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Arkansas

In 1776, our state was still a territory, Arkansas Territory. Arkansas Territory existed from 7/4/1819 to 6/15/1836 when the final extent was admitted to the Union as the State of Arkansas.

"Universal License"



What is the status in your state regarding one license to cover all practice settings?

One license through our state licensure board can cover all practice settings in Arkansas for Audiologists and Speech Language Pathologists.

"ASLP-IC"

- What is the status of the ASLP-IC compact in your state? *ASLP-IC has not been enacted into law in Arkansas yet.*
- What are the challenges? *It is a legislative change, not a board change. Our next legislative session is 2023.*
- Has your state passed other laws designed to minimize barriers to practice for licensees (including military spouses) from other states? Yes, *Arkansas passed an Act under Governor Hutchinson to streamline promulgation of administrative rules. ABESPA, under the Arkansas Department of Health, is in the process of promulgating the following: 1) Automatic Licensure for Military which adds a temporary military licensure provision to add a temporary license, adding additional qualified persons and granting exemptions regarding renewals; 2) update the Telepractice Rule to comply with 2021 legislative changes*

Threats

- Are there any anti-licensure efforts? No
- Are there any efforts/consideration of board consolidation or elimination? No
- Are there practice encroachments emerging from other disciplines (e.g. music therapy; behavioral therapists (ABA) or other autism practitioners; dietitians) No
- How is your board responding to these threats? *We have not had a substantial amount of this lately.*

Successes

- What successes have you had since our 2019 conference? Your chance to brag!
- We promulgated Rules regarding the following:*
- 1) *We delegated our Board Director the authority to issue licenses so applicants do not have to wait for our board to meet (we meet only 6 times annually, and Rules state only 4 meetings are required)*
 - 2) *We lowered the licensure fee to reduce the cost to Licensees.*
 - 3) *As previous Chair, I appointed a subcommittee in June 2020 to consider the SLPA Rules. After a year of meetings, we rewrote the SLPA Rules, which the Board is currently promulgating.*
 - 4) *During 2020, we extended CE renewal dates from June 30 to September 30 to help support our licenses during the pandemic.*

CEU

Where is your state regarding requiring or offering continuing in terms of (1) supervision; (2) ethics; (3) diversity/equity. Any new developments? *Discussions, but no new developments currently in these areas. In 2019 our board promulgated Rules 2020 including updating CE.*

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"Sweet Home Alabama"

State of the States: State Exchange Information



Alabama Board of Examiners for Speech Pathology and Audiology (ABESPA) Licensure Issues and Initiatives 2019-2021

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2021 Annual Conference of the National Council of State Boards of Examiners for Speech-Language
Pathology & Audiology
Williamsburg, VA October 8 & 9, 2021

Statehood

1776: Part of the British Colony of Georgia (whose lands extended west to the Mississippi River)

1783: Treaty of Paris ended the revolutionary war, Alabama was part of the lands east of the Mississippi that were ceded by the British to the newly formed United States (part of Georgia).

1789: The United States created the Mississippi Territory, which included Spanish Florida, the lands west of Georgia to the Mississippi River and north to the state of Tennessee

1817: Under pressure from southerners, Federal Government broke the Mississippi Territory into two (Alabama Territory and Mississippi Territory) with southerners hoping to create two slave states – Alabama and Mississippi.

1814: Gen. Andrew Jackson and the American Army defeated the Creek Nation at the battle of Horseshoe Bend (Tohopeka), and the Treaty of Fort Jackson greatly encouraged white relocation to present-day Alabama.

1819: (December 14) Alabama was granted Statehood, William Wyatt Bibb was elected Governor.

	 NCSB National Council of State Boards of Education Promoting High Quality Education and Lifelong Learning	 ABESPA American Board of Education for Servicemembers Ensuring Quality Education for All Servicemembers
Universal Licensure		
Alabama does not have Universal Licensure, and no plans to move towards it (too much opposition from Department of Education and Physicians)		
Status of ASLP-IC		
Alabama became the 7 th State to pass the ASLP-IC on March 18, 2021 and the first state to pass it in 2021. Other Laws to Minimize Barriers to Practice: new ABESPA rules went into effect March 2021 simplifying application for Licensure by Military Spouses		
Threats		
There have been no formal anti-licensure efforts and no talk of Board consolidations, in fact the Governor announced support and encouragement of Interstate Compacts in 2019.		
There have been no formal practice encroachments		



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Successes

- **February 2020:** Speech & Hearing Association of Alabama (SHAA) votes to support ASLP-IC; Senate Bill 245: ASLP-IC filed (later died in session due to COVID 19 Pandemic)
- **April 2020:** Emergency Rules for ABESPA operation during Pandemic filed and approved
- **September 2020:** new (regular) rules for Telepractice, Licensure application (Military Spouses), and annual CE audits formulated and approved by Board
- **December 2020:** ABESPA provided \$21,000.00 in grant funding for Alabama state professional associations and universities to provide CEU activities in 2020
- **January 2021:** Senate Bill 130 (ASLP-IC) filed for 2021 Legislative session
- **February 2021:** Legislature accepted Sunset Committee's recommendation to continue ABESPA for 4 more years
- **March 2021:** Legislature approves SB 130, Signed into Law by Governor Ivey on March 18th
- **May 2021:** New regulations proposed in September 2020 went into effect



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Continuing Education requirements on Supervision, Ethics, and Diversity/Equity

ABESPA has recommended 1 hour of Ethics Training annually since 2016, but does not require it.
There are no current plans to recommend or require CE in Supervision or Diversity/Equity.

Upcoming Issues

- Further exploration and delineation of provisional licensure
- Continuing the review of ASHA rules for certification of speech-language pathology assistants and audiology assistants and if ABESPA should alter any of its current requirements to recognize ASHA certified assistants
- Preparations for changes to ABESPA rules and Regulations to permit practice under the ASLP-IC compact once the Compact Commission completes formulation of rules and regulations of the compact

"Sweet Home Alabama"

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OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma was part of Indian Reserve before the Revolutionary War, then in 1834 it became part of the Indian Territory, then in 1890 became part of the Oklahoma Territory and then in 1907 the Indian Territory and Oklahoma Territory merged to become the 46th State.

"Universal License"



What is the status in your state regarding one license to cover all practice settings?

In Oklahoma our license does cover all practice areas. In a public school setting you are not required to have a Speech-Language Pathology, just a teaching certificate.

"ASLP-IC"



- What is the status of the ASLP-IC compact in your state? **Oklahoma was one of the first 5 states to join the compact. We have voted for the delegates that will represent our state to be part of the commission.**

- What are the challenges? **No challenges**
- Has your state passed other laws designed to minimize barriers to practice for licensees (including military spouses) from other states? **Oklahoma will expedite the process of licensure by reciprocity for applicants who are active military and their spouses.**

Threats



- Are there any anti-liscensure efforts? no
- Are there any efforts/consideration of board consolidation or elimination? No talks of consolidation in Oklahoma
- Are there practice encroachments emerging from other disciplines (e.g. music therapy; behavioral therapists (ABA) or other autism practitioners; dietitians) no
- How is your board responding to these threats?

Successes



- What successes have you had since our 2019 conference? Your chance to brag!
- We have had a decrease in complaints in last 2 years
- We have had an increase in applicants for Speech-Language Pathology since 2020 and an increase in Speech-Language Pathology Assistants in 2021

CEU



Where is your state regarding requiring or offering continuing education in terms of (1) supervision; (2) ethics; (3) diversity/equity. Any new developments?

- (1) Oklahoma requires that the supervising SLP must have successfully completed at least six hours of Board approved training in supervision, 3 hours must include knowledge and skills of supervision that's specific to either to an SLPA or CF (depending on which one supervising) and 3 hours of general supervision.
- (2) Oklahoma requires 3 hours of professional ethics in a two year period

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**Ohio – The Buckeye State**

Was your state a state in 1776? Or – what country/territory was it a part of in 1776?

Ohio gained statehood on March 1, 1803.

Ohio was the 17th state admitted to the Union.

Prior to statehood, Ohio was considered part of the Northwest Territory, which was the first frontier of the new United States.

"Universal License"

What is the status in your state regarding one license to cover all practice settings?

In 2018, the Ohio licensure board was consolidated. The Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and Ohio Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Licensure Board were abolished by the General Assembly, which created the Ohio Speech and Hearing Professionals Board.

The practice acts for audiology, speech-language pathology, and hearing aid dealing and fitting were not changed.

The Board issues licenses for each occupation. However, the audiology license permits audiologists to fit and dispense hearing aids without a hearing aid fitter's license.

"ASLP-IC"



- What is the status of the ASLP-IC compact in your state?
Ohio became the 14th state to pass the ASLP-IC on July 30, 2021. The law which created the compact in Ohio goes into effect on September 30, 2021.
- What are the challenges?
Prior to passage of the ASLP-IC, Ohio had no occupational interstate compacts. Due to the impact of COVID-19 to consumers' access to healthcare from out-of-state licensees, several interstate compact bills were introduced in late 2020 and early 2021. Ohio now has at least 5 occupational interstate compacts, e.g. Occupational Therapy Compact, Physical Therapy Compact, Nursing Compact, Psychology Compact, Physician Compact, and the Audiology/Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact.
- Has your state passed other laws designed to minimize barriers to practice for licensees (including military spouses)?
Yes, Ohio passed a temporary license for military personnel and spouses, and is poised to pass a bill allowing licensing for out-of-state practitioners and a telepractice bill.

Threats



- Are there any anti-licensure efforts?
The Board is scheduled for a Sunset Review by the State and Local Government Committee in the fall.
- Are there any efforts/consideration of board consolidation or elimination?
Several licensure boards, including the SLP/AUD Board were either abolished or consolidated in 2018. There is nothing on the horizon at this time.
- Are there practice encroachments emerging from other disciplines (e.g. music therapy; behavioral therapists (ABA) or other autism practitioners; dietitians)
There is a proposed music therapy bill pending in Ohio, which if passed would allow licensure of music therapists and be an advisory board under the Ohio Medical Board.
- How is your board responding to these threats?
The Ohio Board must remain neutral when legislative bills are introduced proposing licensure for other occupations. The Board will respond to inquiries from legislators, the Governor's Office, and attend meetings of interested parties when invited.

Successes



- What successes have you had since our 2019 conference? Your chance to brag!
The Board was instrumental in getting emergency rules approved by the Ohio Department of Medicaid allowing reimbursement of services via telepractice by our licensees.
- The Board received several hundred licensees who responded to a survey to volunteer to help hospitals respond to any potential surge in COVID-19 cases due to staffing shortages.
- The Board received national recognition for its Responsible Return to Work Plan to safely resume its in-person practical exams for hearing aid fitters.
- Ohio became the 14th state to pass the ASLP-IC in June 2021.

CEU

Where is your state requiring or offering continuing education in terms of (1) supervision; (2) ethics; (3) diversity/equity. Any new developments?

Ohio requires licensee to complete 2 hours of continuing education related to ethics every two years. We do not require continuing education in supervision or diversity/equity; although continuing education hours completed in these areas would meet our continuing education requirements, since up to ten hours of continuing education may be completed in areas related to clinical practice.

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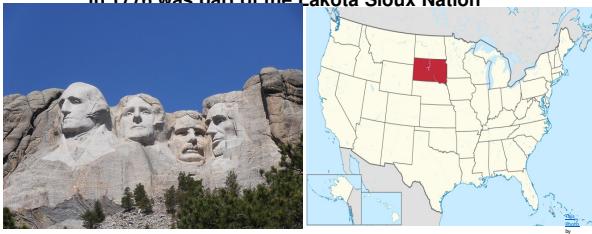
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South Dakota

Became a state Nov 2, 1889

Was added to the US in 1803 as part of the Louisiana Purchase

in 1776 was part of the Lakota Sioux Nation



"Universal License"

What is the status in your state regarding one license to cover all practice settings?

South Dakota currently has one SLP license and one SLPA license to cover all practice settings in the state. This allows the license holder to work in a variety of settings, including schools, hospitals, private practice, rehabilitation centers, etc.

We have a "limited license" for those who were certified by the Dept of Ed as of July 1, 2012 who do not meet qualifications (ie Master's degree) as long as they applied no later than July 1 2014.

"ASLP-IC"

- What is the status of the ASLP-IC compact in your state?
- Governor Noam and the SD Dept of Health are fully supportive of the ASLP-IC, and have been encouraging adoption in the next legislative session. The SD Board of Examiners for Speech Language Pathology has had several meetings regarding this, and at this time have postponed endorsement pending further information from the newly formed Compact Board.
- What are the challenges?
- SD is a small state and we are concerned how we can manage the costs of annual assessments, database costs, and potential litigation expenses. Our management co would likely need to hire more staff to cover background checks/fingerprinting.
- Has your state passed other laws designed to minimize barriers to practice for licensees (including military spouses) from other states?
- In 2019 Gov Noem signed a bill into law making it easier for military spouses to become professionally licensed in SD.

Threats

- Are there any anti-licensure efforts? Not yet
- Are there any efforts/consideration of board consolidation or elimination? Efforts were made from the state level to combine the SLP and AUD/Hearing Aid Boards; resistance from both sides, has been tabled for now.
- Are there practice encroachments emerging from other disciplines (e.g. music therapy; behavioral therapists (ABA) or other autism practitioners; dietitians) No concerns being brought forward
- How is your board responding to these threats? After numerous meetings, our board did not support combination of the two boards.

Successes

- What successes have you had since our 2019 conference? Your chance to brag!
- We have been working on updating/revising SDCL 36-37; just finished! Will be presented during the 2022 legislative session.

CEU

Where is your state regarding requiring or offering continuing education in terms of (1) supervision; (2) ethics; (3) diversity/equity. Any new developments?

No new developments. All licensees are required to complete a min of 20 contact hours/2.0 CEUs for each 2 year renewal period. CEUs are accepted from ASHA, ASHA approved providers, or from formal ed courses in which the objectives relate to the practice of speech language pathology. ASHA requires 1 hr in ethics for all, 2 hours in supervision for those who are clinical supervisors/clinical fellowship mentors.

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North Carolina

The charter for the Carolinas was issued in 1663, though Roanoke Island off the coast of North Carolina had previously been settled by colonists from Plymouth in 1587. They later vanished and it is still not known what became of them. 1712 North Carolina separated from South Carolina, but it doesn't become official until 1729 when proprietors agreed to sell their shares of North Carolina to King George II, and North Carolina, became a royal colony. North Carolina became one of the thirteen original states in November of 1789.

"Universal License"



What is the status in your state regarding one license to cover all practice settings?

North Carolina does not offer "Boutique Licensure", a NC Licensed SLP or Audiologist may practice across all settings.

"ASLP-IC"

- What is the status of the ASLP-IC compact in your state? **North Carolina is one of the ten initial member states.**
- What are the challenges? **The unknown of how the Interstate Compact will synchronize with the current Board Licensing processes.**
- Has your state passed other laws designed to minimize barriers to practice for licensees (including military spouses) from other states?

Amended G.S. 15A-173.2(d) now mandates that agencies, officials, and courts consider a certificate of relief favorably in determining whether a conviction should result in disqualification in licensing and other matters, effective for certificates of relief granted on or after October 1, 2019.

As of December 2020, licensing boards in **North Carolina** are required to review applications from military spouses within 15 days (2020 House Bill 1053).

Threats



- Are there any anti-licensure efforts? No
- Are there any efforts/consideration of board consolidation or elimination?
Not at this time
- Are there practice encroachments emerging from other disciplines? Our Board was approached by our State's Board for Dietetics/Nutrition to ensure that licensed Dieticians were practicing within their scope when providing a swallow screening, and not encroaching on the scope of practice for SLP's.
- How is your board responding to these threats? In a combined effort our Boards are ensuring the safety of North Carolina citizens with the outcome of the Board for Dietetics/Nutrition's new policy regarding swallow screening.

Successes



- Our State was one of the ten initial member states of the ASLP-IC
- We have added rules to allow for Audiology Assistants
- We now offer Telepractice in more settings than previously allowed
- We offer a new portal for licensees to renew and update license information and log continuing education.

CEU

No changes at this time regarding requiring or offering continuing education in terms of (1) supervision; (2) ethics; (3) diversity/equity.



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After independence had been achieved the Constitution was adopted in 1787 at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The state of **Pennsylvania** was one of the original 13 colonies that formed the United States, but it officially became a **state** on December 12, 1787.

“Universal License”



What is the status in your state regarding one license to cover all practice settings?

- Despite frequent efforts, school-based practice is exempted from licensure
 - Several years ago the PA Department of Education worked with the state association to develop a credential that recognized the license, resulting in a two-tiered educational classification (and confusion)

"ASLP-IC"

- What is the status of the ASLP-IC compact in your state?
Unlikely.
- What are the challenges?
One of the stumbling blocks is the background check requirement and perception of additional cost to licensees.
Although PA has signed (!) nursing and physician compacts, they have not been fully implemented.
- Has your state passed other laws designed to minimize barriers to practice for licensees (including military spouses) from other states?
Yes. Act 41 licensure by reciprocity (implemented August 2019). Proof of a currently valid SLP/A license "in good standing" in a state with standards determined by the Board to be at least equal to those of the Commonwealth. To apply by waiver, an applicant must hold ASHA certification.
<https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/li/uconsCheck.cfm?yr=2019&sessInd=0&act=41>

Threats

- Are there any anti-licensure efforts? Are there any efforts/consideration of board consolidation or elimination?
Not specifically against the SLP/A board.
- Are there practice encroachments emerging from other disciplines (e.g. music therapy; behavioral therapists (ABA) or other autism practitioners; dietitians)
Yes. There are concerns about language recognizing Applied Behavior Analysts as an independent profession in PA, as well as pending bills (not yet introduced) about licensing professional music therapists under the Social Workers board.
- How is your board responding to these threats?
Our board is not active in this regard, but we do support the state association's efforts (behind the scenes).
- Other: Scam alert!

Successes

- What successes have you had since our 2019 conference? Your chance to brag!
Added the regulations to implement Act 41 (licensure by reciprocity) for our profession.
Revised the application for continuing education activities, other than those sponsored by ASHA, AAA or universities. [Continuing Education Information \(pa.gov\)](#)
According to our board administrator, it takes 2 weeks or less to approve an application!
Retained our board attorney (we were told in June it would change but that didn't happen).

COVID-Related



- Waivers previously set to expire 9/30/2021 were just extended to 3/31/2022.
 - Board meetings will continue to be remote.
 - Supervision requirements that call for direct supervision are suspended.
 - Expired waivers include (1) extension of 2020 license renewal deadline (2) temporary expansion of scope of practice for audiologists and SLPs [SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS and AUDIOLOGISTS scope of practice summary 5-19-2020.pdf](#), (3) waiver of need for PA licensure for "certain healthcare professionals" (not including SLP/A) from outside PA to provide services via telemedicine, and (4) granted authority explicitly permitting the provision of services via telemedicine when appropriate.
 - AT LAST there is legislative action on telemedicine! (SB705)

CEU



Where is your state regarding requiring or offering continuing in terms of (1) supervision; (2) ethics; (3) diversity/equity. Any new developments?

There are no new developments; although a straw poll of the board indicates an interest in requiring supervision there is no will in a new regulatory package at this time.

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***Sandy is retiring in January! We've not met her replacement, but will miss her support and continuity.**



LOUISIANA
Did not become a state until 1812

"Universal License"



What is the status in your state regarding one license to cover all practice settings?

Licensure is required in all job settings—has been in effect since 1978

"ASLP-IC"



- What is the status of the ASLP-IC compact in your state?
- What are the challenges?
- Has your state passed other laws designed to minimize barriers to practice for licensees (including military spouses) from other states?

[Louisiana passed legislation to authorize the licensure compact in October 2020](#)

[No other significant challenges or other laws passed](#)

Threats



- Are there any anti-licensure efforts? None
- Are there any efforts/consideration of board consolidation or elimination? NO
- Are there practice encroachments emerging from other disciplines (e.g. music therapy; behavioral therapists (ABA) or other autism practitioners; dietitians) Dietitians on the national level want to revise their scope to include bedside evaluations for dysphagia; not an issue in LA yet
- How is your board responding to these threats? Notification to ASHA

Successes



- What successes have you had since our 2019 conference? Your chance to brag!
- 1. Passage of legislation for interstate compact
- 2. Note: Long-time attorney, Ayn Stehr, retired. Have entered into professional contract with new attorney.

CEU



- Where is your state regarding requiring or offering continuing education in terms of (1) supervision; (2) ethics; (3) diversity/equity. Any new developments?
1. No new developments—have had mandated CE since 1995
 2. Considering supervision workshop since many complaints relate to supervision.
 3. Have discussed requiring ethics, but no decisions made. Same with diversity.

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- West Virginia
- 1776—Part of the British Colony then County of Virginia
- The western part of the country became sharply divided over the issue of succession & in 1863 was admitted to the union as a new state.

“Universal License”

- We have licensees & we have school based SLPs & AUDs licensed/certified by the Department of Ed.
- This is not changing.
- We work with the Department of Ed cooperatively & encourage people to become licensed even if they are working only in a school based setting.

"ASLP-IC"

- WV was the FIRST STATE to pass ASLP-IC
 - HB 4375 was unanimously passed on March 7, 2020 on the last day of legislative session.
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- Vickie Pullins was an outstanding advocate & her work was critical to this win for WV speech & hearing professionals.

License Process Changes

- 10.1.2. Initial application fees are waived for applicants who serve as an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States, the National Guard or a reserve unit, active duty members' spouses, honorably discharged veterans and their spouses, and surviving spouses of deceased services members who have not remarried, as specified in sections 3.1.2.a., 4.1.2.a., and 5.1.2.a. of this rule.

Threats

- Consolidation appears to be on the back burner.
- Not a threat, but a change. We were notified that during a legislative audit it was determined that the Hearing Aid Dealers & Fitters Board was "inaccessible & does not protect the public"
- Issues such as inadequate records (licensee count, use of funds) & cash balance declining
- Recommendation was that legislature consider terminating this board & transfer the regulatory responsibilities to the Board of SLP & AUD.

Successes

- We transitioned through the COVID emergency ensuring that the public could continue to receive services in a safe & protected way.

Sequence of Events

- Emergency Rule was passed to allow out of state practitioners & those licensed/certified by the schools to provide telepractice with proper registration with the board. Also allowed provisional licensees to provide telepractice.
- Clarifying Executive Order suspending statutory regulations during the emergency that required people providers of tele practice to be licensed & specified they would be guided by the Dept of Ed

Currently

- Out of state providers can now apply for an Interstate Telepractice Registration to practice in WV.
- When the compact is activated this will change.
- Provisional licensees are now allowed to provide telepractice services.

CEU

- We require 2 hours of ethics every renewal cycle.
- This is not a new development.
- We have not made any changes regarding diversity, supervision or other CE requirements.

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**WYOMING**

In 1776, Wyoming was territory with ownership divided between the French and the Spanish.

"Universal License"

What is the status in your state regarding one license to cover all practice settings?

The Wyoming Legislature made changes in 2020.
The Board is now the only credentialing body in the state for SLPs and Audiologists.

"ASLP-IC"

- What is the status of the ASLP-IC compact in your state? [Passed Wyoming Legislature in 2020.](#)
- Has your state passed other laws designed to minimize barriers to practice for licensees (including military spouses) from other states? [Wyoming Legislature in 2021 passed a law allowing for military spouses to receive a temporary license while they were meeting all of the requirements for licensure. The temporary license requires the verification from the other state. It is unlikely a temporary will ever be issued as the full license would be issued in the same amount of time.](#)

Threats

- Are there any anti-licensure efforts? [More talk of compacts and ease of licensure than anti-licensure.](#)
- Are there any efforts/consideration of board consolidation or elimination? [There is ongoing talk, but it has been going on for a couple of years now.](#)
- Are there practice encroachments emerging from other disciplines (e.g. music therapy; behavioral therapists (ABA) or other autism practitioners; dietitians) [No](#)
- How is your board responding to these threats?

Successes

- What successes have you had since our 2019 conference? Your chance to brag!
- The Board completes regional and federal background checks on all new applicants. It was also completed on all existing licensees.
- The Board uses Google Docs for instant updates online of all our forms and applications.

CEU

Where is your state regarding requiring or offering continuing education in terms of (1) supervision; (2) ethics; (3) diversity/equity. Any new developments?

In order to be approved as a supervisor of a SLPA, the supervisor must provide evidence of 2 hours of CE in supervision.

There are no plans at this time for requiring specific CE content hours.

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