

# A BRIEF HISTORY OF NASP

- 1969** NASP formed on **March 15, 1969**, in **St. Louis** during a 2-day convention. First standing committees establish NASP's **robust culture of volunteer leadership**.
- 1970** First newsletter launched, which later became *Communiqué*.
- 1972** The first issue of *School Psychology Digest* published, which became *School Psychology Review* in 1980.
- 1973** Elizabeth Abramowitz hired as NASP's first Executive Director. *Competency Continuum for School Psychologists and Supportive Personnel* published.
- 1975** Passage of **Education of All Handicapped Children Act, P.L. 94-142**. NASP helped develop the first definition of psychological services in federal law.
- 1978** NASP established the **first comprehensive professional standards** for school psychology. NASP became a member of **NCATE**.
- 1980** **The Spring Hill Symposia** held as the first formalized effort by NASP and APA Division 16 to identify the critical issues relevant to the 'future' of school psychology.
- 1985** *Best Practices in School Psychology* first published, as a single volume.
- 1988** The National School Psychology Certification System (**NSPCS**) adopted.
- 1989** Approximately 15,000 became the first **NCSPs**. Today 33 states accept the NCSP as part of their credentialing process.
- 1990** Passage of the Individuals With Disabilities Act (**IDEA**). NASP helped shape language regarding the identification of students with autism and TBI, and transition planning Pre K-12. NASP opened its office in **Silver Spring, Maryland**.
- 1993** **Susan Gorin** became NASP's Executive Director.
- 1998** First **minority scholarship** awarded to Sherrie Proctor, who now serves as Cochair of NASP's **Social Justice** Committee. The MSP has awarded **61** scholarships to date.
- 2001** NASP provided guidance to support children in the aftermath of the September 11 terrorist attacks, elevating **NASP's role as a national crisis response leader**.
- 2004** IDEA reauthorized as **IDEIA**. NASP had significant influence on provisions related to discipline and SLD identification.
- 2006** First **School Psychology Awareness Week** (formerly awareness month). **The PREPaRE Curriculum** launched. Today, more than **20,000** people have been PREPaRE trained.
- 2010** NASP reconceptualized its practice standards into a model format and adopted the **NASP Practice Model**.
- 2011** NASP launched the **Online Learning Center**, which currently features over 160 sessions.
- 2013** NASP spearheaded development of the seminal **Framework for Safe and Successful Schools**, in partnership with allied education organizations.
- 2015** NASP strongly influenced school safety and mental health services provisions of the Every Student Succeeds Act (**ESSA**), which passed that year.
- 2017** NASP adopted a **5-year strategic plan** to advance school psychologists' practice and leadership, address shortages, and promote social justice.
- 2018** NASP held largest convention to date in Chicago, with **6,500 attendees**. **Susan Gorin** retired as longest serving Executive Director; **Kathleen Minke** hired as new Executive Director.
- 2019** NASP will celebrate its **50th Anniversary** at its annual **convention in Atlanta**. The third edition of PREPaRE will be piloted.
- 2020** NASP will adopt **revised standards** that will take us to 2030. NASP members will be able to comment on new draft standards in spring 2019.

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