

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**
- **Affiliation Agreement Update**
- **Stipends**
- **Associated Health Supervision Handbook**

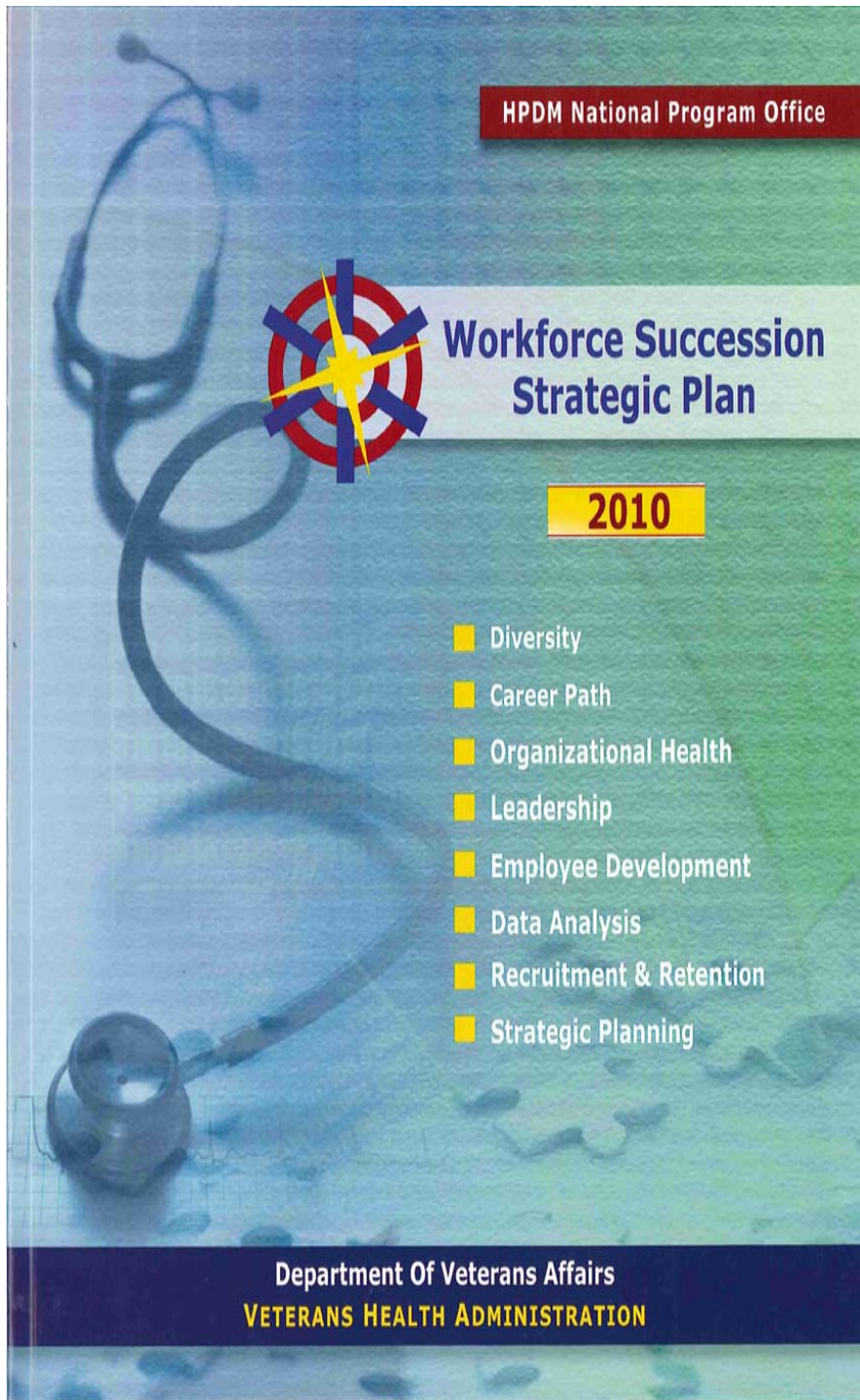
VA Training Impact on Psychology

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 - 2009)



VHA Workforce Succession Strategic Plan - 2010

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

<http://vaww.htm.wmc.va.gov/planning/Succession/default.aspx>

VHA Workforce Succession Strategic Plan – 2010 – Needs Analysis

Top Ten Occupations	Rank	Projected Hires Through FY15
610 Nurse	1	38,435
0602 Medical Officer (Physician)	2	17,640
0660 Pharmacist	3	3,796
0201 Human Resource Mgmt	4	3,029
0644 Medical Technologist	5	2,857
0633 Physical Therapist	6	895
0620 Practical Nurse	7	11,379
0647 Diagnostic Radiologic Technologist	8	1,992
0180 Psychology	9	2,669
0605 Nurse Anesthetist	10	667
Total Top Ten Hires Needed Through FY15		83,360

Psychology Educational Enhancement

OAA – OMHS Collaboration

- **2008-2009**

- **167 new positions in 79 programs**

- **4 New Internship Programs**

- **26 New Postdoctoral Fellowship Programs**

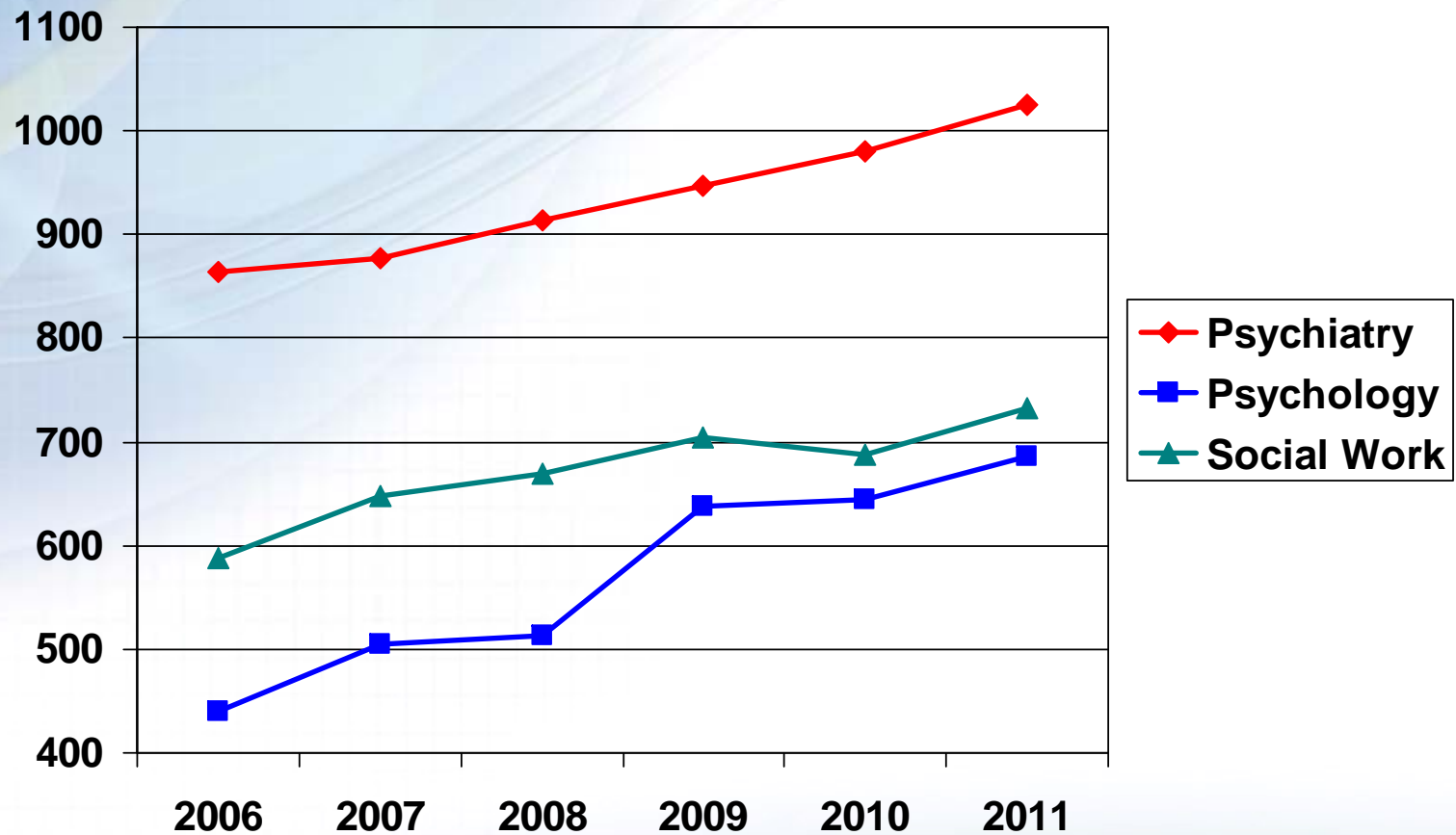
- **2009-2010**

- **11 MIRECC & COE Fellows**

Psychology Educational Enhancement

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

Mental Health Professions Trainees



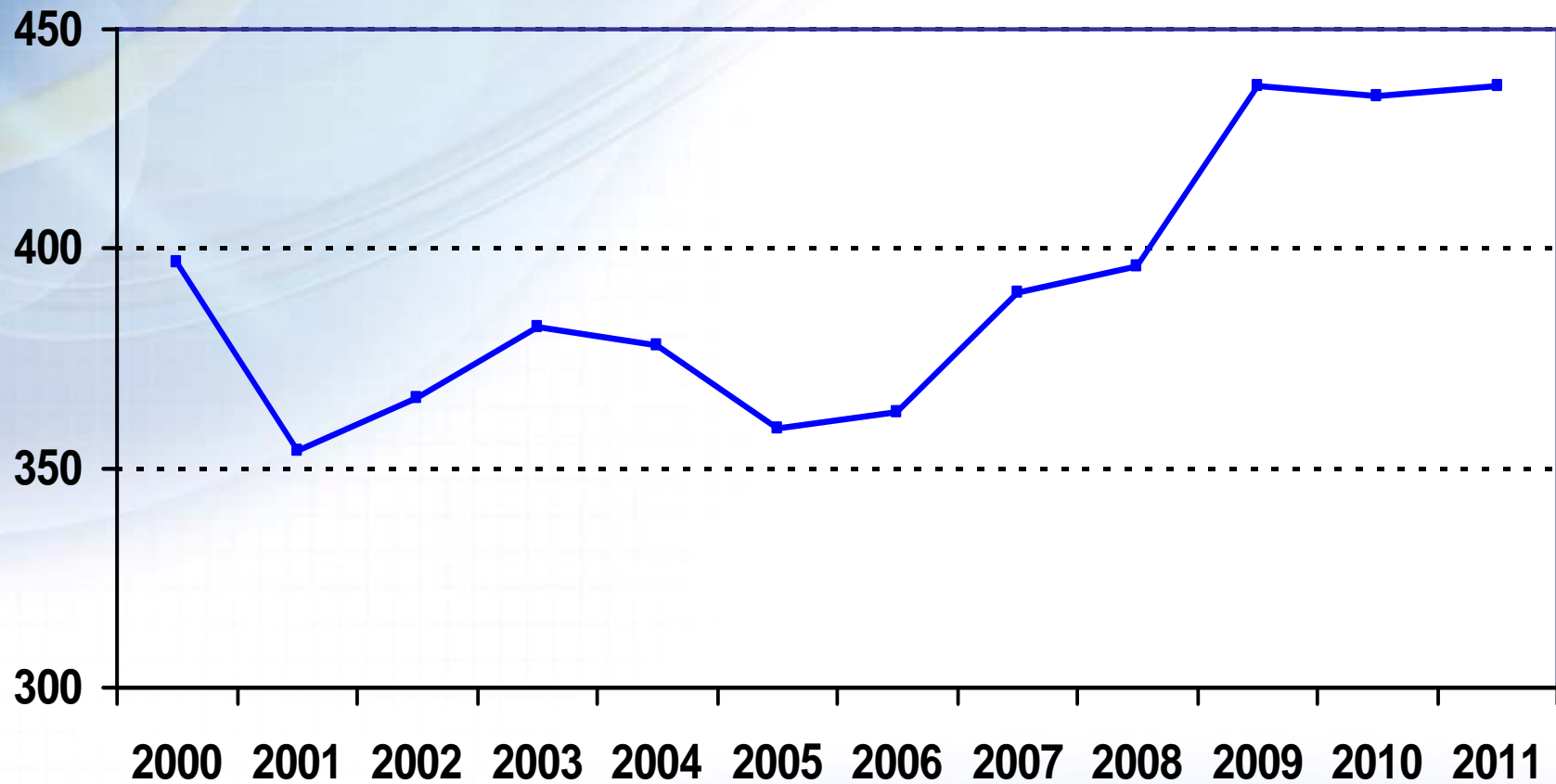
Mental Health Disciplines

Discipline	# Staff FTEE	Training Positions	\$Millions for Training
Psychiatry	2400	1028	\$58
Psychology	2800	683	\$26
Social Work	8000	709	\$5

Trainee Allocations AY 2010-2011

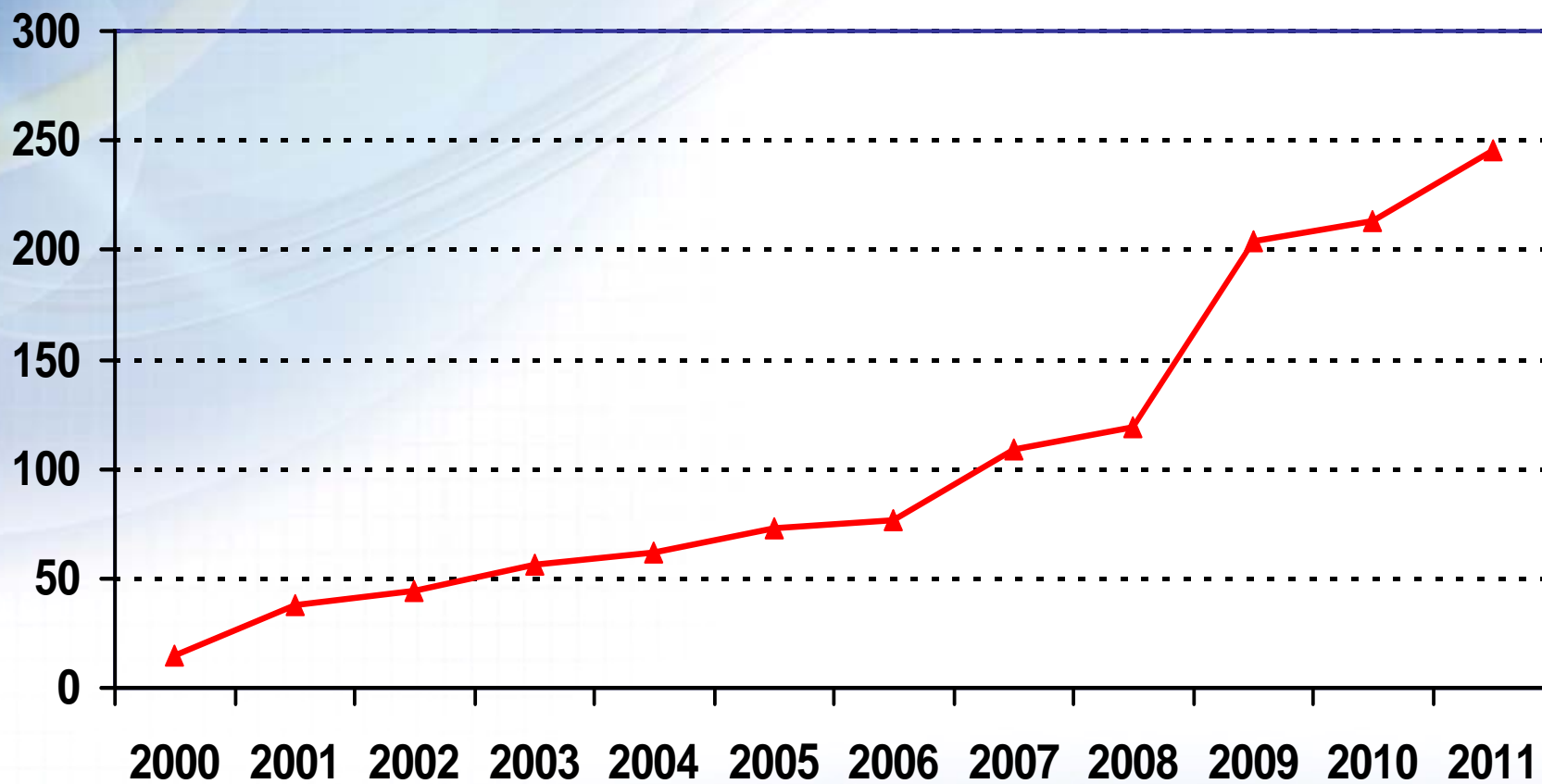
- **Interns – 437**
- **Postdoctoral Fellows – 246**
- **Total: 683 positions (38 more than last yr)**

Internship Training, the Last Decade



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Postdoctoral Training, the Last Decade



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What's Next?

- **Hoping for modest increments in Training Positions**
- **May need to be more focused**
 - Rural Health
 - PCMH
- **APA Model Licensing Act – Unknown impact**
 - Alabama
 - Arizona
 - Indiana
 - Maryland
 - North Dakota
 - Ohio
 - Utah
 - Washington

Affiliation Agreements

- For VA Internship Programs, Affiliation Agreements with the interns' graduate programs are required.
- 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**
 - **They will be in place before the Match**
 - **Prerequisite for application to a VA internship**

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 1st and 2nd rounds**
- **About 140 of 325 completed**

National Affiliation Agreements

Once in place,

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

Trainee Stipends

- **Hoping for a modest stipend increase effective July 1, 2010**
 - **New locality adjustment scale**
 - **Modest increase to base stipend**

Associated Health Supervision Handbook

- **Published September 2, 2008**
- **Link is posted on OAA website**
<http://vaww.va.gov/oaa>
- **Monitor Documentation of Supervision**
- **Revision by 2013**
 - **Teleservices**
 - **Telesupervision**
 - **Off site services**

The Future?

- Anticipate a few more good years at least
- Modest increments in training positions
- Emphasis on Rural Needs & PCMH
 - MD realization of the importance of interprofessional teams
- Educational Innovations
- Increasing importance of VA Psychology Training Council

Questions

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