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In May, 2022, the National Association of School Psychologists was notified of its selection for a grant to receive technical assistance and support in developing an interstate compact by the Department of Defense in partnership with the Council of State Governments (CSG). This represents an enormous milestone in efforts to improve licensure portability and the ability of school psychologists to more easily work across state lines.

The introduction of the Interstate Compact for School Psychologists (ICSP) will **facilitate licensure mobility for the profession**, which can improve access to services and care for school-age children. Schools are facing a national shortage of school psychologists.

The ICSP will allow school psychologists to use an eligible license held in a compact member state to be granted an equivalent license in another compact member state, **lowering barriers to licensure mobility, and increasing access to practice across state lines**.

The interstate compact has no impact on scope of practice, and state laws related to practice remain unaffected. Furthermore, states that eventually join the compact retain authority to regulate the profession as they do currently. However, the ICSP significantly reduces many of the logistical burdens for obtaining authority to work across state lines.

A few additional points:

- -benefits of being an early adopter
- -availability of grants for early fees
- -opt in license option
- -increased visibility to attract tele services