



# School Psychology

North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

Fall 2017

## Communication Updates

Welcome to the 2017-2018 academic year! We have several communication updates to share. The [School Psychology page](#) is now located under [Student Support Services](#) on the DPI Website. This main page and associated tabs will be mainly static where you will find links to relevant information on the practice of school psychology.

### NEW! School Psychology Wiki

The [School Psychology Wiki](#) maintains current information relevant to practice in the state of NC, including position openings, MTSS, and school mental health. This wiki also contains a link to the [School Psychology Lending Library](#) and the [Archived Professional Learning Library](#).

### NEW! Check out the School Psychology Lending Library

There are quite a few new resources in the Lending Library ready for you to check out! Check out the [Lending Library](#) today to borrow resources and assessments!

### NEW! Now on Social Media

NC DPI School Psychology is now on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)! Stay updated—follow us!

## MTSS Updates



**MULTI-TIERED SYSTEM OF SUPPORT**  
NC Department of Public Instruction

### Module 3 – SLD Evaluation and Identification

MTSS training Cohorts 1&2 will begin **Module 3** in early September. The course will run through December 2017 and is intended to guide participants through best practices for evaluating and identifying specific learning disabilities (SLD), as per the [2020 NC SLD Policy Addendum](#). While the primary focus is on students with SLD, course content has utility when evaluating and identifying students in other disability categories. Information and concepts from MTSS Modules 1 and 2 will be applied when making high stakes decisions regarding eligibility for special education services.

As Module 3 content is released this school year, additional targeted training opportunities for school psychologists and other specialized staff will be offered in order to prepare for full implementation of the SLD policy changes within an MTSS framework.

Information and resources to support effective installation of an MTSS are located in the [NC MTSS Guidance—Livebinder](#). School Psychologists are encouraged to access this info!

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## Stay Informed!



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## Technical Assistance Opportunities

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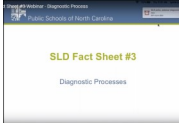
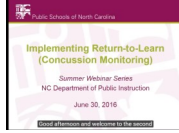
### Fall School Psychology Representatives Statewide Meeting

October 9th, 2017—UNC Greensboro — *Memo & registration coming in early September*

#### Archived Webinars:

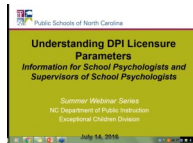
Please visit the [School Psychology Wiki](#) to view our growing [Library of Archived Webinars!](#)

#### [Return-to-Learn Implementation Guide](#)



#### [SLD Fact Sheet #3](#)

#### [Understanding Licensure Parameters](#)



The Professional Practices Committee of the North Carolina School Psychology Association has resources available on their [webpage](#), including guidance on:



[Communicating Special Education Evaluation Results and Recommendations](#)

[Referring and Evaluating English Learners for Programs and Services](#)

Topic Briefs addressing the following areas to be published this fall:

- Assessment of English Learners
- Mental Health and Crisis Supports
- MTSS—Role Expansion for School Psychologists

Additional Technical assistance information relevant to school psychology practice can be located on the [State and Federal Resources](#) page of the NCDPI school psych website, including:

- [Exceptional Children Division Child Count Data](#)
- [NC Policies Governing Services for Students with Disabilities](#)
- [NC Professional School Psych Standards](#)
- [NC School Psych Evaluation Process](#)
- [NC State Board of Ed Meeting Schedule](#)
- [NC State Board of Ed Policy Manual](#)

Coming Soon!

## Upcoming Professional Learning Opportunities

[Click here to request PL in your area!](#)

### Clinical Education Programs in NC Public Schools: *September 9, 2017*

[Please click here to view the flyer.](#)

### NASP Online Learning: School-Based Screening for Dyslexia: Myths and Best Practices: *September 29, 2017*



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF School Psychologists

Identify common myths regarding early warning signs for dyslexia. Use psychometric properties and base rates to critically evaluate processes and tools used to screen for dyslexia. Implement a class-wide intervention as part of the dyslexia screening process.

Cost is \$20 for members and \$35 for non-members.

<https://nasp.inreachce.com/Details?groupId=221270ba-c68f-435b-b538-4ee31f335263>

### 37th UNC TEACCH Autism Program Conference: *October 12-13, 2017*

#### Targeted Interventions: Executive Function, Emotional Regulation, Social Skills and Substance Abuse

The 37th UNC TEACCH Autism Conference is specifically designed to educate professionals about targeted interventions to improve quality of life for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and their caregivers.

<https://www.teacch.com/trainings/news/2017-teacch-autism-program-conference>

### NCSPA Fall Conference: *October 22—24, 2017*

Durham Convention Center, [Register Here](#) by September 21 for Early Bird Discounts

### Safe Schools North Carolina LGBTQ+ Conference for Educators 2017: *November 4, 2017*

More Information coming soon—<https://www.safeschoolsnc.org/>

Session proposals are due September 8, 2017. Email [hollyj@safeschoolsnc.org](mailto:hollyj@safeschoolsnc.org) with questions.

Call for proposals open!

### Youth Mental Health First Aid Instructor Training: *November 6—10, 2017*

Winston-Salem, NC—This is a nationally-standardized five-day training that certifies individuals to be instructors of the one-day Youth Mental Health First Aid training. Click [here](#) for more information or email [MHFA-NC@listserv.unc.edu](mailto:MHFA-NC@listserv.unc.edu).

### NC School Counselor Association Fall Conference: *November 8—10, 2017*

Koury Convention Center, Greensboro, NC For additional Information: <https://ncyi.org/198.496>

### 66th Conference on Exceptional Children : *November 14—17, 2017*

Koury Convention Center, Greensboro, NC Additional Information: <https://ec.ncpublicschools.gov/conferences-profdev/annual-conference>