



# CCPA NET Letter

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## TPA NOW!

**THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HAS REACHED AN IMPORTANT CONCLUSION ABOUT THE FUTURE OF CCPA AND TPA. WE BELIEVE THAT CCPA AND PSYCHOLOGISTS WOULD BE GREATLY BENEFITED IN THE FUTURE BY BEING ALIGNED WITH TPA. MANY IMPORTANT ISSUES FACE PSYCHOLOGISTS AT THE STATE LEVEL.**

**OUR NEXT MEETING WILL PROVIDE DISCUSSION OF THOSE ISSUES AND AN IMPORTANT PROPOSAL BY THE EXEC COMMITTEE THAT REQUIRES VOTING BY CCPA MEMBERS! PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!**

**NEXT CCPA MEETING LOCATION !**  
**TINO'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT**  
**SOUTH MAIN ENTRANCE**  
**COLLIN CREEK MALL**

### **"TPA NOW"**

**1/25—12 NOON Ψ G. CHASE & T. VAN HOOSE**

**PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND AND  
BRING YOUR COLLEAGUES**

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### **FUTURE MEET- INGS:**

- 1/25 -TPA NOW! - TINO'S—12 NOON
- 2/22- AUTISM — TINO'S—12 NOON
- 3/28—TPA UP-DATE— TINO'S—12 NOON

## UPCOMING MEETINGS—SCHEDULE THESE NOW!

Our monthly meetings are held from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. on the 4th Friday of each month at TINO's Mexican Restaurant, Collin Creek Mall, Plano, unless otherwise specified. Tino's is in the South Main Entrance on the west side of 75. Members may order lunch from the menu, or just enjoy the presentation. 1.5 CEU credits are given to members for attending the meeting.

**January 25—TPA NOW!—Gary Chase & Tom Van Hoose- 12 Noon Tino's Collin Creek— 1.5 CEU's**

**February 22—Autism—Barry Grossman, PhD- 12 Noon Tino's Collin Creek— 1.5 CEU's**

**March 28—TPA UPDATE—David White, TPA—12 Noon Tino's Collin Creek— 1.5 CEU's**

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR REFERRAL INFO. ON [www.psychselect.com/ccpa](http://www.psychselect.com/ccpa)! We try to keep it up to date, but we need you to verify your location and phone info. Remember you need to be current on dues to be listed!**

**WE ARE RECEIVING A NUMBER OF REQUESTS FOR PRO BONO SERVICES. PLEASE NOTIFY FRANK WICHERN AT [wichern@att.net](mailto:wichern@att.net) IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE A REFERRAL!**

### OPPORTUNITIES!

#### Office Space

Several 200 sq. ft. offices with waiting area available. Located in Richardson near UTD.

Office with other mental health professionals.

Contact Frank Wichern at 972-234-3178 or [wichern@att.net](mailto:wichern@att.net)

#### Services -Groups

Gordon Sauer currently has groups running for 5th grade girls, 5th grade boys, 3rd grade boys, 7th grade boys and 10th grade boys. Contact Gordon at [Gsauerphd@aol.com](mailto:Gsauerphd@aol.com)

#### Speaking Opportunity

I am the programs coordinator for Allen Early Childhood PTA. We are an organization of about 75 members, primarily mothers of preschool aged children. I am looking for a speaker/speakers who would be able to present a ~1 hour program on either building children's self-esteem or healthy marriage topics. We would be open to other topics relating to preschool aged children.

We are a non-profit group with very limited financial resources and would appreciate any connections you could provide. Contact: Donelle Wiechman [programs@aecpta.com](mailto:programs@aecpta.com) (214)509-9455

**LET THIS SPACE WORK FOR YOU! Advertise your specialty or service so our members can refer or utilize it! Send to: [wichern@att.net](mailto:wichern@att.net)**

**CCPA PRESIDENT'S COLUMN:**

***Greetings CCPA members!***

***JANUARY 2008***

Greetings and wishes for a very happy, peaceful and productive 2008. I'd like to begin by thanking Frank and Patty for a warm and enjoyable holiday social. Thanks again for generously opening your home to our members. The music, conversation, food and fellowship were very satisfying. Some of us are still searching for Santa's garments.



The January CCPA meeting is scheduled for Tino's Restaurant on January 25th. Dr. Jason Simpson, Dr. Tom Van Hoose, and I will present a synopsis of the TPA conference which was held in San Antonio last November as well as the objectives of TPA for 2008. Briefly, David White and Rob Mehl presented a session regarding the efforts of TPA during 2007 and the proposed agenda for 2008. The legislative initiatives include: the doctoral level standard; the use of extenders; mental health parity; diminished reimbursements for psychologists (currently at 1984 levels!); hospital privileges, and prescription privileges. Regarding prescription privileges, TPA's present position is "supportive" but David stated that TPA is "not ready to fight for" rx privileges for Texas psychologists. The number one priority for TPA is the doctoral level standard. There is hope that Texas psychologists will partner with TPA and AAPT (Association for the Advancement of Psychology in Texas) in a "grassroots" network of lobbying representatives to consider bills favorable to psychologists. It is hoped that at least one psychologist will be responsible for maintaining a relationship with his/her representative. This effort would require at least 181 psychologists since there are 150 representatives and 31 senators across Texas. More details will be available at our January meeting.

As of this writing, I have sent inquiries to several potential speakers for our monthly meetings. In February, we will hear Dr. Barry Grossman speak. Dr. Grossman has authored a book on the subject of autism spectrum disorders. Please plan to join us at Tino's for this presentation. I have sent "feelers" out to David White (TPA), Diane Izzo (General Counsel for TSBEP), and State Representative Jerry Madden of Plano in order to determine their willingness and availability to address CCPA. I will be contacting Attorney Tom Hartsell who defends therapists against Board action to ascertain whether he would speak to us. As always, if any of you have contacts who may be willing to present or if you have ideas for potential speakers, please contact a Board member.

Have a safe and productive January and I hope to see many of you on the 25th at Tinos.

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RELEVANT INFORMATION,  
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***BOARD MEETINGS:***

***Please attend!***

600 W. Campbell Rd #5,  
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***NOON – First Friday of month!***

**PLEASE  
RENEW YOUR  
CCPA  
MEMBERSHIP!**

**Application at:  
[www.psychselect.com/ccpa](http://www.psychselect.com/ccpa)**

***MENTOR'S CORNER:*** *CCPA encourages it's members to build profitable, ethical practices. These tips are timely and we solicit your suggestions, recommendations and Questions!*

**FROM THE HOLIDAY SOCIAL!**



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FOOD**

**GREAT  
GAMES  
AND  
PRIZES**



**AND REALLY GREAT FRIENDS!!!!!!**