

THE ASSOCIATION OF BLACK PSYCHOLOGISTS

LICENSURE, CERTIFICATION
AND PROFICIENCY PROGRAM

HISTORY OF ABPSI

- 1968 the beginning
- The goals of ABPsi
- Its history of research, teaching and practice in Black Psychology

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- The Association of Black Psychologists was founded in San Francisco in 1968 by a number of Black Psychologists from across the country. They united to actively address the serious problems facing Black Psychologists and the larger Black community. Guided by the principle of self determination, these psychologists set about building an institution through which they could address the long neglected needs of Black professionals. Their goal was to have a positive impact upon the mental health of the national Black community by means of planning, programs, services, training, and advocacy. Their objectives were:
 - To organize their skills and abilities to influence necessary change, and
 - To address themselves to significant social problems affecting the Black community and other segments of the population whose needs society has not fulfilled.
 - The Association of Black Psychologists has grown from a handful of concerned professionals into an independent, autonomous organization of over 1400 members.

The Association of Black Psychologists

- Mission, Purpose & Goals

- Guided by the principle of self-determination, the founding members set about building an institution through which they could address the long neglected needs of Black professionals. Their goal was to have a positive impact upon the mental health of the national Black community. Their objectives were: (1) To organize their skills and abilities to influence necessary change, and (2) To address themselves to significant social problems affecting the Black community and other segments of the population whose needs society has not fulfilled.
- To date, The Association of Black Psychologists is the leader and international resource for addressing the psychological needs of African people in the Diaspora. Our research publications, assessment techniques, and other products establish the Association as the recognized authority for providing practical solutions to the day-to-day circumstances of our people. We collaborate with other Afrocentric organizations in Social Work, Law, Medicine, and related social service disciplines to formulate or influence the development of policy to ensure positive solutions to the challenges that impact Black people.
- The ABPsi provides professional certification, training, and development for our membership and other qualified professionals to ensure that a compassionate, Afrocentric approach is utilized in healing Black people. The Association has grown from a handful of concerned professionals into an independent, autonomous, and international organization.

History of Research, Teaching, and Practice in Black Psychology

- The Journal of Black Psychology
- **he Journal of Black Psychology** has been the leading forum on the psychological study of Black populations for close to 35 years. Founded and sponsored by the Association of Black Psychologists, The **Journal of Black Psychology** presents the most innovative scholarly research and theory on the behavior of Black and other populations from Black or Afrocentric perspectives.

The Journal of Black Psychology brings you the latest scholarly discussion on timely and sensitive topics. It provides the empirical, theoretical, and methodological studies you need to stay on top of the rapid developments in knowledge about Black experience and behavior. Since 1974, **The Journal of Black Psychology** has led and recorded the most outstanding contributions within the field of psychology toward the understanding of the experiences and behavior of Black populations. The journal provides complete and balanced coverage of the field's latest developments and advances, through original articles and special features such as Research Briefs, Essays, Commentary, and Book Reviews. An international array of distinguished authors brings you original analyses and perspectives covering a wide variety of areas, including:

- African-centered psychology
 - Counseling and Clinical Psychology
 - Psychology of Black children
 - Therapeutic interventions
 - Personality
 - Education
 - Health and social behavior
 - Life span and family issues
 - Diversity in African cultures
 - Organizational Psychology
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- Sage publications 2008

History of Research, Teaching and Practice in African-Centered/Black Psychology

- *Convention Topics*
- *Access to Mental Health Services: What's Happening in the African American Communities*
- *Disparities in the Health and Mental Health of African-Americans: Windows of Opportunity*
- *Core Mental Health Praxis: Foundation for Effective Interventions with African Americans*
- *Best Practices In Providing Culturally Competent African Centered Supervision: Supervising Interns, Psychological Assistants And Practicum Students Working With Persons Of African Ancestry Part*
- *African-Centered Emotional Management: Meeting the Challenges of African-American Mental Health*
- *Community Focused Programs: Working With African American Men*
- *Culture and Race in Psychology: Then and Now*
- *Psychological Testing: What are the Issues Then and Now*
- *Mental Health Issues Of African American Learning Disabled Student*
- *The Invisible African American Father: How To Re-Claim Respect*
- *Black Psychologist' action to reduce overrepresentation of Black students in special education due to emotional disturbance*
- *The Ancestral Healing Workshop*
- *Sunshine and Shadows: Black Mental Health in Adolescence and Adulthood*

THE LICENSURE, CERTIFICATION AND PROFICIENCY PROGRAM (LCPP)

- 2004 Introduction of the Licensure, Certification and Proficiency Program
 - Establish the LCPP Committee
 - Establish the Certification Panel
 - Develop Policy, Procedures, and Standards for the LCPP
 - Announce the Grandfather period
- 2007 LCPP Certificants

INTENT OF THE LCPP PROGRAM

- The ABPsi BOARD CERTIFICATION IN AFRICAN CENTERED / BLACK PSYCHOLOGY (CAC/BP)
- Professionals who hold The ABPsi CAC/BP are individuals who have met ABPsi criteria based on demonstrated skills, knowledge and abilities. Meeting these criteria asserts that ABPsi can reasonably expect the implementation of culturally appropriate teaching, research, clinical practice and assessment when integrating acquired culturally appropriate African-Centered skills to various areas of psychology. The applicant for CAC/BP is reviewed by a panel of highly skilled and respected psychologists.
- Consumers and institutions will view certification as a measure to ensure professionals have taken appropriate efforts toward understanding and applying the best practices in the field of psychology for clients of African ancestry. Certificants are held to a high standard of ethical practice as defined by The LCPP Standards of Black Psychology. Certificants are to participate in CAC/BP related activities to maintain their certification and to stay current with the changing dynamics within the communities they serve.

Purpose of the LCPP PROGRAM

- To create a framework for recognizing psychologists, researchers, educators and institutions that meet a conventional body of knowledge, practice and/or experience that demonstrates The ABPsi standards of proficiency in African Centered/Black Psychology;
To establish a measure of proficiency and established criteria to offer a certification in African Centered/Black Psychology;
To establish the baseline standards and conventional body of knowledge which will define African Centered/Black Psychology its evolution, applications and international recognition;
- To establish a mechanism within The ABPsi for broadening the professional development and community service for The ABPsi members through licensure, proficiency and certification throughout the profession;.
- To substantiate The ABPsi as the primary body for shaping the credentials of professionals in psychology and related fields for the practice, education and theory as used for service in various arenas to African American people and people of the African Diaspora.

SCOPE OF THE LCPP PROGRAM

- The ABPsi, being the principal body consisting of renowned Black psychologists in the USA and beyond, is responsible for taking the primary role in defining the cultural considerations necessary to properly address the psychological needs of African Americans and people of the African Diaspora.
- No other organization or entity functions to determine if the particular cultural needs and history of Black people are being properly considered in psychology. This is the core of this program. A basic concern in addressing the needs of the Black community is that every psychologist should meet some pre-determined criteria for understanding the unique needs of Black folk and the historical matrix that established the present conditions faced by all people of African descent.
- The premise of this program is for The ABPsi to take responsibility for, and promote, the recognition of African Centered/Black Psychology. The ABPsi is the leader and international resource for addressing the psychological needs of African people throughout the world, and the ABPsi is the only entity to carry the responsibility to certify individuals and institutions as being qualified and proficient in African Centered/Black Psychology, based on an accepted body of knowledge.

NEXT STEPS

- Post- Grandfather Period
- Marketing and Recruitment
- Continuation of Curriculum Development
- Build University Collaborations
- Liaison with Professional Organizations