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Maine Psychologist Today



Welcome to the Maine Psychologist Today, MePA's new online newsletter!

President's Column



MePA has been busy the last several months. We have been busy with providing education to the legislature on a number of issues where psychological science has bearing on social policy. We provided information on brain development with

regards to the impact of lowering the age to carry a concealed weapon, information on the impact of sleep and how later start times for school would affect performance, and the importance of exercise in grades 5-K. We also testified to support a bill that would require the study of insurance companies reimbursing evidence based practices

As we look forward to the next several months, we have an upcoming conference on June 2nd in Portland Out of Practice: Into Retirement. If you are considering retiring in the next couple of years, this is an excellent opportunity to learn about the issues

and the things you need to consider. This workshop also meets the criteria for meeting the Ethics requirement for continuing education. At our annual meeting in November we are also excited to have Eric Youngstrom, PhD from the University of North Carolina coming to present Mood Assessment 2.0: Improved Accuracy, Treatment Selection, and Outcomes.

Look for us on social media. Carly Rodgers, the Public Education chair, is working hard to increase our presence in social media and be sure to vote in the APA elections this fall!! John Lorenz and I are running to represent Maine on the APA Council.

Elise Magnuson, Psy.D. LCSW
President
Maine Psychological Association

*Blogging for
MePA*

Do you love talking about psychology? Would you like to share a bit about an area you're an expert in? Why not write a blog post for MePA's blog?? Please contact Elise Magnuson at Drecmagnuson@gmail.com for more information.

2017 APA Leadership Conference Attendees

Elise Magnuson, Diana Prescott and Tom Collins before DC Hill visits with Maine Congressional Delegation.



Magnuson Appoints New Chair of the Public Education Committee

The Public Education Committee (PEC) is now being chaired by Carly Rodgers of Portland. PEC is looking forward to educating the public about how the science and application of psychology benefits society and improves lives. As part of this initiative, we are working towards creating a more widespread social media presence.

You can now follow MePA on Twitter @MainePsychology.

In addition, PEC is continuing to recognize organizations throughout the state of Maine for their efforts to foster employee health and well-being while enhancing organizational performance through the annual Psychologically Healthy Workplace Awards. If you would like to be part of the Committee or have ideas for the Psychologically Healthy Workplace Awards contact me at: carly.rodgers@gmail.com.



Welcome New Members!

Abigail Ryan, PhD ABPP-cn | Member
Hope, ME

Benjamin Wells | Affiliate
Portland, ME



Reminder! Changes to the Practice of Psychology to Note



The Nametag Law:

This 2016 law requires health care providers to post their licenses on the wall and to wear a nametag with first and last name and license type printed on it. (24 MRSA §2988, sub-§3)



Mandated Reporting Training:

This law (Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4011-A, sub-§9) requires all mandated reporters to complete at least once every 4 years a mandated reporter training approved by the Department of Health and Human Services . A one hour free course can be found on the Dept. of Health and Human Services website.

<http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ocfs/ec/occhs/documents/MandatedReporterOnlineFEB2017.pdf>



Domestic Violence Training (This law goes into effect in 2020)

Beginning January 1, 2020, a candidate for initial licensure shall furnish the Board of Examiners of Psychologists with satisfactory evidence that the candidate has successfully completed a minimum of 3 hours of course work in family or intimate partner violence screening and referral and intervention strategies, including knowledge of community resources, cultural factors, evidence-based risk assessment and same-gender abuse dynamics. A candidate may fulfill this requirement through course work taken in fulfillment of other educational requirements for licensure or through separate course work provided through any combination of contact hours, Internet hours and distance learning programs, as evidenced by certification from an accredited educational institution. (32 MRSA §3831, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2007, c. 402, Pt. Q, §9)

“Out of Practice? Into Retirement A Guide for Psychologists”

Speaker: Lise Motherwell, Ph.D., Psy.D.

Friday, June 2, 2017

8:45am-noon

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