoused Individuals

Faith Gooch, Kristine Jacquin

Breaking the Cycle: Financial Education as a Missing Link in Re-Entry Care

Lorie Nicholas

A Call to Public Service: Psychologists in Community and State Hospitals

Laura Grossi, Jessica Murakami-Brundage, Erika Carr, Kayleigh Pierson, Halle Ross-Young, Danielle Rynczak

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Virtual Poster Session



Virtual Poster Session

Time: Available to view throughout the conference

Location: Virtual Posters

Accelerated Biological Aging and Premature Frailty in Serious Mental Illness

William Mckenna

Male Gender, Younger Age, and Verbal Aggression Predict MVAs in First Year Law Enforcement Officers

Caly Abaga, Kristine Jacquin

Trauma-informed yoga integrated with DWI treatment court: A pilot study

Kelsey M. Dietrich, Thomas Pitcher, Viann N. Nguyen-Feng

Lifelines: The Role of Legal Advocacy in Upholding Victim Rights

Jaylee York, Lynette Bikos

Peer Support Training for Emergency Department Nurses

Alexis Tola, Devin E. Visconti, Jessica Maynard, Vincent B. B. Van Hasselt

Beyond therapy: Promoting Mental Health and Well-being in Academia

Sandra Ferro, Isabel B. Castelo, Ana M. Albano, Fátima Banha, Joana Pereira, Laura Duarte

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Engagement Space Schedule



Time	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:00am			
9:00am		Psychological Services Journal: Open Meeting to All Interested Authors and Supporters	
10:00am	SMI-SED Committee Meet and Greet/ Info Session		Association of VA Psychologist Leaders
11:00am	Community and State Hospital Section		
12:00pm	SMI-SED Committee Business Meeting		
1:00pm	SMI-SED Committee Social Hour	VA Section Meeting	Division 18 Informal Meetings are located at the Marriott Marquis, Level 4, Independence Salon
2:00pm	SMI-SED ABPP Info Session		
3:00pm	Criminal Justice Section Meeting		
4:00pm			

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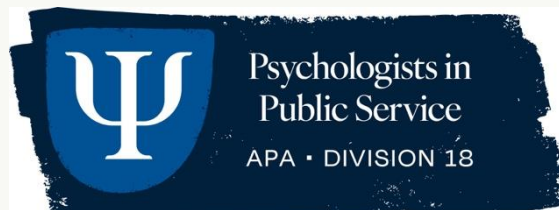
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