

# Professional Practice Resources for Alberta Psychologists



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PSYCHOLOGISTS



## Professional Guidance Department

The College of Alberta Psychologists (CAP) is the regulatory voice for the profession of psychology in the province of Alberta. Self-regulated professions establish entrance criteria, establish continuing learning criteria, and apply ethical codes and practice standards for the profession.

Guide members in identifying, interpreting, and applying regulatory resources (e.g., Legislation, Code of Ethics, Standards of Practice, Practice Guidelines/Alerts) to their practice situation

CAP does not provide the following:

- Prescriptive clinical advice – as a self-regulated professional, the psychologist maintains responsibility for professional decision-making.
- Legal, business or technological recommendations/advice.

All regulated members have access to CAP professional guidance (provisional and fully registered psychologists).

Provisional psychologists are to first consult on issues with their supervisor.

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**Alberta Toll Free:** 1-800-659-0857  
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**Website:** [www.cap.ab.ca](http://www.cap.ab.ca)

## Practice Advisor Program

The Psychologists' Association of Alberta (PAA) is the voice of, and for, psychology in Alberta. The association advocates for psychology in Alberta, informs the public and the media, and advocates for consumers of psychotherapy, psychological, and mental health services.

Provide collegial, confidential advice regarding professional practice issues and match psychologists from diverse areas of expertise to assist psychologists working through clinical/practice situations.

PAA does not provide regulatory advice.

*Please ensure you fully understand the regulatory information prior to contacting the practice/clinical advising program.*

PAA full members can access practice advisors.

PAA currently does not provide provisional or student members with practice support.

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**Alberta Toll Free:** 1-888-424-0297  
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## Organization Descriptions

## Program Descriptions

## Eligibility for Services

## Contact

**Competency:** Psychologists ought to have the skills, knowledge, judgment, and diligence associated with their area of practice. Those expanding into new practice areas should consider additional training and/or supervision to ensure competency as per the *CAP Standards of Practice*.

**Employers/3rd Party:** Psychologists are to work collaboratively as possible when working for others. At times, differences in policies and practices may arise and psychologists should strive to uphold the standard of the profession at times and inform employers when encountering policies that are perceived to be in conflict. At all times with a collaborative relationship, psychologists must adhere to the *CAP Standards of Practice* and the Canadian Psychological Association's *Canadian Code of Ethics for Psychologists* as well as existing legislation.

**Business Consultation:** Psychologists are encouraged to access business consultants for support in making business related decisions (e.g. private practice contracts).

**Legal Consultation:** Depending on work environments, psychologists may find themselves needing direction to determine how best to respond to complex practice decisions that may have a legal component (e.g., subpoenas court orders, etc).

**Technological Consultation:** Psychologists are responsible for ensuring their use of technology is in alignment with all regulatory and privacy requirements (e.g., appropriate encryption/ cyber security). As such, it may be appropriate to access technology specialists.