

NOTICES OF SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENTS

The Administrative Procedure Act requires the publication of substantive policy statements issued by agencies (A.R.S. § 41-1013(B)(14)). Substantive policy statements are written expressions which inform the general public of an agency's current approach to rule or regulation practice. Substantive policy statements are advisory only. A substantive policy statement does not include internal procedural documents that only affect the internal procedures of the agency and does not impose additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties or include confidential information or rules made in accordance with the Arizona Administrative Procedure Act. If you believe that a substantive policy statement does impose additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties you may petition the agency under A.R.S. § 41-1033 for a review of the statement.

NOTICE OF SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST EXAMINERS

[M13-97]

1. Title of the Substantive Policy Statement and the substantive policy statement number by which the substantive policy statement is referenced:

Bullying Approved as a Topic of Continuing Education in Child Abuse Under A.A.C. R4-26-207(B)(2) (SP 01-13)

2. Date the substantive policy statement was issued and the effective date of the policy statement if different from the issuance date:

Date issued: March 4, 2013

Date effective: August 18, 2012 (Board conceptually approved this policy at a meeting held August 18, 2012)

Note: This Notice was previously published in the March 29, 2013, issue of the *Arizona Administrative Register*; however, the effective date was erroneously reported as August 18, 2013. The correct effective date is August 18, 2012.

3. Summary of the contents of the substantive policy statement:

The Board of Psychologist Examiners recognizes that bullying may be a factor that contributes to child abuse. In recent years the public has become more aware of the topic of bullying due to the possible short- and long-term negative psychological effects on victims, including children. Bullying has become a relevant topic for mental health professionals and the number of continuing education courses on the topic of bullying has increased over the past few years. In order to ensure that a course on the topic of bullying is approved for continuing education, psychologists must ensure that all requirements pursuant to A.A.C. R4-26-207(D) and (G) are met.

4. Federal or state constitutional provision; federal or state statute, administrative rule, or regulation; or final court judgment that underlies the substantive policy statement:

A.A.C. R4-26-207(B)(2)

5. A statement as to whether the substantive policy statement is a new statement or a revision:

This is a new substantive policy statement.

6. The agency contact person who can answer questions about the substantive policy statement:

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7. Information about where a person may obtain a copy of the substantive policy statement and the costs for obtaining the policy statement:

This substantive policy statement is available at no charge at www.psychboard.az.gov or copies are available at the Arizona Board of Psychologist Examiners at a cost of \$.25 per page.