

## Implications of ESSA for School Psychologists

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# **Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)**

Reauthorizes and replaces ESEA/NCLB

Starts 2017-18 school year

Reduces federal role and increases state role in key components of educational planning



# Increased state responsibilities per ESSA

Implementation of academic standards (core curriculum)

Enforcement of accountability systems

Allocation of funding



# **Key themes in ESSA**

Comprehensive or multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS)

Improved school climate and school safety

Assessment and accountability systems (but no longer requires the punitive measures of NCLB)



### MTSS vs. RTI

MTSS is broader and may include greater emphasis upon:

Social, emotional and behavioral supports

Greater focus upon Tier I and prevention efforts

Supports for staff (professional development & coaching)

Systems change and focus on school culture



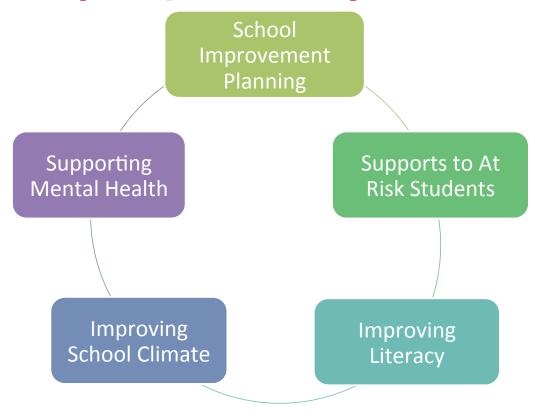
# Key terms associated with school psychologists in ESSA

"School-based mental health provider" is a state licensed individual able to provide mental health services to children

"Specialized instructional support personnel (SISP)" includes school psychologists and replaces the term pupil services personnel



# As a SISP you potentially have key roles:





# **NASP Practice Model Aligns with ESSA**

MATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS

Model for Services
by School Psychologists

PRACTICES THAT
PERMEATE ALL ASPECTS
OF SERVICE DELIVERY

Data-Based Decision Making and Accountability

Consultation and Collaboration



#### DIRECT AND INDIRECT SERVICES FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND SCHOOLS

#### **Student-Level Services**

Interventions and Instructional Support to Develop Academic Skills

Interventions and Mental Health Services to Develop Social and Life Skills

#### Systems-Level Services

School-Wide Practices to Promote Learning

Preventive and Responsive Services

Family-School Collaboration Services

#### FOUNDATIONS OF SERVICE DELIVERY

Diversity in Development and Learning

Research and Program Evaluation

Legal, Ethical, and Professional Practice

HELPING STUDENTS AND SCHOOLS ACHIEVE THEIR BEST



### **NASP Resources for ESSA**

White Paper: School Psychologists as Qualified Health Professions

http://www.nasponline.org/assets/documents/Research%20and %20Policy/Position%20Statements/

WP Qualified Mental and Behavioral Health Professionals.p

ESSA, MTSS and NASP Practice Model Crosswalk:

https://www.nasponline.org/search/search-results? keywords=ESSA&startRow=10&rowsPerPage=10





