



# Iowa **Psychological** Association 2025 State Policy Priorities



## Expanding Access to Mental Health Services

- **Increase funding** for the **psychological internship program** (from \$48,000 to \$200,000/year). This increases patient access to care and helps recruit new psychologists to the state.

**53%**

of Iowa  
psychologists are  
55+

**Only  
6**

predoctoral  
fellowships available  
in Iowa

**85%**

program retention  
rate over the last 3  
years

**36%**

projected increase in  
licensed  
psychologists with  
internship funding



## Protecting Patient Privacy & Safety

- Protect **limits on the release of raw data and psychological test materials**. This protects patient privacy and the validity of psychological tests.
- **Oppose expansions of** scope of practice into psychological services by **unqualified providers** and oppose any **interstate psychology compacts** that do not require adherence to Iowa laws. This protects public safety and ensures quality of care.
- **Add licensed psychologists** with specialty training in neuropsychology or concussion management to the list of licensed providers in **Iowa's sports concussion and brain injury protocols**. Their specialized training improves care and provides schools with more options.

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