

Update on Psychology Education in VA

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Topics for Today

- **Impact of VA Training on US Psychology**
- **Trends in VA Psychology Education**
- **New Internships and Postdoctoral Fellowships**
- **RFP for Rural Internships**
- **Affiliation Agreement Update**
- **Stipends**

VA Training Impact on Psychology

Nationally, ~50% of psychologists have had some VA training.

(estimated from numbers who had VA training and number who passed EPPP in 2009)

~70% of VA Psychologists have had VA training.

(AES - 2010)

VHA Workforce Succession Strategic Plan - 2011

**Developed annually by the Healthcare
Talent Management (HTM) Office.**

http://vaww.succession.va.gov/workforce_planning/default.aspx

VHA Workforce Succession Strategic Plan – 2011 – Needs Analysis

Top Ten Occupations	Rank	Projected Hires Through FY15
0602 Medical Officer (Physician)	1	16,478
0610 Nurse	2	34,960
0201 Human Resource Mgmt	3	2,877
0660 Pharmacist	4	3,953
0644 Medical Technologist	5	2,465
0633 Physical Therapist	6	1,005
0180 Psychology	7	2,561
0647 Diagnostic Radiologic Technologist	8	1,859
0605 Nurse Anesthetist	9	643
0620 Practical Nurse	10	10,145
Total Top Ten Hires Needed Through FY16		76,947

Psychology Educational Enhancement

OAA – OMHS Collaboration

- **2008-2009**

- **167 new positions in 79 programs**
- **4 New Internship Programs**
- **26 New Postdoctoral Fellowship Programs**

All Four New Internships Are Accredited

- Anchorage – Jim Fitterling
- Asheville – Christopher San Miguel
- Iowa City – Doris Stormoen
- Richmond – Michael Ellwood

Psychology Educational Enhancement

- **2009-2010**
 - **11 MIRECC & COE Fellows**
- **2010-2011**
 - **11 Additional MIRECC & COE Fellows**
 - **25 New Training Positions**
 - **Temporary for 1st year**
 - **New RFP for competitive permanent allocation for 2011-12**
 - **Can there be more?**

Psychology Educational Enhancement

- **2011-2012**
 - **Competed 90 training positions (65 new)**
 - **Nine new internship programs**
 - 97 programs in
 - 44 states + DC & Puerto Rico
 - **Eleven new postdoctoral fellowships**
 - 58 sites in 31 states + DC & Puerto Rico

New Internships

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|---------------|------------------|
| •Boise | •Madison |
| •Canandaigua | •Philadelphia |
| •Columbia SC | •Tuscaloosa |
| •Huntington | •West Palm Beach |
| •Indianapolis | |

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New Postdoctoral Fellowships

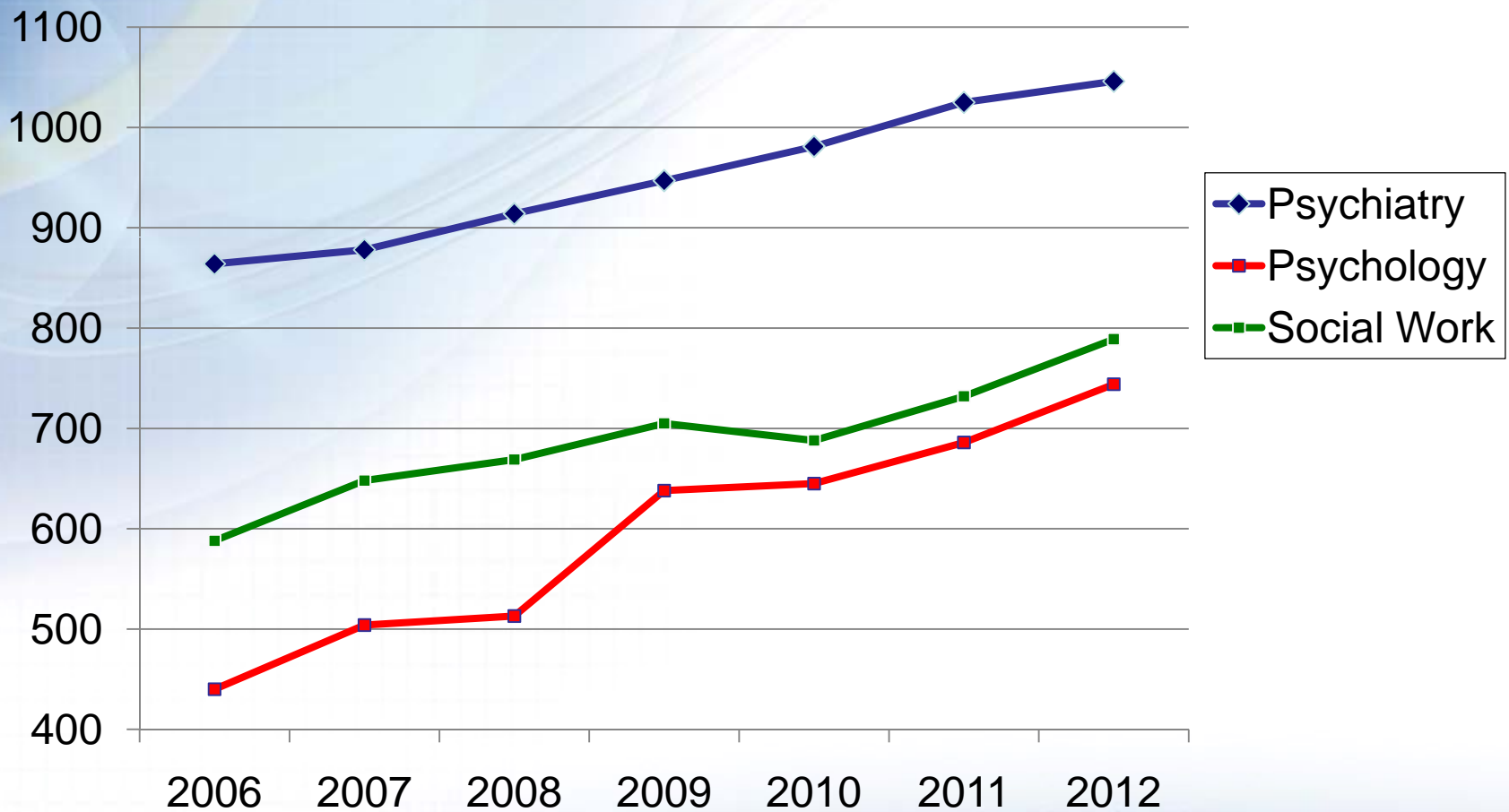
- Atlanta
- Biloxi
- Columbia SC
- Dayton
- Hampton
- New York Harbor
- North Chicago
- Salt Lake City MIRECC
- San Juan
- Tampa
- Tucson

Mental Health Disciplines

Discipline	# MH Staff	Training Positions	\$Millions for Training
Nursing	2500	555	\$4
Psychiatry	2600	1046	\$61
Psychology	3000	744	\$30
Social Work	4500	789	\$6

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Mental Health Professions Trainees

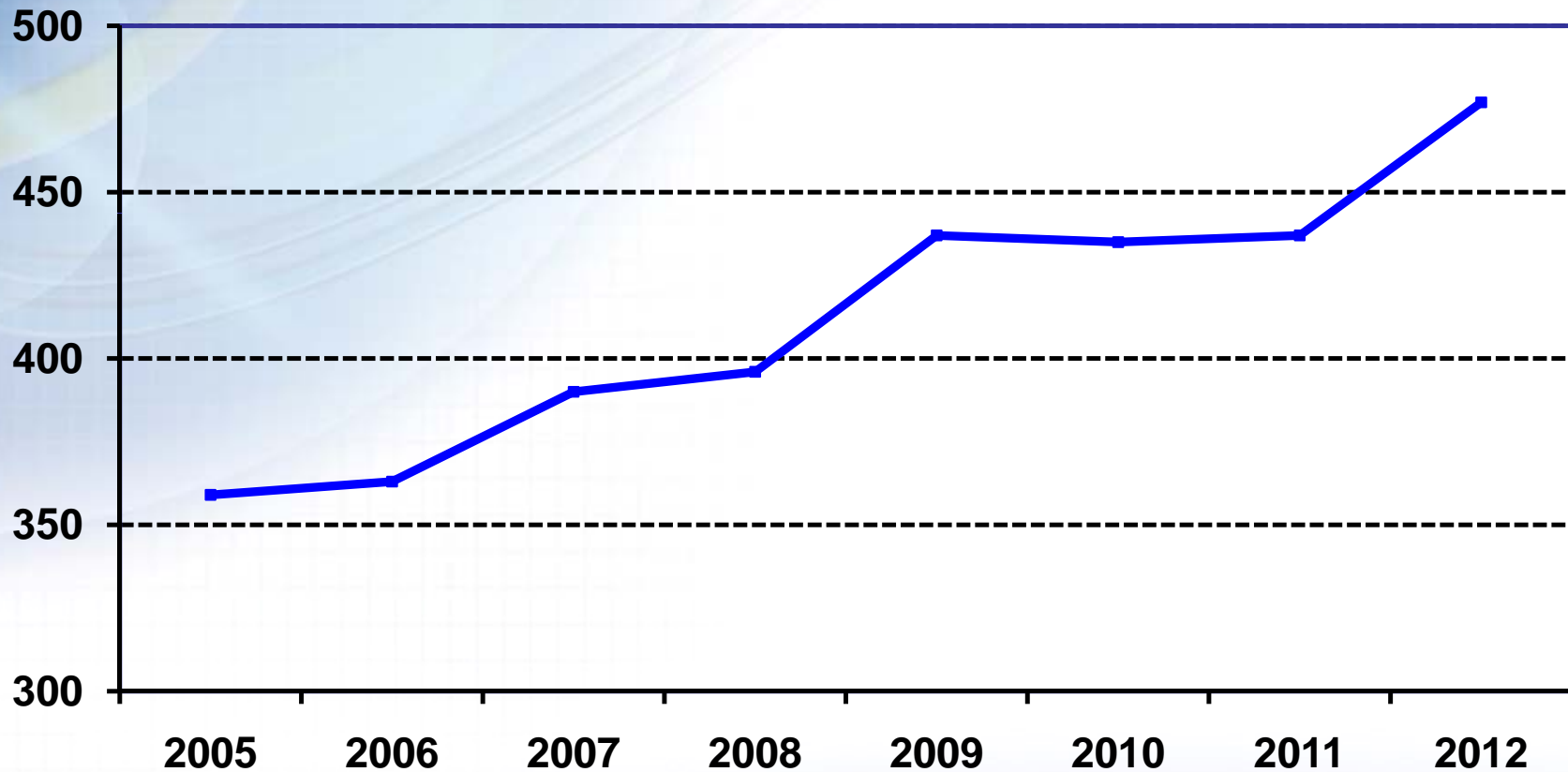


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Trainee Allocations AY 2011-2012

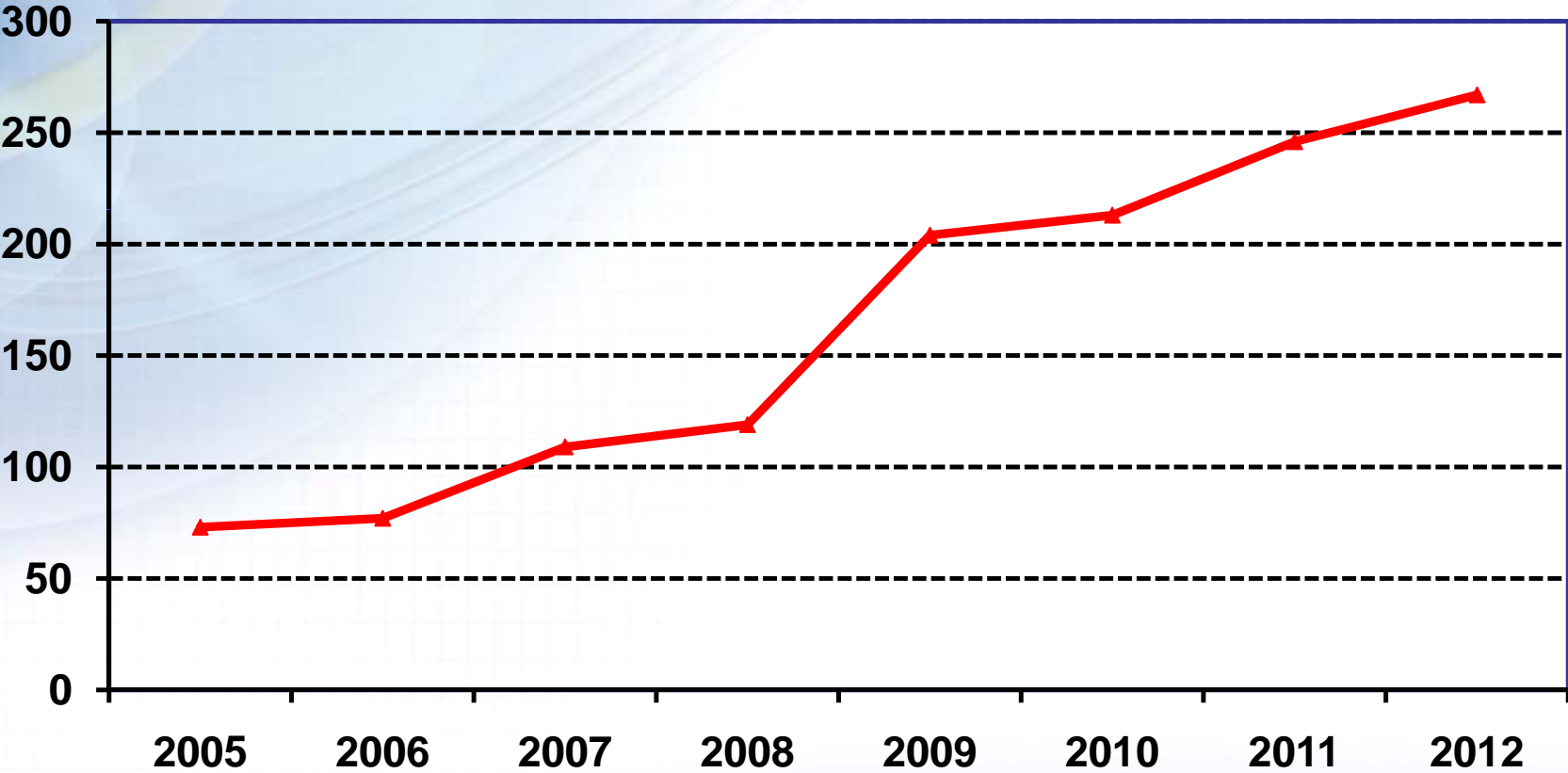
- **Interns – 477**
- **Postdoctoral Fellows – 267**
- **Total: 744 positions (61 more than last yr)**

Internship Training since 2005



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Postdoctoral Training since 2005



LPS* Time is NOW!

- **Ask your trainees to take the LPS**

“The survey asks you to rate various aspects of your clinical training experience. Information from the survey provides feedback in identifying areas of excellence as well as areas needing improvement.”

- **15 minutes**

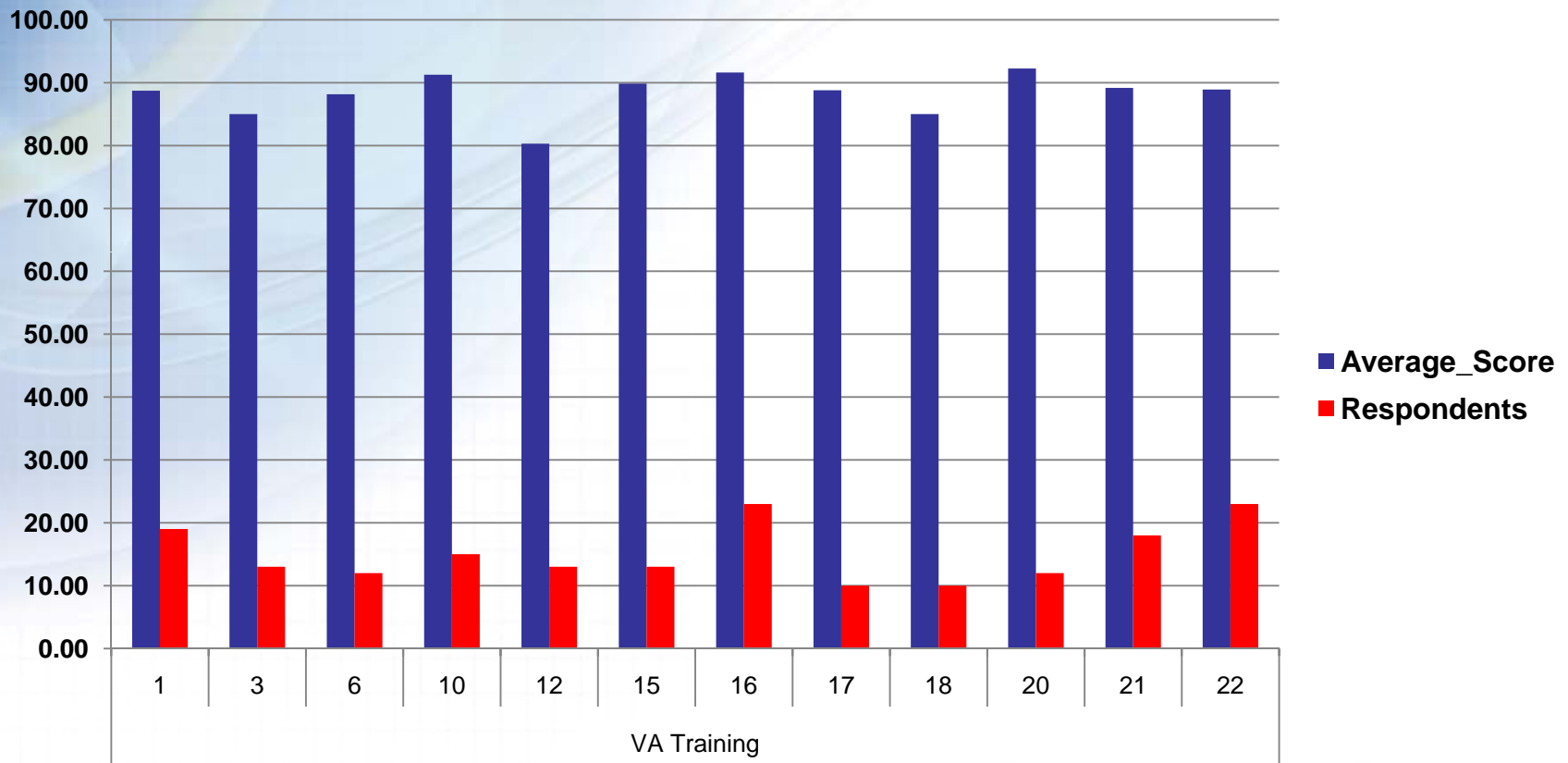
- **Internet based:**

<http://www.va.gov/oaa/surveys/>

***Learners’ Perceptions Survey**

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Intern Satisfaction with VA Training by VISN – LPS 2010



On a scale of 0 to 100, where 100 is a perfect score and 70 is a passing score, what NUMERICAL SCORE would you give your MOST RECENT VA clinical training experience?

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Affiliation Agreements

- For VA Internship Programs, Affiliation Agreements with the interns' graduate programs are required.
- Without them, you and your trainees have NO Tort Claims Protection
- Affiliation Agreements do not expire
- For Postdoctoral Fellowships, they are not required. The Fellow, having already received the degree, is no longer associated with the graduate program.

National Affiliation Agreements

- **For VA Internship Programs only, we are moving to development of National Affiliation Agreements**
 - **Simplified Format**
 - **Each school will need to complete only one**
 - **Training Directors will no longer need to develop them**
 - **Ultimately**
 - **They will be in place before the Match**
 - **Prerequisite for application to a VA internship**

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National Affiliation Agreements

- **Maintained by OAA**
- **List of Schools with Affiliation Agreements on OAA website**

<http://vaww.oaa.med.va.gov/DBAHealth/ahPsyAffiliationList1.aspx>

- **Training Directors and local Education Offices are developing early rounds**
- **220 of 325 completed**

National Affiliation Agreements

Once in place,

- **No expiration date, unless school or state insists on one**
- **Will check against APA list of accredited graduate programs 1-2 times a year**
- **Few additional ones needed each year**

Supplemental Educational Funds for Postdoctoral Fellows

- Often offered
- \$335 this year
- This is the last year for this supplemental funding.

Associated Health Supervision Handbook

- **Revision by 2013**
 - Teleservices
 - Telesupervision
 - Off site services

What's Next?

- **Flatline Budget**
- **May need to be more focused**
 - Rural Health
 - PACTs
- **APA Model Licensing Act – Unknown impact**
 - Now 11 states

What's Next?

- **Anticipate a few more stable years at least**
- **No expansion of training positions**
- **Emphasis on Rural Needs & PACTs**
- **Increasing importance of VA Psychology Training Council**
- **Impact of Model Licensing Act? – 11 states**

Questions

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