

Public Policy & Legislation Events

ACA Annual Conference • New Orleans, LA

The ACA Task Force on School Counseling: What are We Doing?

Friday, March 25th • 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, Room 211

Program ID #161 (60 minutes)

Lynn Linde, Task Force Chair, Silver Spring, MD



ACA Public Policy & Legislation Committee Meeting

Friday, March 25th • 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Jefferson Ballroom



Federal Policies Affecting Counselors: How Can They Be Changed?

Saturday, March 26th • 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, Room 211

Program ID #452 (90 minutes)

Scott Barstow & Dominic Holt, American Counseling Association, Alexandria, VA

Counselors are affected every day by federal and state programs and policies. Learn what's being done to increase public support for recognition of counselors, and why it is vitally important that counselors become advocates for their profession. This combination training and legislation update session will be led by ACA's professional lobbyists.



Keeping Up With the Counseling Profession: Current Issues on the National Level

Saturday, March 26th • 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm

Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, Room 201-202

Program ID #504 (60 minutes)

David Kaplan, American Counseling Association, Alexandria, VA

ACA wants to help you stay up to date with current issues on the national level. ACA's Chief Professional Officer will discuss the new consensus definition of counseling, a major legal challenge that would allow counselors to discriminate against GLBT clients, the effect of the DSM-5 revision on counseling, legislation mandating counselor entry into the VA system, new counselor competencies, the implementation of the seminal mental health parity law, TRICARE independent practice status for counselors, Medicare, licensure portability, the future of professional counseling and other current seminal issues as time permits.

ACA Resource Center – Public Policy Booth

Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, Exhibit Hall A

- Thursday, March 24th 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm (*Welcome Reception*)
- Friday, March 25th 10:30 am - 6:00 pm
- Saturday, March 26th 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Free materials will be available