



**The Serious Mental Illness/Severe Emotional Disturbance Section of Division 18
Excellence in Training Award**

The Serious Mental Illness/Severe Emotional Disturbance section of Division 18 (Psychologists in Public Service) is soliciting nominations for our annual Excellence in Training Award. The SMI/SED section values the diversification of psychology as a discipline including the representation of those who have lived experience with mental illness. Special attention is being paid to the exploration of BIPOC and lived experience with mental illness and how that relates to SMI/SED professional and training goals.

The goal of this award is to recognize psychology training programs (practicums, internships, and post-doctoral fellowships) that prepare their students to provide evidence-based and recovery-oriented services to adults diagnosed with serious mental illnesses or children and adolescents diagnosed with severe emotional disturbances. We are especially encouraging psychology training programs that work with a clinical population consisting of youth and/or adolescents who are diagnosed with a severe emotional disturbance to apply for this award. Any successful training program would include many of the training practices listed below as well as other innovative components:

- ❖ Practicum opportunities with persons diagnosed with SMI/SED with a multidisciplinary team
- ❖ Specific didactic offerings related to assessment and treatment of SMI/SED, recovery-oriented care, person-centered approaches, and related topics.
- ❖ Formal inclusion of perspectives from people with lived experience and family members/parents of people with lived experience,
- ❖ Psychologists and faculty involved in research, practice, and/or clinical supervision in working with individuals diagnosed with SMI/SED,
- ❖ Programs should reflect adoption of advocacy, recovery-oriented care and wellness principles in their training curriculum.

Programs interested in applying for the award should send the following to sgenden@gmail.com:

- 1) Title of program
- 2) Program contact name, address, telephone number, and email address
- 3) Description of the program highlighting the way(s) in which their program meets the criteria for the award

Nominations should be no longer than 3 pages and are due by June 11, 2021.

The winning program will be honored at the SMI/SED virtual section meeting at the Annual APA Convention in August 2021.

These nominations are active for two years. If you applied in 2020, you may submit updated material by the June 11th deadline but are under no obligation to do so to be considered in 2020.

We encourage all eligible programs to apply!