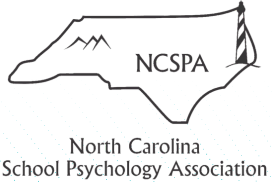


# Virtual/Hybrid School Psychology Training Program



## The Challenge

- 1.5 million students in NC need support
- Only 789 School Psychologists statewide
- Current ratio: 1 school psychologist per 1,943 students (recommended: 1:500)
- 25 school districts have no school psychologist
- Only 5 training programs in NC, all full-time and face-to-face, admitting fewer than 50 students per year



## The Solution

- Expand access by combining online coursework with flexible in-person training
- Target non-traditional candidates (teachers, counselors, social workers)
- Increase retention of school psychologists in NC communities, including rural districts



## Support

- 95% of NC Superintendents support hybrid training for staff
- 60% would fund tuition if candidates commit to work in their districts
- Proposed legislation includes \$5M to launch the program



## Why it matters

- Expands opportunities for working professionals
- Addresses mental health and learning needs for students statewide
- Positions North Carolina as a leader in innovative workforce solutions
- Align with national standards to prepare high-quality practitioners

This hybrid training program will expand access, strengthen the school psychology workforce, and ensure students across North Carolina receive the services they deserve.

