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APA Education Leadership Conference

Brief Overview of Legislative Issue: FY 2015 Funding for the Graduate Psychology Education Program

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The Education GRO Seeks to:

- Increase federal support for psychology education and training

- Promote the application of psychology to education (teaching and learning)

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Making a Difference for Psychology!

$8.9 Million

FY 2015 Appropriations

Graduate Psychology Education Program

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What is the GPE Program?

- The Only Federal Program Dedicated Solely to Psychology Education and Training
- Interprofessional Training in Integrated Health Care Settings
- Provides Psychological Services to Underserved Communities

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Who is Eligible for a GPE Grant?

- All APA-Accredited Doctoral Programs, Internships, and Postdoctoral Programs are Eligible

- Must Support Interprofessional Training of Psychology Graduate Students and Provide Psychological Services in Integrated Health Care Settings to Underserved Populations

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Who Are the GPE Target Populations?

- ❑ Children
- ❑ Individuals with Chronic Illnesses
- ❑ Victims of Abuse/Trauma/Natural Disasters
- ❑ Veterans & their Families
- ❑ Ethnic Minorities
- ❑ Older Adults
- ❑ FQHC (CHC)Patients

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Where is GPE Located?

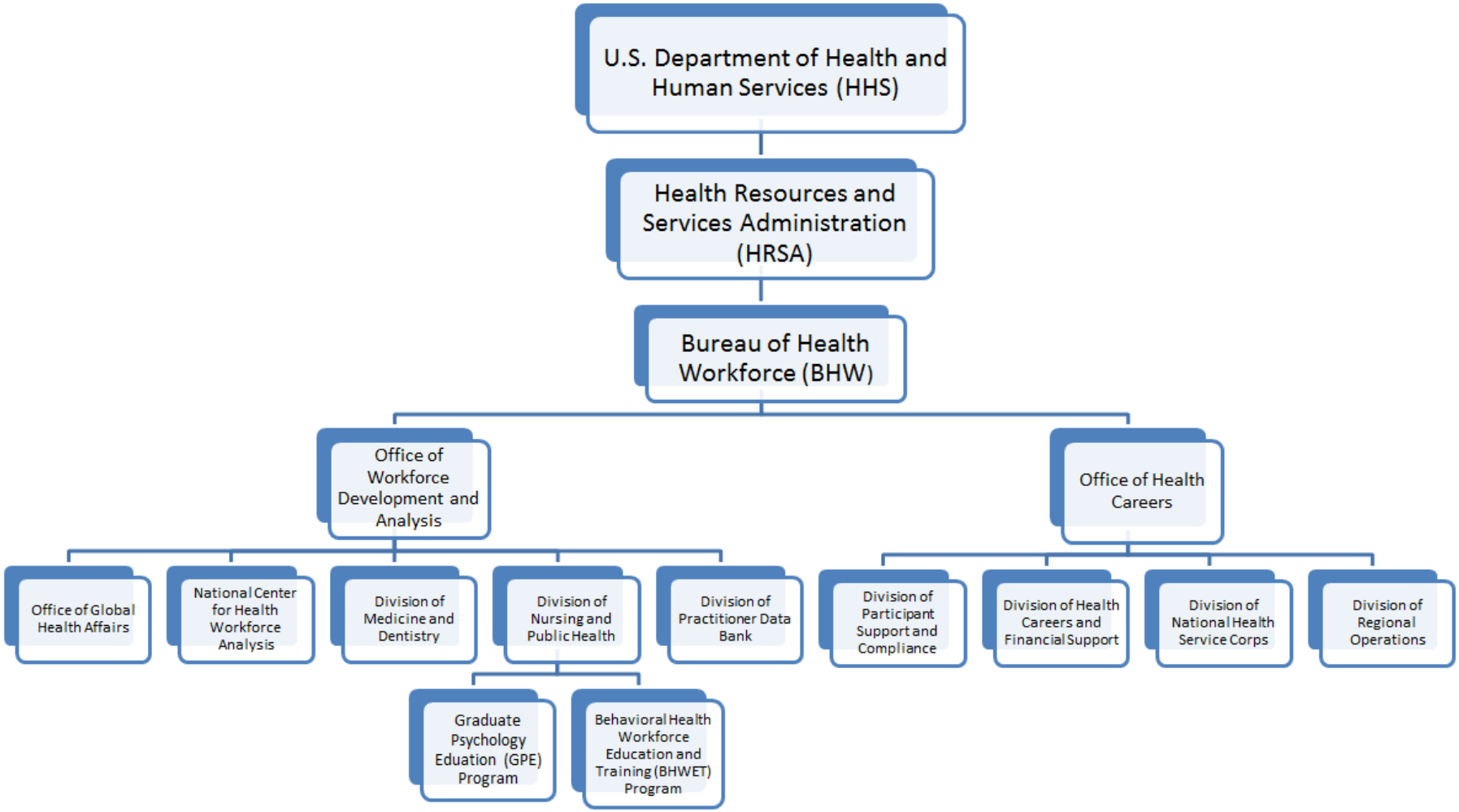


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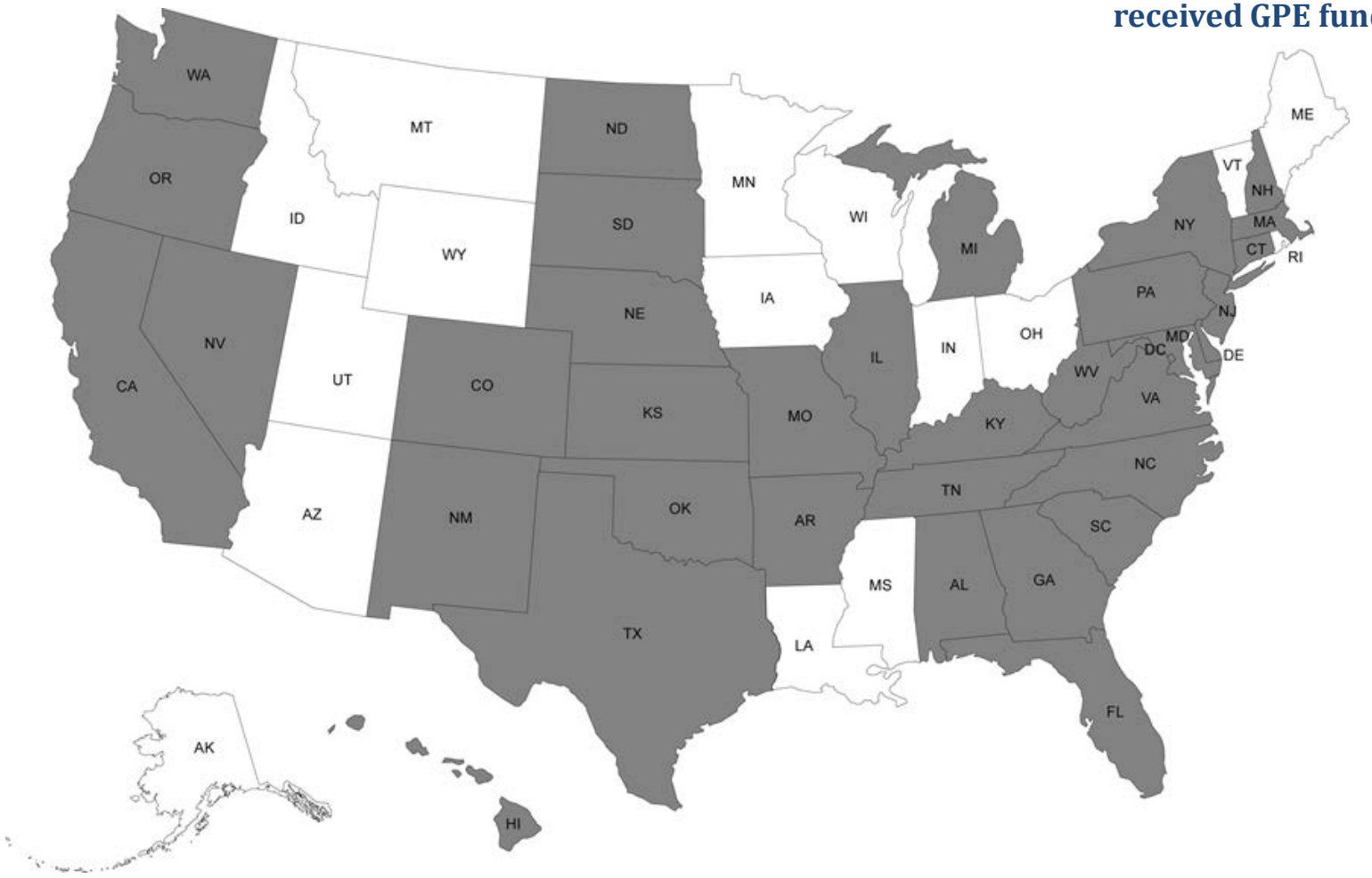
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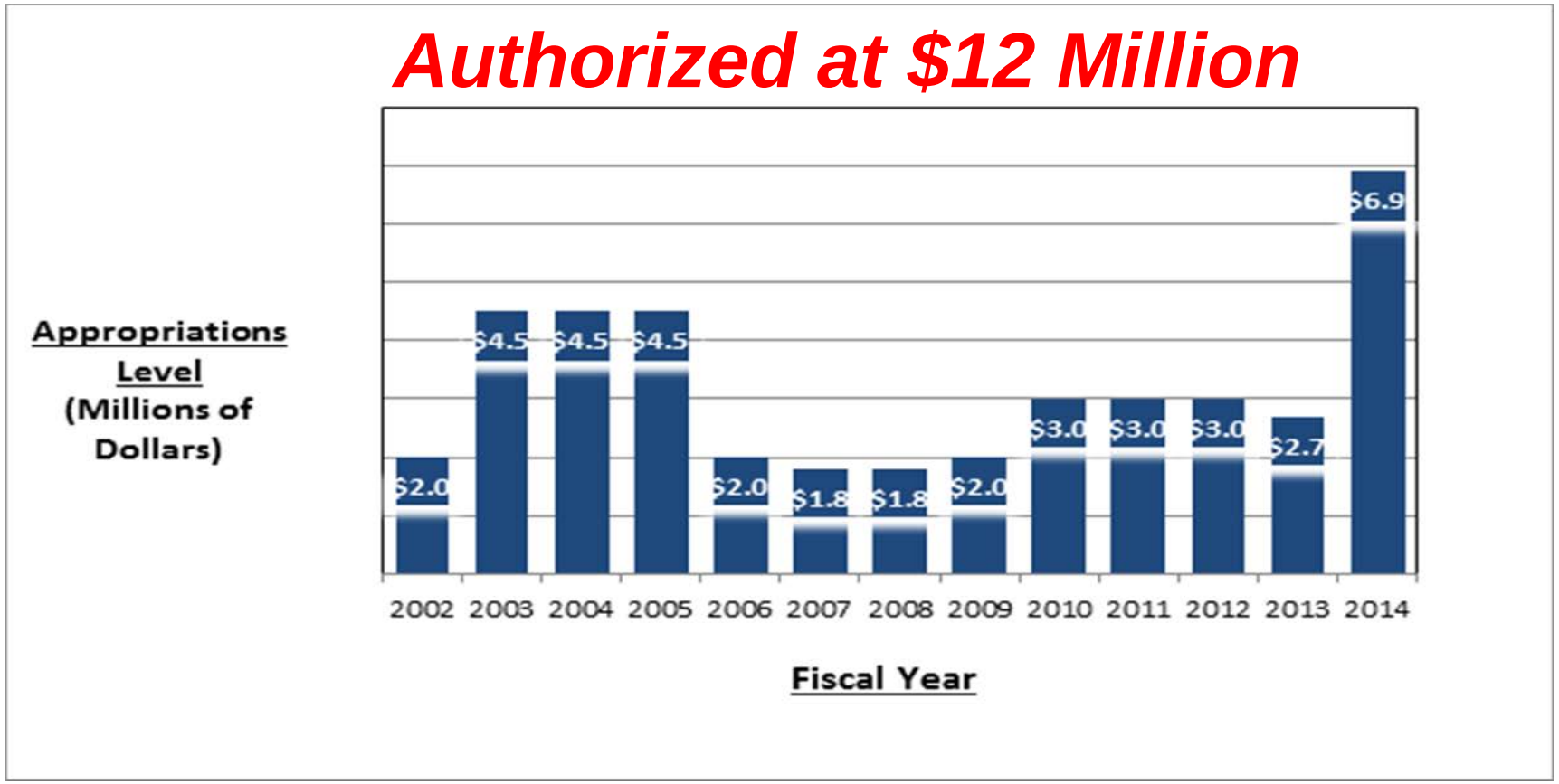
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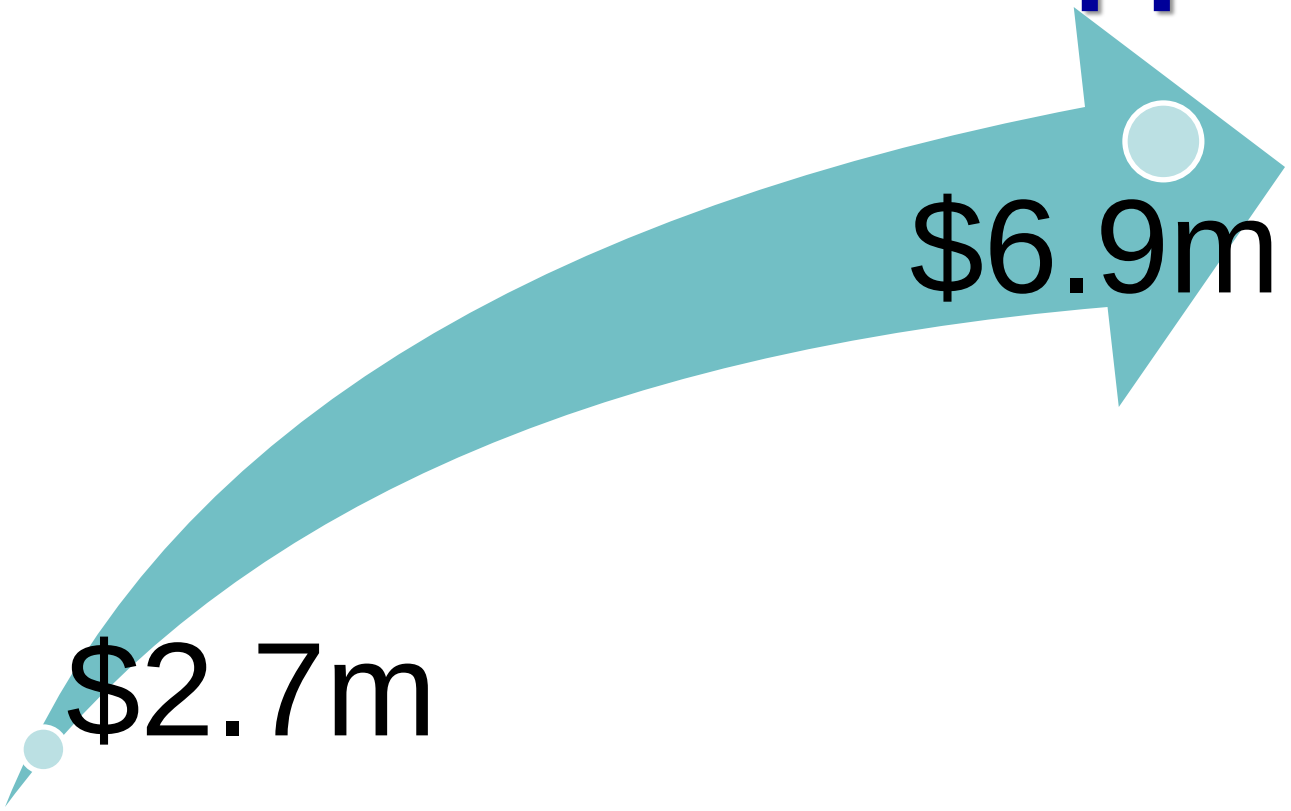
History of GPE Funding

Authorized at $12 Million



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Wow…How Did That Happen?



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When Asking for GPE Funding… What Are We Facing with the Continued Budget Battles?



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FY 2015 "Ask" for GPE Funding

Urge Members to Support $8.9 Million in Funding for the Graduate Psychology Education Program

Special Focus on:

- ❑ Returning Servicemembers, Veterans and their families, especially in rural areas
- ❑ Integration of doctoral-level psychology trainees at Federally Qualified Health Centers
- ❑ Geropsychology grants focusing on the needs of underserved older adults

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Does Your State or University Have a Current or Past GPE Grant?

Let them know!

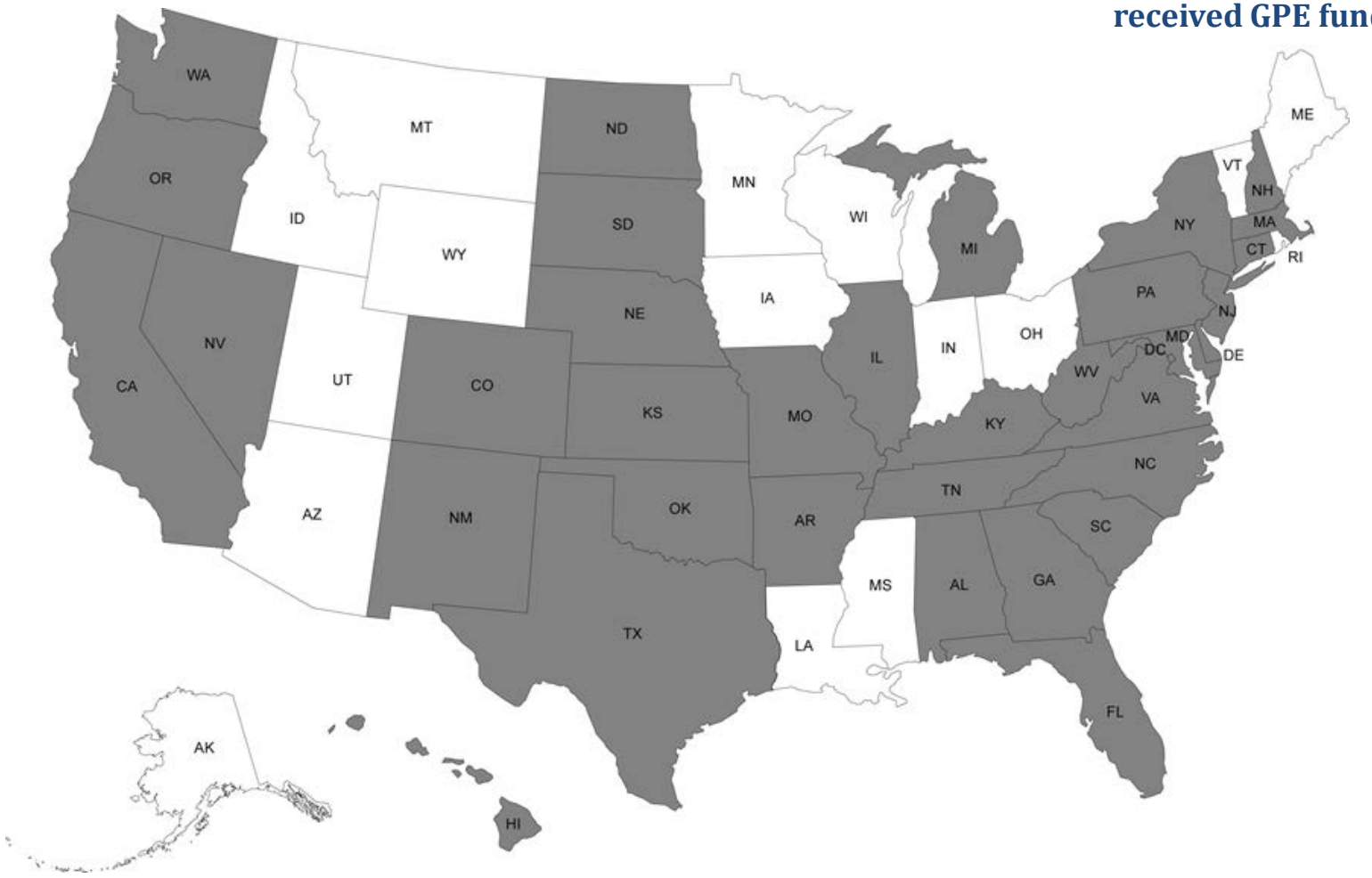
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Hill Visit Talking Points Sheet:

FY 2015 Funding for the Graduate Psychology Education (GPE) Program

- Introduction/ Purpose of Visit
- Discuss Local / State Needs
- **Provide Anecdotal Information**
- Provide Expert Information
- Summarize Key Points
- Request Support – The “Ask”
- Conclusion/Appreciation

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Anecdotes Bring Data to Life







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Remember:

You Already Have What You Need To Make A Difference

- ❑ Personal Life Experience
- ❑ Professional Expertise
- ❑ Knowledge of Local Issues/Needs
- ❑ Constituent Status (You Vote)

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A Few Reminders Before We Adjourn Today…



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Advocacy Activities: Monday

- ❑ 7:15-8:45 AM – Advocacy for Novices (Breakfast) – Ohio Room
- ❑ 12:00-1:00 PM – Advocacy Awards Luncheon – South American A/B
- ❑ 1:15-2:15 PM – **Seating by States** – Panel Discussion – Federal A/B

"The GPE Success Story: Positive Public Health Impact of the Graduate Psychology Education Program"

- ❑ 2:15-5:00 PM – Preparation for Hill Visits – Federal A/B

-Getting Ready for Hill Visits; Current Political Climate & Review of Legislative Request

-What to Expect/Preparing for Successful Meetings: Interactive Exercises

-Distribution & Review of Hill Appointments

- ❑ **5:30 PM – Congresswoman Nita Lowey Reception – North Gate Grill**

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Advocacy Activities: Tuesday

- ❑ 7:30-8:30 AM (Federal A/B) – Breakfast and Final Preparations for Hill Visits

  -Distribution of Congressional Member/Staff Folders

- ❑ 8:30AM – 3:00 PM – Capitol Hill Visits

- ❑ 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM (Ohio Room) – Debriefing (on Return from Hill Visits)

***Important – Let Us Know Right Away If You Need to Cancel Your Hill Appointments**

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ELC Participant Hill Visit Folder

(Easy Reference Sticker)



INTRODUCTION: Your Name /Title/Institution

Purpose of the Visit: FY 2015 funding for the HRSA Graduate Psychology Education Program (GPE)

HOOK: I'm a constituent and psychologist urging you to: support $8.9 Million FY 2015 funding for the GPE Program in the Health Resources and Services Administration's "Mental and Behavioral Health" account

LINE: GPE supports the interprofessional training of graduate psychology students while they provide (supervised) mental and behavioral health services to underserved populations in rural and urban communities.

SINKER: Please support $8.9 million in FY 2015 funding for the GPE program…Thank you.

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Inside: Participant Folder*

Left Side:

- ❑ FY 2015 GPE Briefing Sheet (Report Language on back)
- ❑ GPE Talking Points Sheet
- ❑ GPE – Active Grant Descriptions
- ❑ U.S. Senate & U.S. House Appropriations Committee
- ❑ Map of Capitol Hill Complex
- ❑ Debriefing Forms

Right Side:

- ❑ GPE One pager
- ❑ Veterans Fact Sheet
- ❑ Children's Fact Sheet
- ❑ Rural Fact Sheet
- ❑ Primary Care Fact Sheet

***Need to Bring Folders Back Tomorrow!**

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Please Don't Forget to…

- ❑ Sit with Your State Delegation After Lunch Tomorrow
- ❑ Fill Out/Bring GPE "Talking Points" Sheet
- ❑ **Bring Your Personal Folders Back Tomorrow!**



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