



Nevada  
Psychological  
Association

## Let's talk about money, politics, and mental health policy in Nevada...

**NPA-PAC  
Needs  
Your  
Help!**

The 2019 Legislative Session was a very busy one! It was a record-breaking session for Nevada and for NPA. A lot happened during the session, and behavioral/mental health issues featured prominently. For the most part, the goal of legislation impacting behavioral/mental health was to address Nevada's mental healthcare crisis by increasing access to care. Legislation which would limit patient access to care and/or threatened psychologist practice was successfully stopped or amended (with the notable exception of AB 285 and Third Party Observations).

### **Why money and politics now? What does a donation help NPA Legislative Committee accomplish?**

The NPA Legislative Committee has worked very hard to help the NPA become a known and trusted group at the Nevada Legislature. During the most recent legislative session, and due to the contributions made from Political Action Committee (PAC) fundraising drives, NPA was able to have a strong and vocal presence. Of the 1,102 bills that were introduced in the 80th Legislative Session, NPA reviewed over 100 Bill Draft Reviews (BDRs) that either directly or indirectly related to behavioral/mental healthcare. We monitored 70 bills and took action in response to 39 bills. NPA supported increasing access to treatment for those with severe mental illness while protecting psychological testing within psychologists' scope of practice, supported revisions to the Legal 2000 process to ensure access to care while protecting patients rights, successfully prevented threats to ban pre-employment screening conducted by psychologists, and supported increased accountability and patient protection for health insurance. We also initiated legislation to address psychologists' paneling issues, lead the opposition and helped defeat legislation that would have required informed consent to all legal guardians, and navigated the complex legislative space surrounding Third Party Observation of independent medical evaluations.

### **NPA-PAC Fundraising Drive**

Unfortunately, politics never sleeps and neither can we. Candidates for the 2021 Legislature have already begun their fundraising efforts. NPA needs to start building a new PAC, NOW, for political contributions this fall and spring.

There are many ways to donate today! We are asking each psychologist in Nevada to contribute at least \$100 to the PAC and to consider donating more. We have a monthly automatic withdrawal option available, you set the amount you wish to give each month. You may donate by check or credit card attached to the following form or by logging on to our website and clicking the **Donate** tab at [www.NVpsychology.org/donate](http://www.NVpsychology.org/donate).

Your contribution does make a difference. With these funds, we can continue to improve upon mental health services in Nevada!

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Legislative Committee Co-Chairs

# NPA-PAC FUNDRAISING DRIVE

**Option 1: Monthly NPA-PAC Donation (billed to a credit or debit card on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month)**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$15 monthly contribution (for 12 consecutive months)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25 monthly donation (for 12 consecutive months)

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Checks should be mailed to: **NPA, PO Box 400671, Las Vegas, NV 89140**

Fax this form to **888-654-0050**

Donations may also be made online at [www.NVpsychology.org/donate](http://www.NVpsychology.org/donate)

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